



# County of Monterey

Item No.32

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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December 09, 2025

Introduced: 11/7/2025

Current Status: Natividad Medical Center -  
Consent

Version: 1

Matter Type: BoS Agreement

- a. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or a designee to execute the Second Amendment to the Professional and Call Coverage Services Agreement (A-16651) with Delphine Engel, MD Inc. to provide general and critical care surgical services, extending the term by 24 months (January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027) for a revised full agreement term of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027 and adding \$350,000 for a revised not to exceed amount of \$750,000 in the aggregate; and
- b. Authorize the CEO or a designee to sign up to three (3) future amendments to this agreement where the total amendments do not significantly change the scope of work, do not cause an increase of more than 10% (\$40,000) of the original contract amount and do not increase the total contract amount above \$790,000.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:**

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### **SUMMARY:**

Natividad received its designation as the Level II Trauma Center for Monterey County in January 2015. The American College of Surgeons requires critical care surgeons to be available in-house with a 15-minute response time for Level II Trauma Centers. In order to provide 24/7 care, it is necessary to maintain a core team of quality surgeons made up of employed and independent contract physicians to provide daily call coverage in the Emergency Department and follow-up care to patients in the Intensive Care Unit.

### **DISCUSSION:**

NMC has an agreement with Delphine Engel, MD, a board-certified fellowship trained trauma surgeon, to provide general and critical care surgical services as part of the comprehensive trauma services required for a Level II Trauma Center. NMC wishes to amend this agreement, adding funds as well as extend the term for an additional 24 months so Dr. Engel can continue to participate in the on-call panel. NMC has obtained an independent opinion of fair market value supporting the payment terms of this Agreement.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Amendment as to legal form, and the Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved this Amendment as to payment provisions. The Amendment has also been reviewed and approved by NMC's Finance Committee and by its Board of Trustees.

**FINANCING:**

The cost of this Amendment is \$350,000. The total not to exceed amount of this Agreement is \$750,000. The actual cost is contingent upon Dr. Engel's participation in the call panel which may fluctuate based on her availability. Natividad has agreements with multiple providers to ensure sufficient coverage of the trauma services where the total expenditure will not exceed \$1,795,932 annually which is included in Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Adopted Budget. The remaining balance will be budgeted in the subsequent fiscal years. Funding will be provided from NMC's Enterprise Fund 451-9600-6608.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:**

The services rendered in this agreement are required for a Level II Trauma Center and provides NMC with the additional support it needs in order to provide exceptional facilities and health programs to create safe and healthy communities where all can thrive.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan Goals:

- ☒ Well-Being and Quality of Life
- ☐ Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- ☐ Safe and Resilient Communities
- ☐ Diverse and Thriving Economy
- ☐ Dynamic Organization and Employer of Choice
- ☐ Administrative

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Attachments:

Board Report

Second Amendment

First Amendment

Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board