

American College of Surgeons requires acute 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.

Natividad would like to amend the agreement with Dr. Ngann, a board certified fellowship trained trauma surgeon, so that he can continue to provide general and critical care surgical services as part of the comprehensive trauma services required for a Level II Trauma Center. Dr. Ngann will participate in the on-call panel and will be paid a daily rate for the coverage services, which may increase due to availability and the need for coverage, but the rate of pay for services remains the same. NMC has obtained an independent opinion of fair market value supporting the payment terms of this Agreement.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form. Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved this Agreement as to fiscal provisions. The Agreement has also been reviewed and approved by Natividad's Finance Committee and Board of Trustees on June 11, 2021.

FINANCING:

The cost of this amendment is \$600,000. The total not to exceed amount of this Agreement is \$1,500,000. The actual cost is contingent upon Dr. Ngann'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 \$1,300,000 annually which is included in Fiscal Year 2021/2022 recommended budget. The remaining balance will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years. There is no impact to the General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The services rendered in this agreement is required for a Level II Trauma Center and provides Natividad with the additional support it needs in order to provide reliable and high quality patient care which improves the health and quality of life for patients and their families.

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health and Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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- Attachments:
- Third Amendment
 - Second Amendment
 - First Amendment
 - Agreement