



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
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Salinas, CA 93901

## Board Report

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- b. Authorize the Purchasing Manager for NMC to sign up to three (3) amendments to this agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% of the original contract amount, and do not significantly change the scope of work.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Natividad Medical Center (NMC) was recommended for future designation as the Level II Trauma Center for Monterey County. The American College of Surgeons requires neurosurgeons provide dedicated call coverage with a 30 minute response time for Level II Trauma Centers. In order to provide 24/7 care, it is necessary to develop and sustain a core team of quality neurosurgeons 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 and Specialty Clinic.

Neurorescue is a Medical Corporation for which M. Mohsin Shah, M.D. is a board certified neurosurgeon providing services. NMC wishes to enter into an Agreement with Neurorescue to provide neurosurgery services as part of the comprehensive trauma services required for the Level II Trauma Center activation. This Agreement also includes the provision for Director Services, at NMC's discretion.

Neurorescue is paid a daily rate for coverage services and an hourly rate for Director Services. 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 and risk provisions. Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved this Agreement as to fiscal provisions. The CAO-Budget and Analysis Division has advised to inform the BOS the spending authority (appropriations) associated with NMC's FY 2014 Adopted Budget has been exceeded and approval and authorization for modification of NMC's appropriation budget should be presented to the BOS. The Agreement has also been reviewed and approved by Natividad Medical Center's Finance Committee on April 24, 2014 and Board of Trustees on May 2, 2014.

### FINANCING:

The maximum not to exceed amount of this Agreement is \$500,000 for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, the actual cost is contingent upon Dr. Shah's level of participation in the call panel which may fluctuate based on his availability. NMC has agreements with multiple providers to cover this service; the total amount of these agreements may equal more than \$1,300,000; however the actual expenditure will not exceed the \$1,300,000 annually which is included in the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Recommended Budget. NMC is confirming its appropriations position and if its spending authority has been exceeded will return to the Board. There is no impact to the General Fund.

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Attachments:

Agreement

Attachments on file at the Clerk of the Board