



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Board Report

File #: A 19-281, **Version:** 1

- a. Authorize the Deputy Purchasing Agent for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or his designee to execute the Professional and Call Coverage Services Agreement with Advanced Gastroenterology of Monterey County to provide gastroenterology services for an amount not to exceed \$650,000 for the period August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020; and
- b. Authorize the Deputy Purchasing Agent for NMC or his designee to sign up to three (3) future amendments to this Agreement where the total amendments do not significantly change the scope of work and do not cause an increase of more than ten percent 10% (\$65,000) of the original contract amount.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

NMC must arrange for care and treatment of patients who present to the emergency department and hospital clinics in need of medical care in the specialty of gastroenterology. NMC has an agreement with Advanced Gastroenterology of Monterey County, for which Mumtaz Tabbaa M.D., a board certified gastroenterologist, provides gastroenterology call coverage in the emergency department, endoscopy procedures and outpatient services in the specialty clinic.

NMC wishes to enter into this new agreement to modify the billing arrangements where NMC bills and collects for the physician services rendered to patients under this agreement. The existing agreement will terminate upon execution of this new agreement and Dr. Tabbaa will continue to provide the same services without interruption.

Advanced Gastroenterology of Monterey County is paid according to the terms of this agreement for the actual number of call coverage and clinic services provided, which may increase due to patient volume and the need for coverage, but will not increase the rate of pay or exceed the aggregate maximum liability amount. 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 Medical Center's Finance Committee on June 27, 2019 and Board of Trustees Executive Committee on July 2, 2019.

FINANCING:

The cost of this Agreement is \$650,000 for the period August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020. \$595,850 is included

in the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 adopted budget, the remaining balance will be budgeted in the subsequent fiscal year. There is no impact to the General Fund.

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Attachments: Agreement

Attachments on File at the Clerk of the Board