



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
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## Board Report

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- a. Authorize Deputy Purchasing Agent for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or his designee to execute the Professional and Call Coverage Services Agreement with Robert Izenberg M.D., Inc. to provide general and critical care surgery services at NMC for an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the period April 3, 2018 to March 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% (\$60,000) of the original contract amount per each amendment.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Natividad Medical Center (NMC) received its designation as the Level II Trauma Center for Monterey County in January 2015. The 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.

NMC wishes to enter into an agreement with Robert Izenberg M.D., a board certified and fellowship trained trauma and critical care surgeon to provide general and critical care services as part of the comprehensive trauma services required for a Level II Trauma Center. Dr. Izenberg will participate in the on-call panel and will be paid a daily rate for the coverage services, which may increase due to 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 and risk provisions. Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved this Amendment as to fiscal provisions. The Agreement has also been reviewed and approved by Natividad Medical Center's Special Finance Committee and Board of Trustees on February 2, 2018.

### FINANCING:

The total not to exceed amount of this Agreement is \$600,000 for the period April 3, 2018 to March 31, 2020. The actual cost is contingent upon Dr. Izenberg'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 for which the total expenditure will not exceed \$1,300,000 annually and is included in the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Adopted Budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:**

The services rendered in this agreement provide NMC 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: Agreement