



Board Report

File #: A 19-409, **Version:** 1

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

EBSCO provides Natividad staff access to online medical database resources and published medical journals. These resources include the leading web-based clinical research tools utilized in hospital and clinic settings to obtain answers to clinical questions, including the latest evidence and clinical expertise to provide specific, practical recommendations for diagnosis and treatment at the point of care.

Natividad has a current agreement with EBSCO for online access to these resources that will expire December 31, 2019. Approval of this recommended action will provide Natividad's medical staff, residents, and nursing and ancillary hospital staff continued access to these valuable clinical resources along with our patient discharge instructions database incorporated in our electronic medical record system. Included in this Amendment is the functionality of EBSCO products, which will provide remote access to many of these resources. This enhancement will allow authorized users to access EBSCO resources from any internet-enable device including desktop computers, laptops, and mobile devices. In addition, providers can continue to accrue *AMA PRA Category I*™ credits for every search they conduct the EBSCO databases and catalog tools; and Nursing, Dietitians, Social Workers, and Physical Therapists can earn continuing education units.

This work supports:

- Natividad Medical Center's The Joint Commission requirement to "provide access to knowledge-based information resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." *The Joint Commission Standards IM.03.01.01*
- Natividad Medical Center's The Joint Commission requirement to "provide patient education and training based on each patient's needs and abilities." *The Joint Commission Standards PC.02.03.01*
- Natividad's Family Medicine Residency Program's Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) requirement "Residents must have ready access to specialty-specific and other

appropriate reference material in print or electronic format. This must include access to electronic medical literature databases with full text capabilities.” *ACGME Common Program Requirements I.D.3.*

- Natividad Medical Center Level II Trauma Center’s American College of Surgeon’s requirement “must use clinical practice guidelines, protocols, and algorithms derived from evidence-based validated resources.” *American College of Surgeons Criterion CD 16-4*
- Monterey County Health Department 2011-2015 strategic initiative: Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services and support essential public health services.

In addition to access for the medical databases listed in Exhibit A-1, this amendment includes \$56,000 for medical journal subscriptions purchased through EBSCO.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this amendment No. 1 as to legal form, and the Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved as to payment provisions. The amendment No. 1 has also been reviewed and approved by NMC’s Finance Committee on October 24, 2019 and by its Board of Trustees on November 1, 2019.

FINANCING:

The cost for this amendment No. 1 is \$348,553 of which \$116,184 is included in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Adopted Budget. Amounts for remaining years of the agreement will be included in those budgets as appropriate.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This agreement facilitates access to critical point of care clinical diagnosis resources which aid in decision making, as well as medical journals needed by healthcare providers and residents to keep current on trends and changes in practice.

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

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Attachments:

EBSCO Industries, Inc. Amendment No. 1

EBSCO Industries, Inc. Agreement