



# County of Monterey

Item No.

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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November 12, 2024

**Introduced:** 10/29/2024

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** BoS Agreement

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- b. Approve the NMC's Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to accept non-standard indemnification, limitations on liability, limitations on damages, and non-risk provisions within the agreement.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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### **SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

The Traverse Exchange is an advanced nationwide health information exchange network. This private network will enable participating MEDITECH customers to share health data seamlessly and securely with one another as well as with organizations using other vendor electronic health record solutions (EHRs) and exchange networks that comply with interoperability standards. This service complies with Federal and State privacy laws.

Traverse Exchange facilitates better coordination of care. This can lead to improved patient outcomes, a reduction in medical errors, and enhanced patient satisfaction. Traverse Exchange streamlines workflows for healthcare providers by allowing them to access relevant patient data with fewer obstacles. This reduces the time spent searching for information and increases the efficiency of

healthcare delivery. With improved interoperability, healthcare providers have access to more comprehensive and up-to-date patient information. This can lead to more accurate diagnoses, treatment decisions, and care plans.

Traverse is replacing CommonWell as Meditech's health information exchange platform by the end of this calendar year. As with CommonWell, Natividad Medical Center plans to leverage the Traverse Exchange network to access the health information of patients under its care across the care continuum. There is no cost to subscribe to and use the Traverse Exchange service as it is included in the hospital's existing MEDITECH annual support and maintenance agreement.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed but has not approved this agreement as to form and legality, and the Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved as to payment provision. The agreement has also been reviewed and approved by NMC's Finance Committee and by its Board of Trustees on September 13, 2024.

**FINANCING:**

There is no cost associated with this agreement.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:**

Traverse Exchange's data exchange service will improve the health and wellbeing of Natividad Medical Center's patients through better clinical communication and coordination of care. Access to this system will also administratively improve operational efficiencies and reduce duplication of services.

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

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Attachments:

Medical Information Technology, Inc. (MEDITECH) Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board