



# County of Monterey

**Item No.39**

## Board Report

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

**Legistar File Number: A 26-055**

**March 10, 2026**

**Introduced:** 2/10/2026

**Current Status:** Natividad Medical Center -  
Consent

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** BoS Agreement

- a. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or a designee to execute the Second Amendment to the Professional and Call Coverage Services Agreement (A-17371) with RGTACS Inc Professional Corporation, a California professional corporation dba RGTACS INC., to provide general and acute care surgical services, extending the term by 2 years (June 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028) for a revised full agreement term of June 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028, but with no change to the Board approved not to exceed amount of \$500,000; and
- b. Authorize the CEO or a designee to sign up to three (3) future amendments to this agreement where the total amendments do not significantly change the scope of work, do not cause an increase of more than 10% (\$20,000) of the original contract amount and do not increase the total contract amount above \$520,000.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY:

NMC received its designation as the Level II Trauma Center for Monterey County in January 2015. The American College of Surgeons requires 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.

### DISCUSSION:

NMC would like to amend its agreement with RGTACS, Inc., for which Dr. Ginwalla, a board-certified fellowship trained trauma surgeon provides general and critical care surgical services as part of the comprehensive trauma services required for a Level II Trauma Center. Dr. Ginwalla will participate in the on-call panel and will be paid a daily rate for the coverage services, which may increase due to availability and 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/COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Amendment as to legal form. Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved this Amendment as to fiscal provisions. The Amendment has also been reviewed and approved by NMC's Finance Committee and Board of Trustees.

**FINANCING:**

There is no cost for this Amendment. The total not to exceed amount of this Agreement is \$500,000. The actual cost is contingent upon Dr. Ginwalla's participation in the call panel which may fluctuate based on availability. NMC has agreements with multiple providers to ensure sufficient coverage of the trauma services where the total expenditure will not exceed \$1,800,000 annually which is included in Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Adopted Budget. The remaining balance will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years. Funding will be provided from NMC's Enterprise Fund 451-9600-6608.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:**

The services rendered in this agreement are required for a Level II Trauma Center and provide NMC with the additional support it needs in order to provide exceptional facilities and health programs to create safe and healthy communities where all can thrive.

- Well-Being and Quality of Life
- Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- Safe and Resilient Communities
- Diverse and Thriving Economy
- Dynamic Organization and Employer of Choice
- Administrative

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**Attachments:**

- Second Amendment
- First Amendment
- Assignment & Assumption Agreement
- Agreement

