



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

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

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

NMC must arrange for the provision of professional consultation and treatment of patients who present to the emergency department and who are admitted to the hospital in need of medical care the specialty of neurology. Access TeleCare provides 24/7 neurology consultative services for patients via specialized electronic telemedicine equipment. Services include indirect physical exams, history taking, diagnostic protocols, image analysis and recommendations for therapeutic interventions and/or diagnostic tests for any neurologic emergency. Due to high patient volumes, NMC wishes to amend the agreement with Access TeleCare and add funds so that they can continue to provide services without interruption. NMC has obtained an independent opinion of fair market value for the payment terms of this agreement.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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 Natividad's Finance Committee and Board of Trustees.

FINANCING:

The total cost of this amendment is \$400,000. The total not to exceed amount of this Agreement is \$1,680,000 for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2026. \$656,722 is included the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Adopted Budget. Funding will be provided from NMC's Enterprise Fund 451-9600-6608.

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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Approved by: Dr. Charles R. Harris, Chief Executive Officer, 783.2551

Attachments:

Fourth Amendment
Third Amendment
Second Amendment
First Amendment
Agreement

Attachments on file at the Clerk of the Board