



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Health System



**Date:** May 11, 2012  
**Board Meeting Date:** June 5, 2012  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System  
Susan Ehrlich, MD, MPP, Chief Executive Officer, San Mateo Medical Center

**Subject:** Amendment to Agreement with Sequoia Anesthesia Consultants

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the President of the Board to execute an Amendment to the Agreement with Sequoia Anesthesia Consultants to provide specialty anesthesia and pain management services, expanding the service hours, and increasing the fiscal obligation by \$117,000 to \$3,317,000 for the term May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2013

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 10, 2011, your Board approved an Agreement with Sequoia Anesthesia Consultants (Sequoia) for the provision of specialty anesthesia and pain management services. Sequoia has been providing these services in three surgical suites at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) on a daily basis, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

**DISCUSSION:**

SMMC has a very large surgical backlog. In order to address this backlog, Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF) has agreed to increase the number of surgery hours being provided under their current Agreement. An Amendment to the Agreement will be presented to your Board.

Sequoia has agreed to provide additional coverage for the increased surgeries being provided by PAMF. Sequoia will provide these additional services at a rate of \$300 per hour and this proposed Amendment extends the Contractor's service hours, and increases the maximum amount payable under the Agreement.

The Amendment and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The Contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as all other contract provisions that are required by County

ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination and equal benefits.

This Amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by continuing to provide professional anesthesia and pain management services to residents of San Mateo County. It is anticipated that 100% of physician surveys of anesthesia services assessing communication, timeliness, and overall quality will be rated at levels 4 or 5 on a 5 point scale, which is an indicator of the highest level of quality care.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2010-11 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2011-12 Projected</b>
Percentage of physician surveys of anesthesia services assessing communication, timeliness, and overall quality rates at levels 4 or 5 on a 5 point scale	100%	100%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of this Agreement is May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2013. The maximum fiscal obligation is \$3,317,000. Funds in the amount of \$1,606,000 are included in the SMMC FY 2011-12 Adopted Budget. Funds in the amount of \$1,444,334 will be included in the SMMC FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget.

Expenses at SMMC are covered by fees for services or third-party payors whenever possible. The portion of expenses for services provided to the medically indigent or to those covered by programs that do not meet the full costs of care are covered by the County's General Fund contribution to SMMC, and are within the existing annual appropriation.