



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: September 20, 2012
Board Meeting Date: November 20, 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: Medical Services Agreement with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, The Permanente Medical Group, San Mateo Health Commission and County of San Mateo

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, The Permanente Medical Group and San Mateo Health Commission to provide emergency neurosurgery services for the term November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013.

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo County is responsible for providing access to care to its medically indigent residents. Medical services provided at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) are one of the ways this obligation is met. San Mateo Health Commission doing business as (dba) Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) serves as the County's third party administrator for health care services.

SMMC has neurologists under contract who provide expert diagnosis and non-surgical treatment of disorders of the nervous system; however, SMMC has only one neurosurgeon available to provide surgery services of the nervous system. When he is unavailable there is no one available to provide call coverage for neurosurgery.

DISCUSSION:

Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, dba Kaiser Permanente Redwood City Medical Center and The Permanente Medical Group (Kaiser) have agreed to provide cranial neurosurgical services for SMMC patients who present at SMMC Emergency Department as a public service at no charge to SMMC. Neurosurgery of a non-emergent nature will be scheduled and provided at SMMC.

County Administrative Memorandum B-1 provides that contracts for physicians are exempt from the Request for Proposals process.

The Agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. The Contractor's insurance meets certification requirements.

SMMC also requests that your Board authorize the Chief of the Health System or designee to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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 Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to emergency cranial neurological surgery services to residents of San Mateo County. It is anticipated that 100% of all cranial neurological surgery cases presented to the Emergency Department will be transferred to Kaiser for treatment.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

| Measure | FY 2011-12 Actual | FY 2012-13 Projected |
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| Percentage of cranial neurological surgery cases presented to the Emergency Department that will be transferred to Kaiser | N/A* | 100% |

***This is a new program and performance measure**

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this Agreement is November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013. There is no cost to the County as a result of this agreement. ACE and MCE patients will be treated for free; Kaiser will bill HPSM and other insurance companies for services when those patients have insurance coverage.