



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: January 9, 2013
Board Meeting Date: February 12, 2013
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 Duc Marcel Nguyen, MD

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Duc Marcel Nguyen, MD to provide specialty orthopedic services, increasing amount by \$125,000 to \$650,000.

BACKGROUND:

Duc Marcel Nguyen, MD (Dr. Nguyen) has provided orthopedic services at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) since April 1, 2007. On March 31, 2010, the agreement with Dr. Nikolaj Wolfson, who had provided orthopedic services at San Mateo Medical Center, expired and was not renewed. For the next year, SMMC used a locum tenens service to provide orthopedic coverage. On April 1, 2011, a new contract with Dr. Nguyen began and there was a gradual increase in the orthopedic service for SMMC patients in lieu of the locum tenens service in order to provide better coverage, scheduling and continuity of care.

DISCUSSION:

The cost for Dr. Nguyen to provide the additional orthopedic services is \$125,000 more than his base contract. The purpose of this amendment is to allow for the payment of invoices as a result of Dr. Nguyen's additional services. Without the change, a greater amount would have been paid to the locum tenens service.

The Orthopedics Department does not anticipate an ongoing need for the larger quantity of services from Dr. Nguyen after this contract. A contract with Dr. Nguyen at the original base level of services will be presented to your Board in March for the period commencing April 1, 2013.

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 providing access to specialty orthopedic surgery services to residents of San Mateo County. It is anticipated that less than five percent (5%) of orthopedic surgeries performed will need to be repeated for the same diagnosis, which is an indicator of the highest quality of care.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2011-12 Actual	FY 2012-13 Projected
Percentage of repeat orthopedic surgeries for the same diagnosis	<5%	<5%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement remains the same April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2013. The maximum fiscal obligation is \$650,000. Funds in the amount of \$321,875 are included in the SMMC FY 2012-13 Adopted 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 fully meet the costs of care are covered by the County General Fund contribution to SMMC, and are within the existing annual appropriation.