



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: October 2, 2012
Board Meeting Date: March 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: Agreement with Duc Marcel Nguyen, MD

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Duc Marcel Nguyen, MD to provide specialty orthopedic services for the term of April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2015, in the amount of \$500,000.

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo County is responsible for providing necessary medical care to its medically indigent population. This care includes professional specialty orthopedic services and the management and supervision of those services. Dr. Nguyen has provided professional specialty orthopedic services at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) for the past eleven years.

DISCUSSION:

The County's need for orthopedic services is increasing. SMMC will be able to meet this growing need through contracts with Dr. Nguyen and other orthopedists. Dr. Nguyen will continue to provide the following professional orthopedic services in the Department of Surgery: one half-day of clinic per week, one half-day surgery block per week and one day of call each week with an additional day every other week for a total of 6 days of call per month. Other orthopedists who are contracted with the County will help address the growing need. Orthopedic services are provided under the direction of the Chief Medical Officer of SMMC, the Quality Assurance Committee, and the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff.

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 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 is April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2015. The maximum fiscal obligation is \$500,000. Funds in the amount of \$62,500 are included in the SMMC FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget and \$250,000 will be included in the SMMC FY 2013-14 Recommended Budget. Similar arrangements will be made for future budget years.

The payment provisions of this contract are 5% less than the previous contract. As a result of the addition of more orthopedists, SMMC will require fewer clinics from Dr. Nguyen.

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.