



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



**Date:** July 1, 2014  
**Board Meeting Date:** August 5, 2014  
**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 Daniel J. Buckley, MD

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Daniel J. Buckley, MD to provide ophthalmology services for the term of September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$382,050.

**BACKGROUND:**

San Mateo County is responsible for providing necessary medical care to its medically indigent population, as well as access to services to its general population. Dr. Buckley has been providing ophthalmology services at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) for more than twenty years and will continue to provide, at a minimum, the same level of service as he has under previous contracts with the County.

**DISCUSSION:**

The County's need for ophthalmology services is increasing due to the aging of its patient population. SMMC will continue to meet this growing need through contracts with Dr. Buckley and other ophthalmologists. Dr. Buckley has agreed to provide the necessary surgery, clinic and call coverage for County patients.

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 meets insurance certification requirements.

SMMC is also asking the Board to 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) for each agreement 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.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to ophthalmology services to residents of San Mateo County. It is anticipated that 100% of all cataract surgery services provided will adhere to the infection control standards as defined by the Joint Commission and Title XXII of the State of California, Code of Regulations, which will result in reduced risk of healthcare-associated infections.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
Percentage of cataract surgeries adhering to infection control standards as defined by Joint Commission, Title XXII, and other applicable standards	100%	100%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2017. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$382,050 for the three year term. Funds in the amount of \$106,125 are included in the SMMC FY 2014-15 Recommended Budget. Funds in the amount of \$127,350 will be included in the SMMC FY 2015-16 Recommended Budget. Similar arrangements will be made for future years. The payment provisions and levels of service in this contract are essentially the same as the prior contract.

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.