



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Agriculture / Weights & Measures



Date: August 21, 2014
Board Meeting Date: September 30, 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: Amendment to Agreement with Daniel Buckley, MD

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Daniel Buckley, MD to provide ophthalmology services increasing the amount by \$57,950 to an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Daniel Buckley has provided professional ophthalmology services at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) for well over twenty years. On September 13, 2011, your Board approved an agreement with Dr. Buckley for the term of September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$382,050.

On October 1, 2013, your Board approved an amendment to the agreement with Dr. Buckley, increasing the amount by \$60,000 to an amount not to exceed \$442,050.

DISCUSSION:

In order to address the continuing backlog of patients requiring surgery, Dr. Buckley has increased the number of clinic and surgery blocks he provides on a monthly basis.

Your Board approved a new agreement with Dr. Buckley beginning September 1, 2014, at the August 5, 2014. Unfortunately, SMMC overlooked the existence of unpaid invoices on the previous contract. An increase in funding is needed to ensure sufficient funds through the end of this contract's term on August 31, 2014. SMMC will be using an invoice tracking system to ensure that this situation does not reoccur.

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

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The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing ophthalmology services to SMMC patients. As a safety net hospital, SMMC is acutely aware of the importance of controlling hospital borne infections. Failure to control infection results in higher cost to the County for additional care of those patients who become victims of a preventable infection. It is anticipated that 100% of all ophthalmology surgeries 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
Percent of ophthalmology surgeries that will adhere 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, 2011 through August 31, 2014. The amount of the revised agreement is not to exceed \$500,000 for the three-year term. Funds in the amount of \$86,953 are included in the SMMC FY 2014-15 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.