



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



**Date:** January 6, 2015  
**Board Meeting Date:** February 10, 2015  
**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 Paul Linquist, MD

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Paul Linquist, MD to provide orthopedic services increasing the amount by \$6,000 to an amount not to exceed \$106,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

Paul Linquist, MD has provided orthopedic services at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) for more than twenty years. On January 1, 2014, the Chief Executive Officer approved an agreement with Dr. Linquist to continue to provide those services for the term January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Dr. Linquist announced his retirement effective December 31, 2014.

**DISCUSSION:**

In December 2014, Dr. Linquist provided three additional surgery blocks for a total billed of \$11,033. This amount puts the total amount billed for the entire contract period over the amount of the current contract amount. Approval of this amendment will allow for the payment of Dr. Linquist's final invoice.

The Resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

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

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to orthopedic surgery services for SMMC patients. It is anticipated

that 100% of all orthopedic surgery services 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 2014-15 Estimated	FY 2015-16 Projected
Adherence 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 January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$106,000 for the one year term. Funds in the amount of \$50,000 were included in the SMMC FY 2013-14 Adopted Budget. Funds in the amount of \$56,000 are included in the SMMC FY 2014-15 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 meet the full costs of care is covered by the County's General Fund contribution to SMMC, and are within the existing annual appropriation.