

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ALTEGRA HEALTH
OPERATING COMPANY FOR CODING SUPPORT SERVICES, FOR THE TERM OF
FEBRUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$300,000**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) mandated that the 10th revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10) coding system be adopted by providers, including San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC), by October 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, it has been projected by the American Health Information Management Association that the transition to ICD-10 will result in approximately a 25% decrease in productivity for Health Information Management coding staff during the initial stages of implementation due to the increased specificity of the ICD-10 coding system and the increased number of queries to providers for clarification of medical record documentation; and

WHEREAS, SMMC is striving to be ready well in advance of the implementation date and will begin ICD-10 coding in early 2015 to ensure a successful implementation, although the transition will have additional complications related to billing in ICD-9 during the interim through October 2015; and

WHEREAS, currently, SMMC's Health Information Management department does not have adequate capacity to fully perform coding functions during the interim period; and

WHEREAS, in January 2014, SMMC completed a Request for Proposals for support in ICD-9, ICD-10, and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) coding services for SMMC and its clinics, and SMMC found that Altegra Health Operating Company (Altegra) was the best fit at the best price for the required services; and

WHEREAS, both parties wish to enter into an agreement whereby Altegra will provide these coding support services for the term of February 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, this Board has examined the agreement and approved it as to both form and content.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the President of this Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement for and on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and the Clerk of the Board shall attest the President's signature thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of the Health System or designee is authorized 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.

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