



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: January 29, 2015
Board Meeting Date: March 17, 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: 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, 2015 through March 31, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo County is responsible for providing necessary medical care to its medically indigent population. This includes professional specialty orthopedic services and the management and supervision of those services. Duc Marcel Nguyen, MD has provided professional specialty orthopedic services at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) for the past thirteen 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, at a minimum, the same level of services as under the previous agreement. This agreement also addresses new requirements of SMMC'S SMART Referral program. The SMART Referral program allows primary care providers to interact with specialists and to set prerequisite criteria in advance of a specialty referral. This in turn prevents patient referrals to a specialist without test results that are needed on the first visit in order to begin meaningful diagnosis and treatment activities.

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

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to specialty orthopedic services to residents of San Mateo County. 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 49 orthopedic surgery services will be provided at SMMC and there will be 0 infections directly related to these surgeries.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
Orthopedic surgeries completed and corresponding number of infections directly related to the surgery	49 patients 0 infections	49 patients 0 infections

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2017. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$500,000 for the two-year term. Funds in the amount of \$62,500 are included in the SMMC FY 2014-15 Adopted 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 is covered by the County's General Fund contribution to SMMC, and are within the existing annual appropriation.