



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



**Date:** October 24, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** December 10, 2013  
**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:** Medical Services Agreement with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, San Mateo Health Commission and County of San Mateo

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and San Mateo Health Commission, doing business as the Health Plan of San Mateo, to provide emergency neurosurgery services, for the term of November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 20, 2012, your Board approved a Medical Services Agreement with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals (Kaiser) and the San Mateo Health Commission to provide emergency neurosurgery services. The need for those services continues. Kaiser has agreed to continue providing those services.

San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) has neurologists under contract who provide expert diagnosis and non-surgical treatment of disorders of the nervous system; however, SMMC has only one neurosurgeon available to provide surgery services of the nervous system. When that surgeon is unavailable there is no one available to provide call coverage for neurosurgery.

**DISCUSSION:**

Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, dba Kaiser Permanente Redwood City Medical Center and The Permanente Medical Group (Kaiser) have agreed to continue to provide cranial neurosurgical services for patients who present at SMMC Emergency Department as a public service at no charge to SMMC. Neurosurgery of a non-emergent nature will be scheduled and provided at SMMC.

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 requesting your 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), 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.

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to emergency cranial neurological surgery services to residents of San Mateo County. It is anticipated that 100% of all cranial neurological surgery cases presented to the Emergency Department will be transferred to Kaiser for treatment.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2012-13 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2013-14 Projected</b>
Percentage of cranial neurological surgery cases presented to the Emergency Department that will be transferred to Kaiser	100%	100%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of this agreement is November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014. There is no net cost to the County as a result of this agreement.