



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HEALTH

**File #:** 20-473

Board Meeting Date: 6/30/2020

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Louise F. Rogers, Chief, San Mateo County Health  
Chester J. Kunnappilly, MD, Chief Executive Officer, San Mateo Medical Center

**Subject:** Agreement with Esther Chang, MD to Provide Ophthalmology Services

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Esther Chang, MD to provide ophthalmology services for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

San Mateo County is responsible for providing necessary medical care to its medically indigent population, as well as access to services to its general population. Dr. Chang has been providing ophthalmology services at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) since 2018.

**DISCUSSION:**

The County's need for ophthalmology services is increasing due to the aging of its patient population. Dr. Chang has agreed to provide additional ophthalmology services and call coverage in light of another ophthalmologist leaving SMMC. Dr. Chang will be responsible for three clinic blocks and one surgery block, as well as equally splitting on-call responsibilities with the other two ophthalmologists on contract with 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 resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

It is anticipated that 100% of all cataract surgery services provided 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:**

Measure	FY 2019-20 Estimated	FY 2020-21 Projected
Percentage of all cataract surgery services provided that 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	100%	100%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$150,000 for the one-year term. Funds in the amount of \$150,000 are included in the SMMC FY 2020-21 Recommended Budget.

The payment provisions have increased from the prior agreement to be consistent with Medical Group Management Association rates, which SMMC uses to benchmark physician contract compensation.

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 is within the existing annual appropriation.