



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Salinas, CA 93901

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- b. Approve the NMC's Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to accept non-standard indemnification, and limitations on liability provisions within the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY:

Natividad Medical Center will receive a comprehensive suite of library support services through HPC. These services are designed to enhance access to medical literature and maintain a current and functional virtual library presence for staff and providers. HPC will provide a range of services including library management, subscription oversight, and budget monitoring to ensure the library remains current and cost-effective. They will maintain and update the virtual library webpage monthly to keep content accurate and relevant. A master's-trained medical librarian will offer on-demand research support, literature searches, article requests, and manage InterLibrary Loan services and general inquiries.

DISCUSSION

The services provided by HPC are highly beneficial to Natividad Medical Center as they ensure consistent access to current medical literature, support informed clinical decision-making, and maintain a well-managed library system. By overseeing subscriptions, developing the collection, and helping manage the library budget, HPC helps maintain a cost-effective and relevant resource for staff. Monthly updates to the online library webpage ensure that content remains accurate and accessible. Additionally, having a qualified librarian available for research

support, article requests, and document delivery enhances staff efficiency and promotes evidence-based care. These services indirectly benefit patients by supporting clinicians with timely access to reliable medical information, which can improve the quality of care.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved this agreement as to form, and the Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved as to payment provisions. The agreement has also been reviewed and approved by NMC's Finance Committee and by its Board of Trustees on October 3, 2025.

FINANCING:

The cost for this agreement is \$193,540 which is included in the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget. Amounts for remaining years of the agreement will be included in those budgets as appropriate. There is no impact on the General Fund with this action.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS SECTION:

The library services provided by HPC support Natividad Medical Center and the Board of Supervisors' commitment to exceptional health programs by ensuring staff have access to current, evidence-based medical information. Monthly updates to the virtual library and on-demand research support enhance clinical knowledge and decision-making, contributing to high-quality care for residents. These services ultimately benefit residents by supporting informed healthcare practices that improve overall health outcomes and quality of life.

- ☒ Well-Being and Quality of Life
- ☐ Sustainable Infrastructure for Present and Future
- ☐ Safe and Resilient Communities
- ☐ Diverse and Thriving Economy
- ☐ Administrative

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Attachment(s):

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Original Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board