

Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

July 25, 2023

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

Subject: Approval of, and Authorization for the Health Care Agency Director or Designee to Sign, an Agreement for Attending Physician, Pediatric Neurology Services with Nikkee and Suraj, P.C., Effective October 1, 2023, in a Total Maximum Amount of \$560,015 for the Period of October 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, and \$314,000 per Fiscal Year for Up to Two Fiscal Years Thereafter.

Recommendation:

That your Board approve, and authorize the Health Care Agency (HCA) director or designee to sign, an agreement for attending physician, pediatric neurology services with Nikkee and Suraj, P.C., effective October 1, 2023, in a total maximum amount of \$ 560,015 for the period of October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 and \$314,000 per fiscal year for up to two fiscal years thereafter.

Fiscal Impact:

Mandatory: No
Source of Funding: VCMC Operating Revenues/Collections
Funding Match Required: None
Impact on Other Departments: N/A

Summary of Annual Revenues and Costs under this agreement.

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>
REVENUE:	\$356,002	\$474,670
DIRECT COSTS:	\$242,985	\$317,030
INDIRECT COSTS:	Minor	Minor
Net revenue <cost>	\$113,017	\$157,640

Current FY 2023-24 Budget Projections for Ventura County Medical Center #3300				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/ (Deficit)
Expenditures	\$673,790,899	\$673,790,899	\$673,790,899	\$0
Revenue	\$665,452,626	\$665,452,626	\$665,452,626	\$0
Operational Income/(Loss)	(\$8,338,273)	(\$8,338,273)	(\$8,338,273)	\$0

*The operational income includes "Operating Transfers In" that is primarily attributed to County contributions.

Table 1 below summarizes the net financial impacts of the VCMC contract:

Provider	Eff. Date	Current Contract Annual Maximum	Proposed Contract Annual Maximum	FY 23-24 Inc/<Decr>	FY 24-25 Inc/<Decr>
Nikkee and Suraj, P.C.	10/01/23	\$0	\$560,015	\$242,985	\$317,030
Total				\$242,985	\$317,030

Discussion:

The new agreement before your Board is for Nikkee and Suraj, P.C., created and managed by Drs. Nikkee Amin and Suraj Batish. Pursuant to the agreement only Dr. Amin will be joining our system to work as attending physician, pediatric neurology services at the Pediatric Diagnostic Center (PDC). Dr. Amin attended medical school at Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown, Ohio, graduating in 2018.

Dr. Amin will join as a full-time contracted pediatric neurologist, as part of the team of pediatric specialists at PDC. She will assume the position previously held by William Goldie, MD who retired from PDC in 2022. Dr. Amin will provide pediatric neurology services at the Sierra Vista and Mandalay Bay clinics, and help to expand coverage to 365 days a year for the hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), Emergency Department (ED), and Pediatric Unit.

Furthermore, Dr. Amin will provide electroencephalogram (EEG) interpretations, a service that is currently not available at these locations. The anticipated revenue that Dr. Amin will generate per fiscal year is \$474,670, pro-rated to \$356,002 for the first nine months of the agreement, less compensation of \$242,985, for a net profit of \$113,017 for fiscal year 2023-24. The projected net profit for fiscal year 2024-25 is \$157,640.

The cost of this agreement is \$560,015 for the period of October 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, including \$242,985 for fiscal year 2023-24 and \$317,030 for fiscal year 2024-25. Effective October 1, 2025, the contract maximum is set at \$314,000. This agreement has not been included in the adopted budget for fiscal year 2023-24. HCA will return to

your Board for a modification in the budget for additional appropriations to cover the cost of this agreement.

With your Board's approval, the agreement with Nikkee and Suraj, P.C., subject to all necessary budgetary approvals by your Board, shall remain in effect through June 30, 2025. Then, unless a party gives notice of its intent not to renew at least 90 days prior to the renewal date, and subject to the receipt of all necessary budgetary approvals by your Board, the agreement shall then be extended for up to two additional periods of one year each.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and the County Executive Office. If you have any questions regarding this item, please call Theresa Cho, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, Ambulatory Care, at 805-677-5290.



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BARRY ZIMMERMAN
Health Care Agency Director

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – Agreement with Nikkee and Suraj, P.C., for Attending Physician, Pediatric Neurological Services.