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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

Item Number: 1.9

MEETING DATE: 11/18/2025

DEPARTMENT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Kris Mangano

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Kris Mangano

SUBJECT:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - K. MANGANO

1. Approve Amendment #1 with Big River Emergency Physicians for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, to provide the professional (billing) component of emergency services at Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital and reimburse physicians for uncompensated emergency medical care using funds from the Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund, not to exceed reimbursements of \$80,0000 annually; and
2. Authorize the Chair, County Administrative Officer, or designee to sign the contract.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 1068

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The Maddy EMS Fund, defined by statute, is intended to support local emergency medical services agencies, trauma services, uncompensated emergency care, and pediatric care services provided to patients who do not have health insurance coverage for emergency services and care, cannot afford to pay for those services, and for whom payment will not be made through any private coverage. This action instituted a two-dollar (\$2.00) assessment of certain fines, penalties, and forfeitures related to vehicle code violations (tickets by law enforcement and fines through probation and the court system). The statute specified fund distributions and criteria for allocations. Claims are submitted by Big River Emergency Physicians, contracted by the Hazel Hawkins Hospital Emergency Physicians Group, with reimbursements calculated by EMS and payment made by County EMS.

Approval of this contract amendment between San Benito County EMS Agency and Big River Emergency Physicians, the billing agency for the ER physicians with Hazel Hawkins Hospital, will allow the County to continue to distribute funds collected as established through the Maddy Fund and meet the requirements of statute. The EMS Agency reimburses Big River Emergency Physicians a percentage of uncompensated emergency medical care using Maddy Funds. The amount of reimbursement will not exceed \$240,000 over lifetime of the contract or \$80,000 annually. G/L 637.15.2500.1000.670.888

Contract will expire on December 31, 2026, to coincide with the state fee schedule.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact. Pass through funds. G/L 637.15.2500.1000.670.888

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet - Big River Emergency Physicians](#)

[Amendment #1 - Big River Emergency Physicians](#)

[Original Contract - Big River Emergency Physicians 4-1-23 thru 12-31-25](#)

[Billing Requirements Policy](#)