



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: County Health Department
Department No.: 041
Agenda Date: January 27, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health
Contact: Paola Hurtado, Division Chief of Primary Care and Family Health
SUBJECT: Medi-Cal Physician Services Provider Agreement Eleventh Amendment

Signed by:
Mouhanad Hammami
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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the County Health Director to sign the Eleventh Amendment to the Physician Services Provider Agreement, Federally Qualified Health Center (Attachment A) with CenCal Health to delete and replace in its entirety Attachment A-3: Summary of the Pay for Performance Program (For Primary Care Provider or Primary Care Group) for Santa Barbara County without changes to the performance period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2030;
- b) Approve and authorize the County Health Director to execute any future amendments to this Agreement and to make any of the following changes, upon review and concurrence by the Auditor Controller's Office, Risk Management, and County Counsel's Office and subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time:
 - i. Changes to the Agreement that are necessary to conform with federal, State, or local governmental laws, regulations, ordinances, orders, rules, directives, circulars, bulletins, notices, guidelines, and policies;
 - ii. Updates to reimbursement rates, fee schedules, or incentive program terms to conform with the California Department of Health Care Services directives, CenCal Health's approved rate filings, and/or state or federal

funding adjustments, provided there is no increase in County financial obligation beyond budgeted amounts;

iii. Non-material administrative, technical, or clarifying changes that do not substantively alter the Agreement; and

c) Determine that the recommended actions do not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and are exempt pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, since the recommended actions are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for approval and ratification for the County Health Department (CHD) Director to sign the Eleventh Amendment to the Physician Services Provider Agreement, Federally Qualified Health Center with CenCal Health to delete and replace in its entirety Attachment A-3: Summary of the Primary Care Provider (PCP) Incentive Program for County of Santa Barbara without any other changes to the January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2030 performance period. Attachment A-3 of the CenCal Provider Agreement outlines Quality Care Incentive Program (QCIP) clinical performance measures, calculation methods, and the distribution schedule. The addendum to attachment A-3 sets QCIP eligibility, requiring providers to have at least thirty Members across all QCIP measures for evaluation. It also updates QCIP Standards and Metrics, expands on CenCal Health’s performance measurement methodology, and funding components.

Discussion:

Approval of the Eleventh Amendment to the Agreement will allow CenCal Health to obtain the signed QCIP amendment from CHD, which the State requires for CenCal Health to retain the quality funds paid by the State to CenCal Health and distributed to CHD. This value-based incentive program rewards Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) for delivering high-quality medical care in their communities. Funding is determined by each PCP’s performance on clinical measures. This item requests ratification of the County Health Director’s execution of this Amendment as CenCal Health required this of all their providers by December 31, 2025.

Background:

The QCIP was added to the CenCal Health Medi-Cal Physician Services Provider Agreement through Board approval of the Ninth Amendment in May of 2022. The QCIP Program is an important initiative by CenCal Health aimed at enhancing the quality of care for Medi-Cal members. This program rewards primary care providers (PCPs) for delivering outstanding medical services. It focuses on key clinical priorities essential for Medi-Cal members, including the management of diabetes and asthma, as well as screenings for breast and cervical cancer, and preventive care for children and adolescents.

CenCal Health recently became aware of a new Federal mandate that impacts the funding CenCal Health receives to support quality programs and the money distributed to providers for those programs, such as QCIP. On December 10, 2025, CenCal provided a letter to CHD advising us of the implications of this new federal requirement, which impacts QCIP (Attachment B). This mandate requires that, each year and before starting 2026, CenCal Health obtains signed amendments from

all providers who participate in the quality programs. CHD's receipt of QCIP funds would have been jeopardized if the Eleventh Amendment had not been executed by December 31, 2025.

Performance Measure:

The performance measures are detailed in Attachment A-3 Summary of the Pay for Performance Program.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Fiscal Analysis:

There are no fiscal impacts as a result of this action.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Please email the Minute Order to the County Health Contracts unit at phdcu@sbcphd.org

Attachments:

Attachment A – Amendment Eleven to Medi-Cal Physician Services Provider Agreement, Federally Qualified Health Center

Attachment B – CenCal Health QCIP Incentive Cover Letter

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