



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: June 06, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Carrie Topliffe, Interim Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: **Second Amendment to Medi-Cal Administrative Activities with the County Office of Education, Health Linkages Program Agreement**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider recommendations regarding County Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (CMAA) participation with the County Office of Education, Health Linkages Program as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Second Amendment to the Agreement with the County Office of Education to pass through Medicaid Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for MAA services for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the contract period.
- b) Determine that the above actions are organizational and administrative activities of government that are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement for CMAA services with the County Office of Education. The Public Health Department (PHD) is designated by the California State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to be the local governmental agency that administers the CMAA program for Santa Barbara County. PHD has performed lead agency duties for the CMAA program for Santa Barbara County since its inception. Any agency participating in the CMAA program in Santa Barbara County must go through PHD and claim for CMAA under the Agreement PHD has with DHCS.

Background:

Health Linkages participated in CMAA services through PHD’s Agreement with DHCS (this option is called the Local Governmental Agency or LGA) for 6 months during fiscal year 2015-16 and for 12 months during fiscal year 2016-17. Any agency participating in CMAA must provide a local or state match in order to receive Federal Financial Participation (FFP) dollars. Moreover, each agency is required to complete perpetual time surveys each year and to track their CMAA costs in order for PHD to prepare the quarterly claims. Health Linkages has demonstrated that they have in place the necessary elements for successful CMAA claiming: a) a strong financial infrastructure, b) eligible matching local dollars, c) an existing relationship with PHD fiscal staff, and d) a commitment for management to fully understand the claiming and the program requirements.

Moreover, Health Linkages has decided against participating in the CMAA program effective July 1, 2017 and will likely participate in a schools-based version of the program: SMAA. SMAA is not conducted through the PHD. However, in order to reimburse Health Linkages for services performed in previous years, the PHD will still require a CMAA contract with Health Linkages until invoices for all previous year services performed have been paid. Thus, this amendment will extend the term of the original agreement for payment purposes only. In addition, the amount expected to be paid is estimated to be approximately \$150,000 during FY 2017-18, rather than \$400,000, as the original contract amount is a “not to exceed” amount.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
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\$ 150,000.00

Fiscal Analysis: \$ - \$ - \$ 150,000.00

Execution of this Agreement will not increase the use of General Fund dollars by the PHD. The CMAA funds are reimbursements made by the State of federal funds for the County Office of Education Health Linkages program passed through the PHD and are estimated at approximately \$150,000, although the contract maximum remains at \$400,000 as it is difficult to estimate the actual payments for FY 2017-18. These payments have been anticipated as part of the PHD’s Recommended FY 2017-18 Budget.

The PHD will retain a ten percent (10%) fee to cover the cost of administering the CMAA claiming process, including, but not limited to claims preparation in consultation with subcontractors, technical assistance, training, auditing and assurance services, and coordination to ensure compliance with all program tenets. These fees, estimated at \$15,000 for the entire contract period, should cover the costs incurred by the PHD for the costs required to fulfill all fiscal intermediary obligations.

In the contract, the State and County are held harmless by the County of Education from any federal audit disallowance and interest resulting from payments made by the federal Medicaid program as reimbursement for claims for providing CMAA services for disallowed claims and from any and all liabilities, claims, actions or judgments arising out of subcontractor's performance.

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) originals of the Second Amendment for CMAA services with County Office of Education and retain one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. Second Amendment to the County Office of Education Health Linkages Agreement
- B. First Amendment to the County Office of Education Health Linkages Agreement
- C. County Office of Education Health Linkages Agreement

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