

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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Public Health Department 681-5173

SUBJECT: Agreement with Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority for Provision of Healthy Families/Healthy Kids Program Services in Public Health Department Clinics

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Participating Physician Group Provider Services Agreement for Healthy Families/Healthy Kids Program in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties with the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority (SBRHA) for the period of January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2008 for payment of established fees for healthcare services rendered to Healthy Families Program members and Healthy Kids Program members that are the responsibility of the SBRHA.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. Provide a Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit and Goal No. 7. A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

This agreement authorizes the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority (SBRHA), the local health plan for the Healthy Families and Healthy Kids Programs, to reimburse the Public Health Department (PHD) for the provision of medical services to eligible program members. Through its network of ambulatory care clinics countywide, the Public Health Department has been a provider of medical care to children enrolled in the Healthy Families Program since its inception. In the past, agreement for provision of these services was included in the Public Health Department's Federally Qualified Health Center Agreement with SBRHA. With the inception of the local Healthy Kids Program, SBRHA developed separate provider agreements for the Healthy Families and Healthy Kids product lines.

The Healthy Kids Program was launched in Santa Barbara County on December 1, 2005. The Public Health Department desires to be a provider for both the Healthy Families and Healthy Kids Programs in those clinics where pediatric and family medicine services are offered. Both programs provide a comprehensive benefit package designed to meet the needs of infants, children and adults up to the age of 19 living in households with incomes at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. In fiscal year 04/05, three hundred and seventeen unique Healthy Families patients were served in PHD clinics for a total of seven hundred and eighty visits. It is our hope that, as funding exists to enroll children in the new Healthy Kids program, our clinics will serve as a medical home for them.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This is a mandated service under section 17000 of the State of California Welfare and Institution Code. There is no change in program or service level.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Approval of this contract will allow the PHD to continue to bill for and be reimbursed by the SBRHA for its patients enrolled in and covered by the Healthy Families programs. The revenue from Healthy Families averages approximately \$50,000 per year.

In addition, this contract will allow for the PHD to participate in the Healthy Kids program and will provide for the reimbursement of services provided to any patients that are enrolled. Because there do not seem to be any access issues with the many community providers participating in the Healthy Kids program, it is not anticipated that there will be many Healthy Kids patients seen at the PHD clinics. As such, revenue is only estimated at \$10,000 to \$20,000 annually from this program.

The Healthy Families revenues are included in the Public Health Department Fiscal Year 2005-06 Adopted budget and can be found in the County's Operating Plan document on Page D-186 in the various Clinics cost centers. Since the Healthy Kids program is new and no historical data on caseload and revenues exist, these revenues are not included in the Adopted Fiscal Year 2005-06 or Recommended Fiscal Year 2006-07 budgets.

This action will not result in a need for any additional facilities.

Special Instructions:

Please return a copy of the executed Agreement along with two certified minute orders to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 Attention: Dawn McGrew (805) 681 5205.

Concurrence:

None Required.