



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Agenda Number:

**Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)**

Department Name: County Health and Behavioral Wellness Department

Department No.: 041 & 043
Agenda Date: June 23, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Directors: Mouhanad Hammami, M.D., County Health

Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Behavioral Wellness

Contact: Gus Mejia, Chief Financial Officer

Signed by: *Mouhanad Hammami*
CD0E0674C89245C...
Signed by: *Antonette Navarro*
2095C5A16FE1474...

SUBJECT: **First Amendment to Sensibill Services, Inc. Agreement for CalAIM Justice Involved Medi-Cal Billing to Replace Exhibit D: HIPAA Business Associate 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:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement with Sensibill Services, Inc. (Sensibill) for California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Justice Involved (JI) third party Medi-Cal billing services to delete the current Exhibit D, Business Associate Agreement, in its entirety and replace it with the updated Exhibit D, Business Associate Agreement, with no change to the Agreement term or total maximum contract amount not to exceed \$540,000 (Attachment B);
- b) Approve and authorize the County Health Director, or designee, to execute any future non-material amendments or administrative updates to the Agreement, including updates to attachments or exhibits that do not change the term, scope, or total maximum contract amount, upon review and concurrence by the Auditor-Controller's Office, Risk Management, and County Counsel's Office, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; 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 authorization of a First Amendment to the Agreement with Sensibill Services, Inc. (Sensibill) for third party Medi-Cal billing services for California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Justice Involved (JI) services performed in the Santa Barbara County jails and Probation Department’s youth correctional facility. The First Amendment replaces the current Exhibit D, Business Associate Agreement, with an updated Business Associate Agreement. The amendment does not change the Agreement term, scope of services, or total maximum contract amount.

Discussion:

The County Health Department updated your Board on February 25, 2025, in its lead role in implementation, oversight, and reporting for CalAIM JI. The Sheriff and Probation departments must demonstrate the ability to meet all California Health and Human Services (CalHHS) and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requirements for billing Medi-Cal for CalAIM JI services. The County previously received Board approval and entered into an Agreement with Sensibill to provide needed third party Medi-Cal billing services on September 23, 2025 (Attachment A). County Health is now returning to the Board with a First Amendment to update the Agreement’s Business Associate Agreement exhibit.

Sensibill’s responsibilities include billing on behalf of the Sheriff and Probation departments for services provided in their facilities by their Medical and Behavioral Health providers. Additionally, Sensibill will ensure documentation and charges meet the criteria for CalAIM JI billing. Sensibill will also work with providers to improve their understanding and the documentation required for CalAIM JI billing, and Sensibill will handle denials, appeals, and related billing issues on behalf of County departments.

Because Sensibill performs billing-related services that involve protected health information, the Agreement includes a Business Associate Agreement (BAA). The First Amendment removes the existing Exhibit D and replaces it with an updated Exhibit D that adopts the Behavioral Wellness BAA. The revised BAA strengthens privacy, security, and data protection requirements by enhancing safeguards for the use and disclosure of protected health information, clarifying breach notification and reporting obligations, and establishing more comprehensive compliance standards to support CalAIM Justice-Involved billing activities.

There is no change to the Agreement’s total maximum contract amount or fiscal terms. The costs remain funded with State PATH JI 3 grant funds awarded by DHCS to the Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office (SBSO) and Probation, which require preparation for CalAIM pre-release services go-live timelines. Probation started service on April 1, 2026, and SBSO anticipates starting service on October 1, 2026.

Background:

DHCS has developed a framework that encompasses broad-based delivery system, program, and payment reform across the Medi-Cal program, called CalAIM. CalAIM leverages Medicaid as a tool to help address many of the complex challenges facing our most vulnerable residents, such as

homelessness, behavioral health care access, children with complex medical conditions, the growing number of justice-involved populations who have significant clinical needs, and the growing aging population.

CalAIM is designed to implement broad delivery system and payment reform across Medi-Cal and addresses the social determinants of health and health care inequities through Medi-Cal. On January 26, 2023, California became the first state in the nation approved to offer a targeted set of Medicaid services to youth and eligible adults in state prisons, county jails, and youth correctional facilities for up to 90 days prior to release. The CalAIM JI Initiative allows eligible Californians who are incarcerated to enroll in Medi-Cal and receive a targeted set of services in the 90 days before their release and warm handoffs to Enhanced Care Management providers, including County Health, and Behavioral Linkages with Behavioral Wellness, when going back into the community. This initiative aims to ensure continuity of health care coverage and services between the time they are incarcerated and when they are released. It also provides people who are reentering the community with the prescribed medications and durable medical equipment they need.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

There is no financial impact with your Board authorizing the Chair to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement with Sensibill. The First Amendment replaces the current Exhibit D, Business Associate Agreement, with an updated Exhibit D. There is no change to the Agreement term or total maximum contract amount not to exceed \$540,000. These contractual services remain funded by the State PATH JI 3 grant funds awarded by DHCS to Sheriff and Probation, which require preparation for their CalAIM pre-release services go-live timelines.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two original First Amendments and return one original First Amendment and one Certified Minute Order to County Health Contracts Unit. Please email phdca@sbcpd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Sensibill Services Agreement

Attachment B – First Amendment to Agreement with Sensibill Services

Contact Information:

Katie McBain
CalAIM Administrator
KMcBain2@sbcpd.org