



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: November 1, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, Director and Health Officer, Public Health Dept.
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Revenue Agreement for AIDS Drug Assistant Program (ADAP)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department Director to sign an Agreement (Attachment A) with the State of California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS for administration of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program for the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.
- b) Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda item to authorize the Public Health Department (PHD) to enter into a three year grant agreement, beginning July 1, 2016, which allows for continued reimbursement of the administrative costs of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) enrollment process. PHD currently has a two year agreement with the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS for administration of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. The agreement period is FY 2015-2016 and FY 2016-2017. This new ADAP Administration agreement is a three year period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. It is cancelling year two of the current agreement and starting a new three year cycle.

Background:

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) helps ensure that people living with HIV and AIDS who are uninsured and under-insured have access to medication. Individuals are eligible for ADAP if they: Are a resident of California; are HIV infected; are 18 years of age or older; have a Modified Adjusted Gross Income of not more than 500% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL), based on household income (e.g., \$59,400 for a household of one); have a valid prescription from a licensed California physician; and do not qualify for no-cost Medi-Cal.

PHD is an authorized ADAP enrollment site with the services performed at the following authorized locations:

- Santa Barbara Health Care Center – 325 Camino del Remedio, Santa Barbara, CA 93110
- Santa Maria Health Care Center – 2115 S. Centerpointe Pkwy., Santa Barbara, CA 93110

This grant reimburses the County for the administrative costs of client enrollment and semi-annual recertification for ADAP. Although ADAP is currently administered by the PHD, it is not restricted to County patients only. Anyone in the community with an HIV/AIDS diagnosis that meets the eligibility requirements can participate and ADAP can supplement existing coverage such as private insurance, Medi-Cal, and Medicare Part D. ADAP has a formulary specific to the care and treatment of those infected with HIV or AIDS and offers free or reduced costs for these medications. Antiretroviral medications which are covered by ADAP are otherwise cost prohibitive for many clients. ADAP also provides assistance with high cost diagnostic testing. Currently, 203 drugs are available through ADAP, and there are over 6,000 participating pharmacies statewide where ADAP participants can access these drugs.

The County has received ADAP funding through these standard annual agreements since the 1990s. The current funding method is a reimbursement for time spent enrolling and recertifying clients in to the ADAP. Invoices to the state include timecard data and indirect costs. This new three year cycle is replacing that method to a fee-for-service reimbursement method using these categories:

New ADAP Medication Program Enrollment	\$ 50
New ADAP Insurance Assistance Program Enrollment	\$ 100
ADAP Bi-Annual Recertification	\$ 20
ADAP Annual Re-Enrollment	\$ 50
Covered California Open Enrollment	\$ 50
ADAP Client Updates	\$ 20

The state began a contract on July 1, 2016 with an ADAP Enrollment Benefits Management company called Magellan. Magellan will reimburse the County quarterly based on the count of services performed in the categories in the chart above. Public Health staff currently uses a state database to report enrollments. There will be no additional staff time spent because of this change in reimbursement method.

Performance Measure:

The PHD will provide ADAP enrollment services that include both ADAP’s Medication Program and Health Insurance Assistance Programs. Performance measures include, but are not limited to: maintaining and tracking enrollment site contact information, ensuring required technology and equipment standards are met, ensuring quality and conduct standards are met, and ensuring enrollment

workers are compliant with training requirements. ADAP Eligibility Workers (EWs) and Enrollment Sites are held to quality standards. EWs are required to maintain an ADAP enrollment performance level of at least 95 percent accuracy for ADAP eligibility documentation and enrollment. Enrollment Sites are required to maintain a minimum performance level of 90 percent. California Department of Public Health/Office of AIDS/ADAP (CDPH/OA/ADAP) will conduct secondary review on all ADAP applications. Applications with errors will be considered defective and will count against the performance level of the ADAP EW/Enrollment Site. ADAP EW/Enrollment Site quality will be factored by dividing the number of defective applications by the total number of applications processed. CDPH/OA/ADAP will monitor performance levels for the first year and provide performance reports and technical assistance. If after the first quarter following the initial one year monitoring period, an ADAP EW(s)/Enrollment Site has an error rate that exceeds the quality standard, the Site Contact must submit a Corrective Action Plan to the ADAP Advisor for approval. If an ADAP EW(s)/ Enrollment Site remains deficient for a second consecutive quarter, CDPH/OA/ADAP may suspend the Enrollment Worker for defective ADAP applications processed during the quarter.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Authorizing the Public Health Director to sign the three year agreement for ADAP will allow for the continuation of the grant. The grant is now fee-for-service. In FY 2015-2016, there were 166 enrollments for the Santa Maria and Santa Barbara enrollment sites. Using the highest and lowest reimbursement rates in the new categories, at the FY 2015-2016 enrollment volume, the estimated reimbursement would be between \$3,320 and \$16,600.

As all necessary appropriation for the eligibility processing and reimbursement is currently budgeted, no budget revision request is necessary.

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please return a certified Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at phdcu@sbcphd.org.

Attachments:

- A. Standard Agreement #16-10421 with California Department of Public Health

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