



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 21, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Office
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: **First 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: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

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

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a First 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017 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 First Amendment to the Agreement for MAA 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 MAA program for Santa Barbara County. PHD has performed lead agency duties for the MAA program for Santa Barbara County since its inception. Any agency participating in the MAA program in Santa Barbara County must go through PHD and claim for MAA under the Agreement PHD has with DHCS.

For the purposes of this Agreement, the County Office of Education is considered a subrecipient of a federal award (CFDA 93.778) subject to requirements under the Code of Federal regulations, Title 45, Part 75.

Background:

Health Linkages conducted MAA through PHD’s Agreement with DHCS (this option is called the Local Governmental Agency or LGA) for 9 months during fiscal year 2015-16. Any agency participating in MAA 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 MAA costs in order for PHD to prepare the quarterly claims. Health Linkages continues to demonstrate that they have in place the necessary elements for successful MAA 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.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Execution of this Agreement will not increase the use of General Fund dollars by the PHD. The MAA funds are reimbursements made by the State for the County Office of Education Health Linkages program passed through the PHD and are estimated at \$400,000 per fiscal year. PHD will retain a ten percent (10%) fee to cover the cost of administering the MAA 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 \$40,000 per year for the 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 as a subrecipient from any federal audit disallowance and interest resulting from payments made by the federal Medicaid program as reimbursement for claims for providing MAA 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:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) originals of the Agreement for MAA 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. First Amendment to the County Office of Education Health Linkages Agreement
- B. County Office of Education Health Linkages Agreement

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