



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:** April 6, 2021  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD,  
Director(s) Public Health Department  
Contact Info: Amber Bermond, CMAA Coordinator, 681-4953  
**SUBJECT:** **First Amendment to the County-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Grant Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services**

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**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 an agreement for County-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities with the California Department of Health Care Services as follows:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department Director, or designee, to sign the First Amendment to the Agreement 19-96021 and any associated certifications with the California Department of Health Care Services for County-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities. This First Amendment increases funding by \$1,000,000 for a total revenue amount of \$4,000,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022; and
- b) Determine that the recommended action is not a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended action is a government fiscal activity which does not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the administrative agenda to execute a First Amendment to the grant agreement for County-based Medi-Cal Administration Activities (CMAA) with the State of California's Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). This First Amendment increases the grant Agreement amount by \$1,000,000 for a total amount of \$4,000,000 (Attachment A).

**Background:**

The administrative purpose of the CMAA Agreement is a technical requirement which permits the County to claim monies for services which are generally required to be carried out in the course of other Public Health Department (PHD) service requirements or mandates. These services include activities such as Medi-Cal Outreach to bring eligible individuals into Medi-Cal covered services through referral, coordination, and the facilitation of Medi-Cal applications. It can also include program planning and policy development for Medi-Cal services, particularly when performed by skilled professional medical personnel. The Agreement permits the County to access Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for services the State of California has chosen not to match through categorical appropriated funds.

This current Agreement is for the three-year period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. With this amendment, Annual allocations will be as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
19-20	\$1,000,000
20-21	\$1,000,000
21-22	\$2,000,000
<b>Total Agreement</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>

Approval of this Agreement does not alter programs or service levels. CMAA programs, for which FFP is claimed through this Agreement, operate under various mandates (Title 42, USC, Section 1396 et seq. and Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code, Division 9, Part 3, Chapter 7, commencing with Section 14000) and service level requirements in the PHD.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes, in part

**Fiscal Analysis:**

FY 2019-20 revenues for CMAA were received by PHD in the amount of \$1,000,000. CMAA revenues were incorporated in the FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget at \$938,000 and in the FY 2021-22 Requested Budget at \$957,000. Due to an anticipated decrease in COVID-related expenditures which will result in higher CMAA claiming, PHD believes that CMAA claiming for FY 2021-22 will be greater than the amounts previously budgeted, prompting this contract amendment. We will return to your Board during FY 2021-22 with a budget revision once more information regarding CMAA claiming for FY 2021-22 is known.

This recommended action does not alter requirements for facilities in any way.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send an electronic copy of the Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at [PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org](mailto:PHDRES.ContractsUnit@sbcphd.org)

**Attachments:**

- A. First Amendment to the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program, Agreement 19-96021
- B. Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program, Agreement 19-96021

**Authored by:**

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