



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 6, 2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Mouhanad Hammami, Director  
Director(s) Public Health Department  
Contact Info: Jeff Brown, CMAA Alternate Coordinator, 805-681-5186  
**SUBJECT:** County-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Participation Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Public Health Department Director, or designee, to execute the County of Santa Barbara Local Governmental Agency County-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (CMAA) Program Participation Agreement and any associated certifications with the California Department of Health Care Services for CMAA services, with an effective date of July 1, 2022 until terminated. Execution of this Participation Agreement will replace and terminate the existing Grant Agreement 22-20022 in the amount of \$4,000,000 with a term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025; 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 fiscal impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the administrative agenda to execute a participation agreement for County-based Medi-Cal Administration Activities (CMAA) with the State of California's Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). This Participation Agreement (PA) establishes the responsibilities and mutual objectives of both Santa Barbara County and DHCS relating to the provision of CMAA services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Execution of this PA is effective July 1, 2022 until terminated and no longer sets forth a maximum amount because it is a reimbursement mechanism allowing the County to seek reimbursement

for all CMAA services without limitation. This PA will replace and terminate the existing Grant Agreement 22-20022 in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

**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.

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.

**Performance Measure:**

N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

Revenues for CMAA were incorporated in the FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget for a total of \$1,222,000, and in the FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget for a total of \$1,054,000. Revenue for FY 2024-25 and ongoing will be included in future Recommended budgets. This PA has no maximum dollar amount to allow for the ability to “grow” the CMAA program. This recommended action does not alter requirements for facilities in any way.

**Key Contract Risks:**

This PA does not specify a dollar amount or end date. Either party may terminate the PA without cause with 30 day written notice.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:**

Please execute one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit at [MFitzwilliamFigueroa@sbcphd.org](mailto:MFitzwilliamFigueroa@sbcphd.org) when available for pick up.

**Attachments:**

- A. County-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program Participation Agreement
- B. County-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program, Agreement 22-20022

**Authored by:**

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