

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**

**Prepared on:** 5/5/2003  
**Department:** Public Health Department  
**Budget Unit:** 041  
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**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Roger E. Heroux, Director  
Public Health Department

**STAFF CONTACT:** Susan Lindman, ext. 5452  
Chronic Disease and Aging

**SUBJECT:** Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) Contract MS-0304-15

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Execute an Agreement between the California Department of Aging and the County of Santa Barbara, Public Health Department (PHD) for the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) for Fiscal Year 03/04 in the amount of \$683,634.
- B. Sign Certification to legally bind the PHD to the clauses: Statement of Compliance; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; National Labor Relations Board Certification; Union Organizing; Conflict of Interest; and, Corporate Qualifications to do Business in California.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with:

Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit;  
Goal No. 5. A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

The Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) provides both social and health case management for frail elderly clients who are: sixty-five (65) years or older, Medi-Cal recipients, certifiable for placement in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), and who wish to remain in their own living environments. This program is a cost-effective alternative to the high cost of long-term institutional care. Cost effectiveness is defined as the program's ability to provide community-based care for clients which is below 95% of the average monthly public cost of an SNF or an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF). Case Management activities include

identification and coordination of existing services for the MSSP clients, as well as the ability to purchase additional services which enable the individual to remain at home. Purchased services may include, but is not limited to, respite for caregivers, in-home assistance on weekends, escort transportation to medical appointments, home delivered meals, purchase of emergency response systems, and minor home repairs or maintenance.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

This is a non-mandated program. Acceptance of the MSSP Agreement obligates the County to comply with the applicable statutes: Home and Community-Based Waiver Program, Section 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act. The MSSP program was established by Chapter 1434, Statutes of 1982. Additionally, Chapter 1318, Statutes of 1989, authorized the program to remain in effect so long as a federal waiver has been granted. The proposed FY 2003/2004 State budget reduces Medi-Cal spending by fifteen percent (15%) and includes MSSP in those reductions. Therefore, the service level in Santa Barbara County may be reduced from two hundred (200) to approximately one hundred seventy-one (171) frail elderly residents per month.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There is no projected use of general fund dollars for this program. This is a revenue agreement that allows the County of Santa Barbara to draw funds from the State of California for services to this target population. The California Department of Aging will reimburse the County of Santa Barbara \$683,634 for the costs of this program for Fiscal Year 03/04. This agreement provides for reimbursement of 15% of salaries and benefits (\$63,827) for indirect costs. Since the Public Health Departmental indirect cost rate is currently 17.09% of all expenditures, it is anticipated that the uncovered amount of the indirect costs (\$53,000) will be recovered by participation in the Targeted Case Management (TCM) program for the Medi-Cal client population. Funding for this program is included as part as the Recommended Fiscal Year 03/04 Public Health Department Budget.

This Agreement will not result in any additional need for facilities.

**Special Instructions:**

Call Susan Lindman at extension 5452 to pick up the four (4) original signed Standard Agreements, four (4) Certified Minute Orders referencing the agreement number MS-0304-15, and the original signed Certification.

**Concurrence:**

Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
Risk Management