



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: December 9, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, MPH, Director and Health Officer, Public
Director(s) Health Department
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SUBJECT: CenCal Health Medi-Cal Physician Services Provider Agreement Second
Amendment

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider recommendations regarding an amendment to the Medi-Cal Physician Services Provider Agreement with CenCal Health as follows:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Second Amendment to the Physician Services Provider Agreement, Federally Qualified Health Center with CenCal Health to revise fees and to add behavioral health service codes for Public Health Department healthcare services rendered to Medi-Cal members who are the responsibility of CenCal Health.
- b) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do 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 Agenda for execution of a Second Amendment to the Provider Agreement between CenCal Health and the County. CenCal Health Systems is authorized as the local Medi-Cal fiscal intermediary for Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. This Second Amendment replaces Exhibit A, Attachment A-2, Section 1-A, Payment Addendum to establish new capitation rates for CenCal patients paid to the Public Health Department (PHD) and adds Exhibit A, Attachment A-1, Mental Health Providers Addendum to establish new service rates for PHD behavioral health services.

Background:

The State of California recently amended the Welfare and Institutions Code to provide that Medi-Cal beneficiaries shall receive mental health benefits not provided by the county Mental Health plans as Specialty Mental Health Services when medically necessary. The Public Health Department is in the process of establishing these mental health services as part of its Primary Care Program for CenCal members. These services will be for patients with mild to moderate mental health needs while those with more acute or severe needs will continue to be referred to Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services for care.

In addition, CenCal Health has recently researched and realigned its reimbursement rates for medical services for its members for Federally Qualified Health Centers. This realignment of rates is designed to be cost-neutral to CenCal and revenue neutral to their Providers.

Approval by your Board will amend the current Agreement to replace Exhibit A, Attachment A-2, Section 1-A to incorporate these more favorable rates and adds a new Exhibit A, Attachment A-1 Mental Health Providers Addendum to establish the capitation rates for CenCal Members for mental health services effective November 1, 2014.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

This amendment is designed to be revenue-neutral for the Public Health Department, so no Fiscal impact is anticipated beyond what capitation revenue is contained in the Department's FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget from CenCal Health.

Staffing Impacts:

There are no impacts as a result of this action.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Second Amendments to the CenCal FQHC Medi-Cal Physician Services Provider Agreement 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:

Second Amendment to CenCal FQHC Medi-Cal Physician Services Provider Agreement

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