



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 13, 2016  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Takashi M. Wada, Director and Health Officer, Public Health  
Director: Department  
Contact Info: Dana Gamble, Assistant Deputy Director. 681-5171  
**SUBJECT:** CenCal Health Medi-Cal Physician Services Provider Agreement Sixth Amendment

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

Approved: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following:

- a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair to execute a Sixth Amendment to the Physician Services Provider Agreement, Federally Qualified Health Center with CenCal Health (Attachment A) to accept changes to the administration of the Children's Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Claims processing and payment whereas, effective July 1, 2016, CenCal Health became responsible for the processing and payment of Claims for CHDP services.
- b) Determine that this action is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per 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 Agenda for execution of a Sixth Amendment to the Provider Agreement between CenCal Health and the County (Attachment A). CenCal Health Systems is authorized as the local Medi-Cal fiscal intermediary for Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. The State of California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) compensates providers for services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries under the CHDP Program and this Sixth Amendment ratifies a DHCS approved change to the process by which CHDP claims are now billed and processed by CenCal Health rather than by DHCS.

**Background:**

*Health and Safety Code*, Section 124025, *et seq.*, established the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program. When the CHDP program was implemented in 1973, its primary purpose was to implement Federal Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening mandates in California. Over the years, the program has expanded to assure that all low-income children and youth in California have access to preventive health care services. The program has been financed by State funds, drawing from the General Fund and Tobacco Settlement Fund, to provide non-Medi-Cal eligible children and youth younger than 19 years of age with the same services as those available to Medi-Cal recipients younger than 21 years of age.

Annually, approximately 1.1 million children and youth have received State-funded CHDP health assessments and over two million immunizations. Effective July 2003 the CHDP program is a “Gateway” maximizing the enrollment of uninsured children and youth in Medi-Cal. Many of the children and youth served otherwise would not have been eligible for, or enrolled in, other health care.

Santa Barbara County was the only remaining county adjudicating CHDP claims through the State rather than through the local Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan. CenCal Health requested from DHCS and was granted the ability to bill and process CHDP claims effective July 1, 2016. In so doing this gives greater local control over reimbursement and serves to enhance the satisfaction of the CHDP provider network thereby ensuring access to quality health care by the children enrolled in the CHDP program.

Beginning in July 2013 and culminating in May 2016 CenCal Health requested and received approval from DHCS the ability to administer payment for CHDP services commencing on July 1, 2016. CenCal Health has administered payment for CHDP services since July 1, 2016. This amendment memorializes this change.

**Performance Measure:**

N/A

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: N/A

**Fiscal Analysis:**

There are no Fiscal Impacts as a result of this change as only the payer has changed, the reimbursement remains the same.

**Key Contract Risks**

N/A

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:**

Please execute two (2) original Agreements with CenCal Health and retain one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit at [phdcu@sbcphd.org](mailto:phdcu@sbcphd.org).when available for pick up.

**Attachments:**

- A. CenCal Health Medi-Cal Providers Agreement Sixth Amendment
- B. CenCal Health Medi-Cal Providers Agreement Fifth Amendment
- C. CenCal Health Medi-Cal Providers Agreement Fourth Amendment
- D. CenCal Health Medi-Cal Providers Agreement Third Amendment
- E. CenCal Health Medi-Cal Providers Agreement Second Amendment
- F. CenCal Health Medi-Cal Providers Agreement First Amendment
- G. CenCal Health Medi-Cal Providers Agreement

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