

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) Contract MS-0405-15 Amendment Number 1

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and execute Agreement MS-0405-15, Amendment Number 1 between the California Department of Aging (CDA) and the County of Santa Barbara, Public Health Department (PHD) for the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) for Fiscal Year 04-05 that restores the contract amount from \$683,634 to \$799,930.

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 Public Health Department has provided the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP), a comprehensive care management program for frail elderly clients since 1984. These clients are seniors who meet the following criteria:

- sixty-five (65) years or older
- Medi-Cal recipients
- certifiable for placement in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)
- who wish to remain in their own living environments.

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This program is a cost-effective alternative to the high cost of long-term institutional care. Care Management activities include identification and coordination of existing services for the MSSP clients, as well as the ability to purchase additional services that enable the individual to remain at home. Purchased services may include, but are 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.

In May 2004, the MSSP funding for Fiscal Year 04-05 was reduced as a result of a proposed 15% cut in the Medi-Cal Program. As a result of this cut, the MSSP service level was reduced to a minimum of 171 clients per month. A Board letter reflecting these service levels and funding reductions was executed on June 22, 2004. In the Board letter of June 22, 2004, it was stated that an amendment to the contract was anticipated that would restore the contract to full funding. The Public Health Department has received a contract amendment from the California Department of Aging (CDA) that restores funding. The restored funding allows for the program services to be maintained without a reduction in the number of clients served.

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. In April 2004, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare re-authorized the MSSP waiver for an additional five years, through June 30, 2009. The service level in Santa Barbara County will remain at 200 frail elderly residents per month for the current fiscal year.

This contract is being sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval because the California Department of Aging (CDA) requires Board approval that references the contract number.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This contract amendment with the California Department of Aging, restoring the contract total to \$799,930, allows the County of Santa Barbara to draw revenues from the State of California for services provided by the Multipurpose Senior Services program. The amount is included as part of the adopted Public Health Department Fiscal Year 04-05 budget. The allotment is included on the Chronic Disease and Aging cost center of the Community Health division shown on page D-192 of the budget. There is no increase in the use of County's General Fund resources as a result of executing this agreement.

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

Special Instructions:

Please return four (4) original signed Standard Agreements, four (4) Certified Minute Orders referencing the agreement number **MS-0405-15 Amendment Number 1**, and the original signed Certification to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 **Attn: Margaret Granger (805) 681 5367**.

Concurrence:

None required.