



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: July 17, 2018  
Placement: Administrative  
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Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
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**SUBJECT:** California Children's Services Whole Child Model MOU with CenCal Health

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors considers recommendations as follows:

- a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Health Department and CenCal Health to implement a Whole-Child Model in Santa Barbara County as mandated by Senate Bill 586;
- b) Approve and authorize the Public Health Director to execute the Memorandum of Understanding; and
- c) Determine that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because the actions consist of the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involved any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Public Health Department (PHD) Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with CenCal Health to incorporate Senate Bill (SB) 586 mandates and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) guidelines for the Whole Child Model (WCM) program's integration into the California Children's Services (CCS) Program. The WCM is a new way for children who are CenCal Health Members that in the CCS program to be eligible for additional comprehensive case management services from a single source. Medi-Cal eligible children in the CCS program already receive many non-CCS services through CenCal Health. The WCM model

will allow children to now receive all CCS-related case management services from CenCal Health, instead of from the County CCS program. Thus, CenCal Health will case manage the "whole child" to ensure that CCS children receive approved primary and specialty services, hospital visits, some mental health services, and other non-CCS related services that the child may need.

CCS covered children not enrolled in CenCal will continue to be case-managed by the County CCS Program. The CCS program will continue to provide financial, residential, and medical eligibility determination services for all CCS children and referrals.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is required under Welfare and Institutions Code section 14094.9 and DHCS Numbered Letter 04-0618 and specifies the division of responsibility and duties between PHD and CenCal Health.

**Background:**

The CCS Program provides diagnostic and treatment services, medical case management, and physical and occupational therapy services to children under age 21 with CCS-eligible medical conditions. The CCS Program is administered as a partnership between county health departments, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), and some County Organized Health Systems (COHS) health plans such as CenCal Health.

Health and Safety Code, Section 123800 et seq. is the enabling statute for the CCS Program. The explicit legislative intent of the CCS Program is to provide medically necessary services for children with CCS-eligible conditions. The statute also requires that DHCS and the county CCS Programs seek eligible children by cooperating with local public or private agencies and providers of medical care to enroll eligible children.

Senate Bill (SB) 586 Chapter 625 Statute of 2016 authorizes DHCS to establish the WCM in all COHS counties, except Ventura County, to incorporate CCS covered services for the Medi-Cal eligible CCS children and youth into a Medi-Cal managed care health plan (MCP) contract. Under the WCM, some CCS administrative functions that are currently the responsibility of the county CCS Programs will move to the WCM MCP.

The purpose of this MOU between Santa Barbara County and CenCal Health is to identify each party's responsibilities and obligations to each other in accordance with and based on Health and Safety Code, Section 123800 et seq., statutory requirements related to administration of the CCS Program by the local county CCS programs and CenCal Health's respective contract with DHCS. This MOU explains how the Santa Barbara County and CenCal Health shall coordinate care, conduct administrative activities and information exchange activities required for the effective and seamless delivery of services to CCS WCM beneficiaries.

The CCS Program will retain all administrative responsibilities of case management, care coordination, provider referral, and service authorization functions of the CCS Program as it pertains to CCS State-only children or children not actively enrolled in a COHS plan.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

While there is no fiscal impact associated with this MOU, the Public Health Department's Adopted FY 2018-19 Budget has taken into consideration the impacts of the Whole Child Model and resulting reduction of expenditures and revenues related to the CCS Medi-Cal population.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order to the PHD Contracts Unit at [phdcu@sbcphd.org](mailto:phdcu@sbcphd.org).

**Attachments:**

- A. CCS Whole Child Model MOU between the Public Health Department and CenCal Health

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