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SUBJECT: Various Actions Related to County-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities and Targeted Case Management

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consider recommendations relating to County-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) and Targeted Case Management (TCM).

Possible action:

- a. Approve delegation of authority to Public Health Administrator, or designee, to approve agreement with California Department of Health Care Services relating to providing Medi-Cal Administrative Activities in an amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 for period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of

authority shall expire on June 30, 2012.

- b. Adopt Resolution delegating authority to Public Health Administrator, or designee, to negotiate and execute contracts and contract amendments with community based organizations for the purpose of implementing MAA and TCM within Santa Clara County for period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on June 30, 2012. (Roll Call Vote)

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of this action. The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Agreement, inclusive of revenues generated by participating community-based organizations, allows for reimbursement to publicly funded agencies throughout Santa Clara County who participate in Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA). The Public Health Department levies an administrative fee on revenues generated by participating organizations to offset costs of the technical assistance provided. Revenues from these fees are included in the FY10 Public Health Department budget, subject to Board approval.

CONTRACT HISTORY

The Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) and Targeted Case Management (TCM) programs became effective on July 1, 1995 through the passage of SB910.

MAA Agreement. Santa Clara County has maintained a contract with the California Department of Health Care Services for the provision of MAA since 1996. Santa Clara County is the Local Government Agency (LGA) solely responsible for interfacing with the DHCS and the Federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) for implementation of MAA.

On December 14, 2004, the existing agreement with DHCS was approved by the Board of Supervisors for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2006. On March 26, 2006, the Board approved the first amendment to the agreement, increasing the allowable reimbursement and extending the term to June 30, 2009.

On June 3, 2008, the Board approved a new agreement at the request of DHCS, which differentiated funding for School-Based MAA and County-Based MAA. Furthermore, the Board adopted a corresponding resolution delegating authority to the Director of Public Health to negotiate and execute contracts and contract amendments with school districts for the purpose of implementing MAA within Santa Clara County for period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

TCM Agreement. On June 5, 2007, the Board approved the current agreement with DHCS for Medi-Cal TCM provider participation related to claiming Federal Financial Participation for TCM services. This agreement expires on June 30, 2012.

Community Based Organizations. On June 20, 2006, the Board approved a resolution delegating authority to the Director of Public Health to negotiate and execute contracts and contract amendments with the Council on Aging, community based organizations and school districts for the provision of MAA and TCM programs for period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2009. As discussed above, a separate delegation of authority is in place for school districts.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Santa Clara County is the Local Government Agency responsible for interfacing with DHCS for the implementation of both MAA and TCM.

MAA claimable activities include conducting outreach to bring people into Medi-Cal covered services; facilitating the Medi-Cal application process; program planning and policy development intended to close service gaps; and increasing system capacity for Medi-Cal covered services. TCM consists of case management services that assist Medi-Cal eligible individuals within specified targeted groups to gain access to needed medical, social, educational and other services.

These activities are recognized by the Federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services as worthwhile activities which ultimately have a positive effect on the health of the community at large and thus are eligible to receive a Federal Financial Participation.

Approval of the recommended actions will enable Santa Clara County and participating organizations to continue to claim for Federal Financial Participation (FFP) matching funds.

BACKGROUND

MAA claimable activities include actions taken to assist in the proper and efficient administration of the Medi-Cal Program by improving the availability and accessibility of Medi-Cal services to Medi-Cal eligible and potentially eligible individuals and their families. These activities include: Medi-Cal outreach, facilitating Medi-Cal applications, Medi-Cal non-emergency transportation, contracting for Medi-Cal Services, program planning and policy development, Medi-Cal administrative activities coordination, claims administration and training.

TCM service components include: needs assessment, setting of objectives related to needs, individual service planning, service scheduling, crisis assistance planning and periodic evaluation of service effectiveness. Case management services ensure that the changing needs of the Medi-Cal eligible person are addressed on an on-going basis and appropriate choices are provided among the widest array of options for meeting those needs.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve the recommended actions may impact Santa Clara County's ability to submit MAA and TCM claims for federal matching funds on behalf of the County and other participating community based organizations.

ATTACHMENTS

- DHCS Letter of Intent
- Resolution Delegating Authority for MAA/TCM