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SUBJECT: Agreement with Santa Clara County Office of Education Head Start Program for the Child Health Disability Prevention Program Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Agreement with Santa Clara County Office of Education Head Start Program relating to providing referrals for Child Health Disability Prevention Program services for period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact on the General Fund. This Agreement does not involve monetary compensation.

CONTRACT HISTORY

The County Office of Education and the Public Health Department (PHD) have worked collaboratively to expedite referrals for comprehensive health/dental exams for children enrolled in the Head Start Program since 2006. This is the first formal agreement.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Child Health Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program provides health assessments and preventive health services to Medi-Cal recipients from birth to age 20. Children enrolled in Head Start and State Preschool programs are eligible for CHDP health assessments. The health assessment services include, but are not limited to, health and developmental screening, a complete physical exam, an oral health assessment, immunizations, vision and hearing screening, and screening for anemia and lead exposure.

Health assessments are provided by private physicians, community clinics, managed care plans and some local school districts. CHDP providers bill Medi-Cal for reimbursement of these services/assessments. At the time of assessment, CHDP providers also make referrals to other services, including Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), preventive and/or restorative oral health care, and medical providers as necessary.

The CHDP Program provides technical assistance and consultation to registered providers regarding billing, CHDP standards, health assessment guidelines, and referrals to community agencies and resources.

In order to expedite referrals for comprehensive health and dental exams, the CHDP Program will provide the following information to Head Start:

- Updated listings of CHDP medical providers
- Updated listings of dentists and optometrists who accept Medi-Cal
- Current CHDP Informational Brochures
- Training and technical assistance to Head Start staff regarding CHDP guidelines, health insurance resources, and other community health resources as appropriate

A formal agreement between County Office of Education and the County of Santa Clara is a requirement of County Office of Education's funding for Head Start. The sole purpose of the agreement is to delineate the responsibilities of the two agencies with respect to facilitating CHDP health assessments for children enrolled in Head Start. The facilitation process is one of the components of the scope of work included in the agreement between PHD and California Department of Public Health for the CHDP Program.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve the recommended action may impact the County's ability to execute the requested agreement.

ATTACHMENTS

- COE Agreement w/SCC CHDP