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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Executive Office

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to Execute a Participation Agreement with the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS), to allow the County to participate in the Medi-Cal Inmate Program (MCIP) on an on-going basis (Evergreen basis)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: This agreement is to allow the County to opt-in or participate in the MCIP program and has no fiscal obligation. This program allows the County to benefit from Federal reimbursement for Medi-Cal eligible inmates who receive inpatient hospital services and thus saves money for the County. Since the program's inception in 2017, the County has saved approximately \$233,077 via federal Medi-Cal reimbursements through the second quarter of 2019-20. There will be a separate Administrative Agreement brought to the Board most likely in June, or when made available by the State, which will include the FY 20/21 administrative costs due to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for participation in the program.

BACKGROUND: The County is responsible for the cost of medical services provided to individuals incarcerated at jail facilities and the Juvenile Hall. Currently these services are largely provided through contract with CFMG. When an inmate needs inpatient treatment at a hospital or other medical facility, CFMG pays the first \$15,000, and the County directly pays any amounts above \$15,000.

A significant portion of this treatment is for inmates who meet the income requirements to be covered by Medi-Cal. However, Federal law prohibits claiming Medi-Cal funding for incarcerated and/or detained individuals, except for inpatient services rendered off the grounds of the incarceration institution.

In 2010 with AB 1628, California amended a statute to allow Medi-Cal claims for eligible treatment of inmates admitted to inpatient facilities.

It was not until December of 2016 that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) implemented the Medi-Cal Inmate Participation Program (MCIP), which is effective April 1, 2017. With the MCIP program, services for Medi-Cal eligible inmates will be billed to Department of Health Care Services and CMFG receives the federal portion of reimbursement for those services and does not bill the County for those services. As a result, costs are reduced for both the County and CFMG for Medi-Cal eligible inmate services.

The agreement changes the annual opt in program requirement for Counties to an Evergreen participation. The County previously opted into the Program with Resolution 17-062 for fiscal year 2016/17, Resolution 17-063 for fiscal year 2017/18, Resolution 18-179 for fiscal year 2018/19, and Resolution 19-490 for fiscal year 2019/20.

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