



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: 4/18/2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Shannan Moon, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator**

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute two related three-year Agreements (the Administrative and the Participation Agreements) with the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) that authorizes continued participation in the Medi-Cal Inmate Program (MCIP) and authorizes reimbursement amounts for fiscal years 23/24 through 25/26 in a total amount not to exceed \$9,613.64 as a condition of participation in MCIP.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: 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. The Participation Agreement affirms the County's continued participation in the MCIP program. The Administrative Agreement specifies the administrative cost to the County from program participation over the next three fiscal years for a total not to exceed amount of \$9,613.64 (FY 23/24 - \$2,961.31, FY 24/25 - \$3,198.21, FY 25/26 \$3,454.12). The expenditures in this agreement are within the department budget; no budget amendment is needed and there are no additional General Fund dollars required.

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

A significant portion of this treatment is for incarcerated persons 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 incarcerated persons are billed to Department of Health Care Services and CMFG/Wellpath 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/Wellpath for Medi-Cal eligible inmate services.

The County has been participating in this program since 2017. The Board of Supervisors last approved the Participation Agreement on May 26, 2020 via Resolution 20-187 and approved the Administrative Agreement on June 23, 2020 via Resolution 20-281.

The Administrative Agreement specifies the administrative costs to be paid or reimbursed by the County over the next three years in a total, not to exceed amount of \$9,613.64. The administrative costs are based on the non-federal share of DHCS costs to administer the program for participating counties and are \$2,961.31 for FY 23/24, \$3,198.21 for FY 24/25, and \$3,454.12 for FY 25/26.

Initiated by: Georgette Aronow
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