



## Health and Human Services Agency

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### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** December 16, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Ryan Gruver, Health & Human Services Agency Director

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Partnership HealthPlan of CA (PHC) with:

1. Nevada County Department of Social Services - Child Welfare Services (CWS)
2. Nevada County Department of Social Services - In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The PHC Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) do not include any financial commitments beyond the provision of already required services and have no impact on county general funds.

**BACKGROUND:** Beginning January 1, 2024, PHC became the official County Organized Health System (COHS) Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan for Nevada County. At that time, PHC assumed responsibility for service delivery and provider network management for Medi-Cal recipients in the county, replacing the prior managed care plans, Anthem Blue Cross and California Health and Wellness.

In alignment with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Managed Care Plan (MCP) Contract Exhibit A, Attachment III (Section 5.6), all Medi-Cal MCPs are required to execute legally binding MOUs with relevant third-party entities. These MOUs clarify roles and responsibilities, establish data-sharing agreements, support care coordination, and ensure transparency in the delivery of services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Together, these MOUs serve to:

- Define Care Coordination Responsibilities: Clarify how PHC (as the Medi-Cal MCP) and

Nevada County departments deliver and coordinate care.

- Ensure Allowable Data Sharing: Establish what member data is exchanged, how, and under what privacy statutes.
- Provide Mechanisms for Quality Oversight: Include quarterly meetings between designated liaisons, continuous evaluation of coordination quality, and avenues for resolving disputes locally or through DHCS.
- Ensure Accountability & Transparency: Both parties post executed MOUs on their websites, retain related records for audit for at least 10 years, and support public reporting under DHCS and MCP contract requirements.

The MOUs have been reviewed by department subject matter experts and incorporate revisions to ensure alignment with local needs and practices. Additionally, at the County's request, the agreements are set to expire on December 31, 2028, providing a defined opportunity to reassess and update the terms based on program performance and evolving service needs.

**Approved by:** Ryan Gruver, Health & Human Services Agency Director