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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of the Memorandum of Understanding with Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc. (Anthem) payment through the CalAIM Incentive Program (IPP) for the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) program in the maximum amount of \$72,212.74 for the service period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 to be paid in one lump sum upon execution of this MOU.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The funding is from Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc. and its affiliate Anthem made available by the California Department of Health Care Services. Nevada County has been awarded a second round of funding in the amount of \$72,212.74 through the CalAIM Incentive Program (IPP) to support implementation of an Enhanced Care Management team. There are not county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND:

CalAIM is a multi-year California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) initiative to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of the Medi-Cal managed care population through the implementation of broad delivery system, program, and payment reforms across the Medi-Cal program. Enhanced Care Management (ECM) is a team-based, in-person care management and care coordination benefit delivered by a network of primary care and community-based entities. To support and expand upon ECM and Community Supports programs, DHCS has implemented the CalAIM Incentive Payment Program (IPP). Through this program, Managed Care Plans provide funding to qualified provider organizations to help ECM build the capacity to operate efficiently and provide quality services to Medi-Cal members.

On January 10, 2023, per Resolution 23-004, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc. (Anthem) in order for Nevada County to receive payment for the first round of funding offered through the CalAIM Incentive Program (IPP) for services including infrastructure and startup support for the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) program in the amount of \$69,234.

Nevada County Behavioral Health was notified by Anthem in January 2024 that they were awarded additional funds through this second round of IPP payment disbursements. Anthem awarded round two funding in the amount of \$72,212.74 for the reporting period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 to be paid in one lump sum payment upon the execution of this MOU. This round of IPP funding will specifically support staffing costs to further the development of training and quality assurance measures for the ECM program.

It is recommended that the Board approve this MOU as it allows Nevada County Behavioral Health to more effectively provide Enhanced Care Management services to individuals experiencing homelessness with mental illness and/or substance use disorders.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Phebe Bell, MSW, Director of Behavioral Health