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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** April 23, 2024

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Kathy Cahill**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of an Amendment to the Agreement with Partnership HealthPlan of California to replace Attachments B and D to add in missing billing information and Public Health Clinic medical specialties under the current evergreen Agreement.(RES 23-572)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** By entering into this Agreement, the Public Health Department will be able to receive reimbursement from Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) when it provides Public Health Services to beneficiaries. Public Health would receive reimbursement from Partnership at the established rate. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** On December 5, 2023, per Resolution 23-572, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of a Health Care Services Agreement (“Agreement”) with Partnership HealthPlan of California for the provision of health care services and reimbursement of covered services provided to plan members.

The Nevada County Public Health Department provides mandated public health services to the community that help safeguard the health of our community. Examples of billable health care services include immunizations, family planning and pregnancy testing and counseling, and STD (sexually transmitted disease) testing and counseling. These services are eligible for reimbursement as described within the California Department of Health Care Services Medi-Cal rates. When recipients of these services are covered under private insurance carrier health plans, the carrier is required to contract with a provider to reimburse for services rendered. The purpose of this Agreement is to enable the Public Health Department to bill Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) for services rendered through the Public Health Department.

Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) is a non-profit community-based health care organization that currently contracts with the State to administer Medi-Cal benefits in 14 Northern California counties through local care providers. Beginning January 1, 2024, Medi-Cal recipients in ten additional Northern California counties are required to enroll in PHC as their primary managed care plan. The Nevada County Public Health Department is mandated by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to enter into an Agreement with PHC as the single managed healthcare plan of choice approved to serve Medi-Cal recipients in Nevada County and 23 other Northern California counties. On August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Nevada County began this process by passing and adopting an ordinance to join the existing PHC Commission.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve this Amendment that will replace Attachments B and D to add in missing billing information and Public Health Clinic medical specialties. No other changes are being made to the agreement.

**Item Initiated and Approved by: Kathy Cahill, MPH, Director of Public Health**