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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 14, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment Number One to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Health and Wellness Plan (CHWP) for coordination of services to add the following programs: Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Food Program (WIC), Family Planning, Immunizations, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD), and HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) Programs, effective December 10, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The Public Health Department receives reimbursement from California Health and Wellness Plan (CHWP) when it provides Family Planning, Immunizations and the diagnosis and treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases to plan beneficiaries. Public Health receives reimbursement from CHWP at the established Medi-Cal rate, and as such it conserves Realignment dollars that had previously been utilized to support such services. A budget amendment is not necessary and there are no county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: On December 10, 2013, the Board of Supervisors approved the MOU between the County and the California Health and Wellness Plan (CHWP) per Resolution No. 13-516. The proposed Resolution will amend the MOU to include additional services that are currently being provided by the Public Health Department.

The Public Health Department provides several public health services to the community. Some of these services, as noted above, 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 in order to reimburse for services rendered.

The CHWP was selected by the State of California as one of the two Medi-Cal Managed Care providers approved to serve Medi-Cal recipients in Nevada County. The Public Health Department must bill the Medi-Cal Managed Care providers since it is no longer able to bill Medi-Cal directly for reimbursement eligible services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

The purpose of this Amendment is to document both the responsibilities and reimbursement method between the Public Health Department and CHWP for the Family Planning, Immunizations, and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) services currently being rendered through the Public Health Department, as well as to document only the responsibilities between the Public Health Department and CHWP for Public Health Services pertaining to the Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Food Program (WIC), and HIV Programs.

It is recommended the Board approve this amendment as it will allow the Public Health Department to document additional services provided to CHWP clients in order to preserve the Public Health Department's Medi-Cal revenue for those services which are reimbursement eligible.

Item Initiated by: Cathy Cross

Approved by: Jill Blake, MPA, Director of Public Health