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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 11, 2016

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of 1) the Participating Provider Agreement with Anthem Blue Cross for reimbursement of covered services provided to Anthem members and 2) approving execution of the Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with Anthem Blue Cross for coordination of services with the Agreement term commencing from the date of execution by both Parties and remaining in effect until terminated pursuant to this Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: By entering into this Agreement, the Public Health Department will be able to receive reimbursement from Anthem Blue Cross (Anthem) when it provides Public Health Services to beneficiaries. Public Health would receive reimbursement from Anthem at the established rate, and as such it would be able to conserve Realignment dollars that had previously been utilized to support such services. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The Public Health Department provides mandated public health services to the community. 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 in order to reimburse for services rendered. The purpose of this Agreement is to enable the Public Health Department to bill Anthem for services rendered through the Public Health Department. Examples of billable services include immunizations, family planning and pregnancy testing and counseling, and STD (sexually transmitted disease) testing and counseling.

Anthem has been selected by the State of California as one of the two Medi-Cal managed care plans approved to serve Medi-Cal recipients in Nevada County. Since November 1, 2013, Medi-Cal

recipients have been required to enroll in Anthem, or the other Medi-Cal managed care plan which is the California Health and Wellness Plan. The Public Health Department must bill the Medi-Cal Managed Care providers since it is no longer able to bill Medi-Cal directly for services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Approval of this Agreement and MOUs will allow Public Health to enter into an Agreement with Anthem Blue Cross in order to receive reimbursement for mandated services that are already being provided and have no other options for reimbursement.

Item Initiated by: Cathy Cross

Approved by: Jill Blake, Director of Public Health