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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 24, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Ryan Gruver

SUBJECT: An Amendment to the Ordinance that authorized County of Nevada to join Partnership HealthPlan of California

RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and adopt amendment to the Ordinance which authorized County of Nevada to join Partnership HealthPlan of California.

FUNDING: This Ordinance has no fiscal provisions, and no impact to the General Fund.

BACKGROUND:

In August of 2019, the State Auditor released a report entitled "Department of Health Care Services: It Has Not Ensured That Medi-Cal Beneficiaries in Some Rural Counties Have Reasonable Access to Care" that found several shortcomings in the provision of healthcare services to Medi-Cal recipients in rural counties and recommending that the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) assist counties in transitioning to the County Organized Health System (COHS) model. The COHS model is generally regarded as offering counties the greatest amount of local control, with counties being directly responsible for governance of their respective plans, either alone or in combination with other counties.

On August 24, 2021, Article 11 of Chapter II of the Nevada County Administrative Code was replaced in its entirety to authorize the County of Nevada to transition to a COHS model administered by Partnership HealthPlan of California. This will allow the implementation of a COHS in Nevada County as authorized by Welfare and Institutions Code section 14087.54, a transition that will take place on January 1, 2024. The next step in the process is to pass an Amended Ordinance to include language for the appointment of a member from the County of Nevada to the Partnership HealthCare Plan of California Commission. This is a multi-county board comprised of commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors of each member county. Provisions of the Amended Ordinance include authorization, appointee recommendations, term of office, and powers and duties of the Commission.

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