



## COUNTY OF NEVADA COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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### NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** May 8, 2018

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** County Executive Office

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute an agreement with the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS), allowing the County to participate in the Medi-Cal Inmate Participation Program (MCIP) for Fiscal Year 2018/19.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the resolution.

**FUNDING:** This agreement requires the county to pay administrative costs to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), with the amount for 2018/19 estimated at \$2,645. Under this agreement, DHCS would bill the Federal Government to cover eligible inmate inpatient treatment at around 90% of cost, with the County responsible for the remaining share. The estimated county share for the fiscal year is \$5,000. The expenditures in this agreement are within the department budget, and no budget amendment is needed.

**BACKGROUND:** The County is responsible for the cost of inmate medical services provided to individuals incarcerated at jail facilities and the Juvenile Hall. Currently these services are largely provided through contract with the California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG). When an inmate needs inpatient treatment at a hospital or other medical facility, CFMG pays the first \$15,000, and the County directly pays any amounts above \$15,000.

A significant portion of this treatment is for inmates who meet the income requirements to be covered by Medi-Cal. However, Federal law prohibits the claiming Medi-Cal funding for incarcerated individuals, except for inpatient services rendered off the grounds of the incarceration institution.

In 2010 with AB 1628, California amended statute to allow Medi-Cal claiming for eligible treatment of inmates admitted to inpatient facilities.

It was not until December of 2016 that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) implemented the Medi-Cal Inmate Participation program (MCIP), which is effective April 1, 2017. To participate, Counties are required to enter into agreements with DHCS. The agreement before the Board requires counties to pay a relatively minor portion of state administrative costs, estimated at \$2,644.14 for 2018/19. The program allows Medi-Cal funding to be used to cover inpatient medical expenses that are currently the responsibility of the County. This program will result in savings to the County after admin costs.

The program requires counties to annually opt into the program. The county previously opted in to the program with Resolution 17-062 for fiscal year 2016/17 and Resolution 17-063 for fiscal year 2017/18.

Initiated by: Elise Strickler, Management Analyst I

Approved by: Richard A. Haffey, County Executive Officer