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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** September 9, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Kathy Cahill, Public Health Director

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of an Agreement with Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) allowing the Nevada County Public Health Department to receive reimbursement for Community Health Worker (CHW) services provided to Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan members, with the agreement automatically renewing at one-year intervals until terminated by either party.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

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

### **BACKGROUND:**

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is a Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) initiative to transform the Medi-Cal delivery system. Community Health Workers (CHW) can advance the CalAIM initiative's efforts to provide equitable health care through culturally competent services and further promote the Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan's (MCP) contractual obligations to meet DHCS' broader Population Health Management standards. The CHW benefit is administered by each county's MCP; PHC is the MCP for Nevada County.

Per State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0001, CHW services are preventive health services as defined in Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 440.130(c). CHW services may assist with a variety of concerns impacting MCP Members, including but not limited to, the control and prevention of chronic conditions or infectious diseases, behavioral health conditions, and need for preventive services. Additionally, CHW services can help Members receive appropriate services related to perinatal care, preventive care, sexual and reproductive health,

environmental and climate-sensitive health issues, oral health, aging, injury, and domestic violence and other violence prevention services. CHWs tend to be members of the community they serve and using their community connection and engagement, can link Members to health and social services to improve the overall quality of services delivered. CHWs may include individuals known by a variety of job titles, such as Promotoras, community health representatives, navigators, and other non-licensed public health workers.

NCPH staff are already linking MCP members to follow up medical care for physical, mental, and oral health that falls under the definition of billable CHW services. The purpose of this Agreement is to enable the NCPH to bill PHC for these services.

It is recommended that the Board approve this agreement as it allows for the NCPH to receive reimbursement for preventative services already being provided to vulnerable county MCP members to prevent disease, disability, and other health conditions; prolong life; and promote physical and mental health.

**Approved by:** Kathy Cahill, Public Health Director