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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 22, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alison Lehman

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment 1 (addendum) to the

evergreen Participation Agreement with the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) for the Medi-Cal Inmate Participation Program (MCIP) and which attests to Nevada County's compliance with state and federal requirements regarding accommodations for requests for alternative format information from inmates as well as compliance the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (RES 20-187).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the resolution.

<u>FUNDING</u>: There is no funding associated with this amendment/addendum to the Participation Agreement.

BACKGROUND: On May 26, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 20-187 that allowed the County to participate in the Medi-Cal Inmate Participation Program (MCIP) via an evergreen agreement (20-MCIPNevada-29). Amendment 1 will add an addendum to the agreement, which is an attestation that Nevada County is in compliance with the Americans For Disabilities Act (ADA) and other federal and state requirements. In particular, the State wishes to affirm that electronic and printed documents intended as public communications are produced to ensure that visually-impaired, hearing-impaired, and other special needs audiences are provided assistance in making informed choices. These formats include, but are not limited to, braille, large font, and audio. Nevada County has historically provided such accommodations as needed or as requested and will continue to do so.

In general, the MCIP Program allows Medi-Cal claiming for eligible treatment of inmates admitted to inpatient facilities and is facilitated by the California Department of Healthcare

Services (DHCS). The County has been participating in this Program since 2016, when it became available due to changes in federal law regarding Medi-Cal funding.

Participation in this Program has resulted in savings to the County as the State can claim Medi-Cal reimbursement from the federal government for inpatient costs for eligible inmates on the County's behalf. Previously, the County was responsible for covering these costs.

Initiated by: Georgette Aronow, Sr. Management Analyst Approved by: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer