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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jill Blake

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of the Participation Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services (CDHCS) to perform local Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) for Medi-Cal eligible and potentially eligible members of the community effective July 1, 2020 and ongoing until terminated by either party.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The MAA program was designed by the federal government and through the passage of SB 910 adopted by the State. The program allows the County to claim Title XIX Federal Financial Participation (FFP) funds for administrative costs currently not supported by other grants or revenue. The federal funds are to be used for expenses incurred to support the effective and efficient administration of the Medi-Cal program at the local level.

BACKGROUND: CDHCS provides federal reimbursement to counties, which contract and submit a MAA Claim Plan for Medi-Cal Administrative Activities. The contract objective is to perform administrative activities on behalf of the California Department of Health Care Services to assist in the proper and efficient administration of the local Medi-Cal program by improving the availability and accessibility of Medi-Cal services to eligible and potentially eligible individuals and their families. Allowable activities include: Medi-Cal outreach, facilitating Medi-Cal applications, contracting for Medi-Cal services, program planning and policy development, and MAA program coordination and claims administration. Activities are centered on bringing potential Medi-Cal clients into the system, keeping qualified clients in the system, and improving the availability and access to Medi-Cal services for this client base.

The County has a current agreement in place with CDHCS that was approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 24, 2020 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. This Evergreen Participation Agreement will replace the current agreement and be effective from July 1, 2020 until

either party desires to terminate the agreement. This will reduce the administrative burden for both parties in renewing participation agreements every three years which has been the past schedule.

It is recommended the Board approve this ongoing Agreement as this will allow Public Health and Veterans' Services as well as the local First 5 agency to continue to receive funding to support activities to close service gaps and increase system capacity for Medi-Cal covered services.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Jill Blake, MPA, Director of Public Health