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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** January 10, 2023

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Phebe Bell**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc. (Anthem) in order for Nevada County to receive payment through the CalAIM Incentive Program (IPP) for services including infrastructure and startup support for the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) program in the maximum amount of \$69,234 for the contract term of October 25, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The funding is from Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc. and its affiliate Anthem made available by the California Department of Health Care Services. Nevada County has been awarded \$69,234 of CalAIM Incentive Program (IPP) funds to support implementation of an Enhanced Care Management team. There are not county general fund dollars required.

**BACKGROUND:** CalAIM is a multi-year California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) initiative to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of the Medi-Cal managed care population through the implementation of broad delivery system, program, and payment reforms across the Medi-Cal program. Enhanced Care Management (ECM) is a team-based, in-person care management and care coordination benefit delivered by a network of primary care and community-based entities. Community Supports (CS) consists of 14 services that Medi-Cal managed care plans can choose to offer members. These programs are intended to prioritize prevention, address social drivers of health, reduce health disparities, and are authorized under the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration and CalAIM Section 1915(b) waiver. To support and expand upon ECM and Community Supports programs, DHCS has implemented the CalAIM Incentive Payment Program (IPP). Through this program, Managed Care Plans provide funding

to qualified provider organizations to help ECM and CS providers build the capacity to operate efficiently and provide quality services to Medi-Cal members.

On August 9th, 2022, Nevada County Behavioral Health was awarded \$117,553 in IPP funding by Anthem and California Health & Wellness to support implementation of its ECM team, which will provide case management and care coordination services to individuals experiencing homelessness with mental illness and/or substance use disorders. Anthem and California health and Wellness will split the awarded IPP funds proportional to Medi-Cal membership in the County, with Anthem funding \$69,234 and California Health & Wellness providing \$48,319 in IPP funding.

On October 25, 2022 per Resolution 22-536 the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved acceptance of these funds and a Letter of Agreement (LOA) was signed by Nevada County. Following execution of the LOA, Anthem requested that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be executed prior to issuing payment of IPP funds, as they consider Nevada County Behavioral Health a fully contracted provider.

This MOU with Anthem for IPP funding will specifically support startup and training costs for ECM staff, a vehicle to support field-based ECM service delivery, billing process development, and Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) licenses.

It is recommended that the Board approve this MOU as it allows Nevada County Behavioral Health to more effectively provide Enhanced Care Management services to individuals experiencing homelessness with mental illness and/or substance use disorders.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Phebe Bell, MSW, Director of Behavioral Health