

**<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u>** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** By authorizing the submission of the Medical-Cal Rendering Provider/Group Affiliation/Disaffiliation Form to DHCS, the Public Health Department will be able to receive reimbursement from the two Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCPs) assigned to Nevada County by the DHCS for services provided to MCP beneficiaries. This also allows the department to conserve Realignment dollars that had previously been utilized to support such services. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** The Public Health department is currently contracted with two MCPs – Anthem Blue Cross and California Health and Wellness, which have been assigned by the State of California as the two MCPs approved to serve Medi-Cal recipients in Nevada County. Since November 1, 2013, Medi-Cal recipients have been required to enroll with one of these two MCPs. The Public Health Department must bill the MCPs since it is no longer able to bill Medi-Cal directly for services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

DHCS All Plan Letter (APL) 17-019 notified MCPs of their responsibilities related to the screening and enrollment of all network providers. APL 17-019 states that all MCP network providers must enroll in the Medi-Cal Program. MCPs had the option to develop and implement a managed care provider screening and enrollment process that meets the requirements of this APL, or they could direct their network providers to enroll through DHCS. Both Anthem Blue Cross and California

Health and Wellness have opted to require their network providers to enroll through DHCS rather than develop and implement their own screening and enrollment process.

Accordingly, in furtherance of the County's ability to receive Medi-Cal reimbursement from the County's two Medi-Cal managed care plans for Public Health Services provided to its Medi-Cal beneficiaries, it is requested that the Board of Supervisors authorize Dr. Kenneth Cutler, MD, as the County's Health Officer and Rendering Provider, and Jill Blake, as the Director of Public Health on behalf of the Group Provider, the Nevada County Public Health Department, to sign and submit the Medi-Cal Rendering Provider/Group Affiliation/Disaffiliation form to DHCS.

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