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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 9, 2019

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael Heggarty

SUBJECT: Resolution approving Amendment Number Four to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the California Health and Wellness Plan “PLAN” and the County of Nevada for coordination of services, as part of Nevada County’s participation in a Rate Range Intergovernmental Transfer (“IGT”): a revenue agreement whereby Nevada County retroactively receives federal financial participation Medi-Cal funds to cover unreimbursed costs for previously provided, mandated services.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The Health and Human Services Agency will receive Medi-Cal revenue as a result of a transfer of 1991 State Realignment funds to the Department of Health Care Services. The funds are included in the 19/20 budget. The state has provided an estimated transfer amount, when the full transfer amount is known a budget amendment will be prepared if needed. No County General funds are required.

BACKGROUND: IGTs allow California counties that are covered by Medi-Cal managed care plans to secure federal matching funds to cover unreimbursed costs for services provided to Medi-Cal recipients. Nevada County participated in its first IGT in 16/17. The process is as follows: the local government entity transfers funds to the Department of Health Care Services (“DHCS”); DHCS uses the funds to draw down unused federal matching funds to pay the County’s managed care plan partner. The managed care plan then pays the County the proceeds that the initial IGT fund transfer made possible. Because the transfer is matched with federal funds, the participating government provider

receives the amount of the transfer plus new funds, less administrative fees from the managed care plan. There is also an administrative fee charged by DHCS.

DHCS will use the estimated transfer amount of \$276,389 to increase the rate for services paid to Nevada County's managed care plan, California Health and Wellness. Nevada County will also transfer \$55,278 to DHCS to cover the required administrative fee. As a result of the attached amendment to the MOU with Nevada County, California Health and Wellness pays the revenue it receives for participating in the IGT to the County less a 2% administrative fee. This payment represents an increased rate paid retroactively for services that Nevada County provided to California Health and Wellness plan members in the previous fiscal year. The total estimated new revenue received by the County from California Health and Wellness is \$582,391

The contract included with this item covers the transfer of funds from Nevada County to DHCS, and the administrative fee due to DHCS for operating the IGT program.

Through the IGT the County will be able to secure additional funds to cover costs that were previously subsidized by local government resources. Funds recovered through the IGT mechanism are discretionary as long as they are spent on health-related services.

This amendment adds a new section and term to the contract, but previous amendments and terms remain in place because they are still relevant to IGTs from prior years.

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution that authorizes Nevada County to participate in the IGT for FY 2018-19.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Michael Heggarty, Director of Health and Human Services Agency