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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 27, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Executive Office

SUBJECT: Resolution approving an agreement with California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS), to allow the County to participate in the Medi-Cal Inmate Participation Program (MCIP) in the maximum amount of \$50,000 and Authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to Execute the Agreement for Fiscal Year 2019/20

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: This agreement impacts the FY 2019/20 Inmate Medical Services budget; it allows the County to benefit from Federal reimbursement for Medi-Cal eligible inmates who receive inpatient hospital services and thus saves money for the County. In the 18/19 fiscal year the County of Nevada received a cost savings of approximately \$200,000 by opting into this \$50,000 reimbursable program. The county will pay administrative costs to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), estimated at \$2,645 for FY 2019/20. DHCS will bill the Federal Government for inmate inpatient treatment for approximately 90% cost reimbursement, with the County responsible for the remaining 10% of the cost. The estimated county share for the fiscal year is \$47,335.11 which is expected to be reimbursed by CFMG. The expenditures in this agreement are within the department budget; no budget amendment is needed and there are no additional General Fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: The County is responsible for the cost of inmate medical services provided to individuals incarcerated at jail facilities and the Juvenile Hall. Currently these services are largely provided through contract with California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG). When an inmate needs inpatient treatment at a hospital or other medical facility, CFMG pays the first \$15,000, and the County directly pays any amounts above \$15,000.

A significant portion of this treatment is for inmates who meet the income requirements to be covered by Medi-Cal. However, Federal law prohibits the claiming Medi-Cal funding for

incarcerated individuals, except for inpatient services rendered off the grounds of the incarceration institution.

In 2010 with AB 1628, California amended statute to allow Medi-Cal claiming for eligible treatment of inmates admitted to inpatient facilities.

It was not until December of 2016 that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) implemented the Medi-Cal Inmate Participation program (MCIP), which was effective April 1, 2017. With the MCIP program, services for Medi-Cal eligible inmates will be billed to Department of Health Care Services and the CFMG receives the federal portion of reimbursement for those services. CFMG shares that revenue with the County and thus costs are reduced both the County and CFMG for Medi-Cal eligible inmate services.

The program requires counties to annually opt into the program. The county previously opted in to the program with Resolution 17-062 for fiscal year 2016/17, Resolution 17-063 for fiscal year 2017/18, and Resolution 18-179 for fiscal year 2018/19.

Item Initiated by: David Jones, Management Analyst II

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