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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 9, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the renewal Nevada County's Children's Medical Services (CMS) Plan which includes the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program, Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC), and California Children's Services (CCS) for Fiscal Year 2020/21.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These are mandated, ongoing department services. Funding sources include federal, state and realignment monies. There are no county general fund dollars required.

The plan's projected total state and federal Title XIX funding for 2020/21 is \$914,820, broken down by programs as follows: CHDP \$119,314, CCS \$406,455, and HCPCFC \$389,051. Services were budgeted in the department's FY 2020/21 budget.

BACKGROUND: Approval of the CMS Plan by the Board of Supervisors is required including the Interagency Agreement which is a requirement for the programs within Children's Medical Services to demonstrate collaboration and official linkages to services for children who are eligible for services within CMS programs, before the County's FY 2020/21 Plan is officially approved by State Department of Health Care Services, Children's Medical Services Branch. The Plan includes the CHDP (Child Health and Disability Prevention) Program, HCPCFC (Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care), and CCS (California Children's Services).

CHDP was developed in 1974 to help alleviate the health problems of children from low-income families. The program objectives are:

- To inform families with eligible children of the availability of health screening services,

- To provide health assessments for children up to 21 who are on Medi-Cal and provide health assessments for children up to 19 who are not Medi-Cal eligible,
- To offer assistance to obtain medical and/or dental services,
- To provide quality assurance; and
- To allow newly identified problems to be referred for treatment and follow-up by the program Public Health Nurse, ensuring that children receive the essential treatment services they need.

HCPCFC: The State Budget Act of 1999 appropriated State General Funds to the California Department of Social Services for the purpose of more effectively meeting the health care needs of children in foster care.

Legislation defined components of this program and added it to the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 16501.3 (a) through (e). Included elements in the program are:

- Collecting health information and other relevant data on each foster child as available, receiving all collected information to determine appropriate referrals and services, and expediting referrals to providers in the community for early intervention services, specialty services, dental care, mental health services, and other health-related services required by the child.
- Participating in medical care planning and coordinating for the child. This may include, but is not limited to, assisting case workers in arranging for comprehensive health and mental health assessments, interpreting the results of health assessments or evaluations for the purpose of case planning and coordination, facilitating the acquisition of any necessary court authorizations for procedures or medications, advocating for the health care needs of the child and ensuring the creation of linkage among various providers of care.
- Providing follow-up contact to assess the child's progress in meeting treatment goals.
- Monitoring of psychotropic medications.

CCS: California Children's Services is a statewide program that treats children with certain physical limitations and chronic health conditions/diseases. CCS can authorize and pay for specific medical services and equipment provided by CCS-approved specialists. CCS provides specialty medical treatment, equipment and/or therapy for children up to 21 years of age with medical conditions that are potentially physically disabling. CCS serves children with family incomes up to \$40,000.

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