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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
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Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: Agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Data Sharing)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for Data Sharing and Use with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for a five-year term commencing from the date of final signatures for influenza surveillance.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the recommended action will enable the County to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that establishes the basic terms and conditions for the sharing, protection and use of aggregate data related to emergency department visits for influenza-like illnesses that is contained in existing syndromic surveillance systems developed by state and local public health departments.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has requested that Napa County share data collected on influenza-like illness at Queen of the Valley Medical Center Emergency Department. This data sharing memorandum of understanding (agreement) only applies to aggregate data and does not contain individually identifiable information.

The data transmitted to CDC will include the total number of daily patient visits and the number of visits for influenza-like illness by age group. Data contributed by Napa County will be utilized as part of a national surveillance system to monitor the severity and spread of influenza. Enhancements to national surveillance systems are critical to improving the response to future pandemic and other disease outbreaks at the federal, state and local levels. The success of these national surveillance systems depends on the willingness of state and local jurisdictions to share data.

The data sharing agreement contains no obligations or commitment of funds.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins