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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: Declaration not to apply for Rural Health Services Funding for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Declaration of Intent Not to Apply for Rural Health Services Program Funding from the California Department of Public Health for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the requested action will continue the decision made by the Board in Fiscal Year 1994-1995, and each subsequent year thereafter, not to apply for Rural Health Services (RHS) funding from the State for the Children's Treatment Program, a component of RHS. By doing so, the County authorizes the State to use the County's share of Rural Health Services Children's Treatment Program funding to provide treatment services to eligible children. The County's decision not to apply for RHS Children's Treatment Program funding does not affect the ability of local providers to claim for reimbursement under the Rural Health Services Program.

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

Funded by Proposition 99 (tobacco tax) funds, the Rural Health Services (RHS) program provides reimbursement of uncompensated medical care for patients who do not have the ability to pay. The funding available to Rural Health Services counties (counties with populations less than 300,000) includes the Emergency Medical Services Appropriation (EMSA) and the Children's Treatment Program (CTP). The proposed Declaration of Intent Not to Apply for Rural Health Services Program Funding relates only to the Children's Treatment Program (CTP), which reimburses providers for the cost of care for conditions found during routine screenings conducted through the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program. The CHDP program offers regular, preventive health assessments to eligible children who may or may not have obvious health problems.

Napa County has made the decision not to apply for Rural Health Services CTP funding from the State each year since Fiscal Year 1994-1995 due to the complexity of the program requirements. By not applying for this funding, Napa County authorizes the State to use Napa County's share of Rural Health Services Children's Treatment Program funding to provide treatment to patients who: (1) reside in Napa County; (2) are age 18 or under on the date of service; (3) reside with a family that does not qualify for no-share-of-cost Medi-Cal and has no other means to pay for treatment; and (4) have a condition identified as a result of a CHDP health assessment. By not applying for CTP funding, Napa County's share goes into a funding pool that is used by the State to pay for CTP treatment statewide. However, by not applying for CTP funding, there will be no cap on funding available for treating Napa County's children in need of treatment. That is to say, all Napa County clients eligible for CTP will be able to receive treatment under the program. Also, Napa County's decision not to apply for RHS CTP funding will not affect the ability of local physicians to claim for reimbursement under the program.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita