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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: DINA JOSE - Director
Corrections
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SUBJECT: Renewal Agreement with California DHS for Medi-Cal County Inmate Program (MCIP)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Corrections requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the renewal of Agreement No. 170747B with California Department of Health Care Services for a maximum of \$212,874 for the term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 to participate in the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Corrections (Corrections) is requesting renewal of an agreement with California Department of Health Care Services to participate in the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program (MCIP) through the term ending June 30, 2020. MCIP enables Corrections to realize reduced inmate medical costs by benefiting from Federal financial participation for eligible inmate medical costs.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Corrections
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This agreement will allow Corrections to utilize Federal funding to cover inpatient medical costs for Medi-Cal eligible County jail inmates.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes

Future fiscal impact: No future fiscal impact beyond FY 2019-2020.

Consequences if not approved: If the agreement is not approved, Corrections will be unable to access Federal funding for inpatient medical costs for Medi-Cal eligible inmates.

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit

Additional Information:

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

Federal law prohibits claiming Medicaid funds for healthcare services provided to inmates residing in correctional facilities. This federal prohibition does not apply when an inmate receives inpatient services at a medical facility located off the grounds of the correctional facility for an expected stay of more than 24 hours and if the inmate is found to be Medicaid eligible. The Affordable Care Act expanded Medicaid eligibility resulting in a large portion of Napa County's inmates being eligible for Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid program. The Medi-Cal County Inmate Program (MCIP) establishes a process for submitting inmate medical claims to California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

MCIP is voluntary and the County has the option to participate in this program by entering into an agreement with DHCS. The purpose of the MCIP agreement is to establish a process to submit claims for Medi-Cal enrolled inmates and to set amounts needed to satisfy the County's responsibility to reimburse DHCS for the nonfederal share of MCIP service costs incurred by DHCS. Staff will continue to work with Queen of the Valley Medical Center and other local medical providers to ensure inmate medical claims are submitted in accordance with MCIP. If the County does not participate in MCIP, Napa County Department of Corrections (Corrections) will remain responsible for inpatient medical costs that exceed the contracted limit with Wellpath, previously known as California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG), which is \$25,000 per incident. Wellpath provides contracted medical service to Corrections.

Under the agreement with DHCS, Corrections will be responsible for the non federal share of medical costs, which will be billed by DHCS on a quarterly basis. For Fiscal Year 2019-20, the maximum payable amount is \$212,874. Approval of the requested action will allow Corrections to participate in MCIP and utilize Federal funding for Medi-Cal eligible healthcare costs.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Susan Kuss