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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Lawrance Florin - Director
Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs
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SUBJECT: Medical Funding and Accountability Act

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman to communicate support to the California Hospital Association, for the ballot initiative "State Fees on Hospitals. Federal Medi-Cal Matching Funds Initiative Statutory and Constitutional Amendment" that has qualified for the November 8, 2016, statewide ballot.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Last fall, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 239 (Hernandez) that established an initial three-year Medi-Cal hospital fee program. The fee is a payment made by private hospitals to the State. The payments ensure that California has the funding to match and unlock billions annually in federal matching funds that are then used for supplemental Medi-Cal payments to hospitals.

The "State Fees On Hospitals" ballot initiative would repeal the sunset date in SB 239 and would instead extend it indefinitely. Further, the initiative seeks to ensure that the State uses the funds for the intended purpose of supporting hospital care to Medi-Cal patients and to help pay for health care for low-income children.

The initiative has qualified for the November 8, 2016, statewide ballot.

CSAC supports this ballot initiative.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Staff reports.
2. Public comments.
3. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item.

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

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The payments ensure that California has the funding to match and unlock billions annually in federal matching funds that are then used for supplemental Medi-Cal payments to hospitals. The funds are directed to supplemental payments, grant payments, enhanced capitation payments to hospitals for services to Medi-Cal patients, and some state General Fund obligations for low-income children's health coverage.

The "State Fees On Hospitals" ballot initiative would repeal the sunset date in SB 239 and would instead extend it indefinitely. The initiative has qualified for the November 8, 2016, statewide ballot (Attachment A).

CSAC supports this ballot initiative, stating that the fee allows the State to leverage critical federal funding and support children's health care services (Attachment B).

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Ballot Initiative
- B . CSAC Support Memo

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan