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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: Actions regarding Solano-Napa-Yolo Commission on Medical Care (Partnership Health Plan of California)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the following amendments to Memoranda of Understanding with the Solano-Napa-Yolo Commission on Medical Care, dba Partnership Health Plan of California (PHC):

1. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 4946 revising Exhibit A to clarify respective roles and responsibilities regarding the California Children's Services (CCS) program; and
2. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 4947 revising Exhibit A to clarify respective roles and responsibilities regarding the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the requested actions will amend the County's MOUs with the Solano-Napa-Yolo Commission on Medical Care, dba Partnership Health Plan of California (PHC). The requested amendments are needed to revise each agreements' Exhibit A, to update the roles and responsibilities of each party in relation to two of HHSA's health programs:

1. California Children's Services (CCS), which provides necessary and appropriate health care to treat individuals under the age of 21 who have physically handicapping conditions; and
2. Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP), which provides preventive health care services to Medi-Cal eligible individuals from birth through age 20.

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 Solano-Napa-Yolo Commission on Medical Care, dba Partnership Health Plan of California (PHC), is Napa County's Medi-Cal managed care plan for physical health care. PHC is a non-profit health insuring organization ("managed care plan") that manages all physical health care for Medi-Cal clients in Solano, Napa and Yolo counties. The MOUs with the Commission delineate the roles and responsibilities of Napa County and PHC in relation to the physical health care programs the PHC runs for the County. Two of these programs are:

1. The California Children's Services (CCS) program, which provides individuals under the age of 21 who have physically handicapping conditions with necessary and appropriate health care to treat their conditions; and
2. The Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program, which provides Medi-Cal eligible individuals from birth through age 20 with preventive health care services.

The CCS program is required by the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 51013, to provide case management services for children, as well as foster children, who are beneficiaries of Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal managed care plans. The CCS and CHDP programs mandate a negotiated MOU in place with each Medi-Cal managed care plan in the county's jurisdiction. The MOUs with the PHC fulfill this MOU requirement.

The CCS MOU is being updated today to better reflect the intention of state regulations and to clarify the language to more clearly define the roles of each party. Clarifications include a statement that managed care plans will maintain and follow standards of care established by CCS (WIC Code 14093), and that County CCS will use only state CCS guidelines for determining length of hospitalization. [Previously, the MOU stated that jointly developed guidelines would be used.] The CHDP MOU is also being updated to delete PHC's responsibility for follow-up and reporting processes for children who are not members of Medi-Cal Managed Care plans. The County is responsible for the follow-up and reporting processes for these children who are not members of Medi-Cal Managed Care plans.

Under the CCS MOU, PHC's role includes: (1) negotiating Medi-Cal rates and determining reimbursement rates for doctors and hospitals; (2) establishing a medical provider network that will provide access to preventive health care and serve as a medical "home" for the Medi-Cal population; and (3) care coordination, authorization and payment of Medi-Cal health benefits. HHS CCS's role includes: (1) determining client eligibility for the CCS program including for PHC members, (2) entering information into the state CMSNet software record system, (3) authorizing payment for treatment according to CCS regulations, and (4) sharing information with PHC via CMSNet special program and by mail. The client receives a packet of information from HHS CCS regarding program requirements such as keeping appointments with CCS approved providers. Separately from the CCS specialty program information, the PHC member receives an information packet from PHC and chooses a doctor from a list provided by PHC. PHC bills Medi-Cal for the FFP or "Federal Financial Participation" – the Medi-Cal (federal) share of the payment for the services. PHC receives a state "capitation" (a payment based on population) from the state Department of Health Services for the non-FFP (non-federal) share of the costs.

Under the CHDP MOU, PHC's role includes: (1) negotiating Medi-Cal rates and determining reimbursement rates

for doctors and hospitals; (2) establishing a medical provider network that will provide access to preventive health care and serve as a medical “home for the Medi-Cal population; and (3) coordinating care, authorization and payment of Medi-Cal health benefits. HSA CHDP's role includes: (1) reviewing and enrolling local health care provider sites; (2) providing care coordination and follow-up for the non-Medi-Cal population eligible for the CHDP program; (3) assisting providers with basic billing issues for the non-PHC members; and (4) conducting and/or coordinating health care training to joint PHC-CHDP providers.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita