



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: JoAnn Melgar for HOWARD HIMES - Director
Health & Human Services Operations
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SUBJECT: MOU with Partnership HealthPlan of California

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and Business Associate Addendum with Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC), effective April 5, 2016, to allow for the sharing of healthcare utilization and cost of treatment data pertaining to members of the County's homeless population who are also members of PHC, and information acquired by Napa County from homeless shelters within the County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of today's recommended action will approve an MOU between Napa County and Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) to allow for the sharing of encounter data, in compliance with all privacy laws, including and limited to healthcare utilization and cost of treatment data pertaining to members of Napa County's homeless population who are also members of PHC, and information acquired by the Health and Human Services Agency from various homeless shelters within the County.

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

California's 1115 Waiver Renewal ("Medi-Cal 2020") will guide parties through the next five years as they work to transform the way California's Medi-Cal program provides services to its members and improves quality of care, access and efficiency. Medi-Cal 2020 was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on December 30, 2015 and extends the 1115 Waiver from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020. An innovative component of Medi-Cal 2020 allows for county-based pilots to target high-risk populations. The pilots will integrate systems that provide physical health, behavioral health, substance abuse and social services to improve members' overall health and well-being through more efficient and effective use of resources.

Approval of today's recommended action will approve an MOU between Napa County and Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) allowing for the sharing encounter data, in compliance with all privacy laws, including and limited to the healthcare utilization and cost of treatment data pertaining to members of Napa County's homeless population who are also members of PHC, and information acquired by Napa County from various homeless shelters within the County. Because PHC and the County both are covered entities under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) based on the County's role as a provider of healthcare services and PHC's role as a health plan, a Business Associate Addendum (BAA) governing the exchange of client information between HIPAA-covered entities typically is not required. However, to ensure that sensitive health information is protected in accordance with HIPAA rules, this MOU includes a BAA.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins