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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Declaration not to apply for Rural Health Services Funding for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

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### **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 Health Services for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The requested action continues the decision made by the Board in Fiscal Year 1994-1995 and continued since then to not apply for Rural Health Services (RHS) funding from the State. The County will continue to contract with the State the Children's Treatment Program, a component of RHS. The action not to apply for RHS funding does not affect the ability of local hospitals and physicians to claim for reimbursement under the 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 medically indigent patients who do not have the ability to pay and have no other payment source. One component of the RHS program is 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.

The County has not applied for Rural Health Services (RHS) funding from the State in recent years. The decision not to apply for this funding was made after analysis of legislative action (Chapter 195, Statutes of 1994) which reduced funding available to counties and authorized state use of the entire county portion of RHS funding to pay for CTP. Napa County will continue to contract back CTP functions to the State. By doing so, the State will continue to provide treatment services to children who have had a condition identified as a result of a CHDP health assessment, and have no Medi-Cal eligibility. Current State law (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16990(2)(d)) states that Maintenance of Effort requirements for RHS funding are not imposed upon counties which have elected not to participate. Napa County's decision not to apply for RHS funding does not affect the ability of local hospitals and physicians to claim for reimbursement under the program.

#### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita