

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Public Health**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Robert L. Oldham M.D., M.S.H.A., Director of Public Health

DATE: September 1, 2015

SUBJECT: Agreement for the Coordination of Medi-Cal Benefits.

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve a non-monetary agreement with the Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc. (Anthem) for coordination of Medi-Cal benefits to eligible persons, for the period of May 1, 2014 to an indefinite date and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the contract and amendments consistent with the subject matter and scope of work.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2013, the governor's budget authorized the expansion of Medi-Cal Managed Care into 28 rural counties, including Placer County, that were previously Fee-For-Service Medi-Cal. Placer County is one of 18 counties where two managed care plans, California Health and Wellness Plan (CHWP) and Anthem Blue Cross (Anthem) established a provider network for Medi-Cal enrollees. These Medi-Cal Managed Care plans are contracted with the State of California to establish a provider network. Managed Care is designed to organize systems of care that emphasize primary and preventive care as well as to coordinate the delivery of health care. There is a focus on coordinated care and an emphasis on prevention and wellness.

As a Medi-Cal Managed Care plan, Anthem is required to contract with Placer County. This agreement specifies which services are available through Placer County Public Health and has determined the necessary methods for collaboration, cooperation and communication. The joint activities of Anthem and Placer County will include cooperatively resolving case management issues and sharing of appropriate information on a timely basis.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the County as a result of this agreement.

This agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

