COUNTY OF Placer

MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: June 21, 2016

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: California Health and Wellness Plan Amendment for Memorandum of Understanding for Coordination of Services

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ACTION REQUESTED
Approve a third amendment to the agreement with the California Health and Wellness Plan 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 amendment and subsequent amendments not to exceed ten percent of the total contract amount 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, CHWP 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 CHWP and Placer County will include cooperatively resolving case management issues and sharing of appropriate information on a timely basis. This third amendment adds additional language which is newly required by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) concerning the coordination between CHWP and Placer County to facilitate reimbursement of invoices specifically related to Targeted Case Management (TCM). Additionally, language is being added to change the agreement to an indefinite term.

FISCAL IMPACT
There is no fiscal impact to the County as a result of this amendment. This amendment is a requirement that will allow Placer County to continue to receive uninterrupted revenue from DHCS.

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