

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Holly Heinzen, Chief Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: January 08, 2013

SUBJECT: Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of support for Kaiser Permanente to expand its Medi-Cal managed care participation into Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of support for Kaiser Permanente to expand its Medi-Cal managed care participation into Placer County.

BACKGROUND

Kaiser Permanente (Kaiser) currently contracts with the State to provide health care to individuals and families on the Medi-Cal managed care program and the Healthy Families program, some of whom reside in Placer County, Amador and El Dorado counties. Since the State is transitioning Healthy Families members to Medi-Cal managed care, Kaiser is applying to participate in counties where they are not currently contracting for Medi-Cal, including Placer County. If Kaiser is awarded a contract in those counties, Healthy Families members will be able to keep their Kaiser provider and not disrupt that existing relationship.

As part of the application for Kaiser to provide Medi-Cal managed care in three additional counties (Amador, El Dorado, and Placer), the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will extend special consideration to health plans which include letters of support from entities which already operate in the expansion counties or which have "direct impact on county health care operations, Safety Net Providers, local clinics and hospitals". Placer County is one such entity.

Since many of the impacted members from Healthy Families are already Kaiser members, the county supports the ability for county residents to maintain existing relationships with their medical providers. As such, the county supports Kaiser's request to expand their Medi-Cal managed care services in our county.

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None

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January 4, 2013

Mr. Ed Glavis
Sr. Vice President and Area Manager
Kaiser Permanente
1600 Eureka Rd.
Roseville, CA 95661

Dear Mr. Glavis:

Kaiser Permanente (Kaiser) has indicated its intention to expand its Medi-Cal managed care participation into Placer County. Kaiser currently contracts with the State to provide health care to individuals and families on the Medi-Cal managed care program and the Healthy Families program, some of whom reside in Placer County, Amador and El Dorado counties. Since the State is transitioning Healthy Families members to Medi-Cal managed care, the county understands that Kaiser is applying to participate in counties where they are not currently contracting for Medi-Cal, including Placer County. If Kaiser is awarded a contract in those counties, Healthy Families members will be able to keep their Kaiser provider and not disrupt that existing relationship.

Since many of the impacted members from Healthy Families are already Kaiser Permanente members, we support the ability for county residents to maintain existing relationships with their medical provider. Maintaining continuity in health care delivery is important for providers and the county residents they serve.

Placer County is supportive of Kaiser Permanente's request to expand your services in our county.

Sincerely,

COUNTY OF PLACER

Chair, Placer County Board of Supervisors