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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
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County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: May 5, 2020

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

SUBJECT: Contracts with State Department of Health Care Services for Medi-Cal Inmate Program

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**ACTIONS REQUESTED**

1. Approve the Evergreen Participation Agreement with the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the Medi-Cal Inmate Program (MCIP) and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign subsequent amendments consistent with subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.
2. Approve an Administrative Agreement with the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 for the County to reimburse DHCS its apportioned share of the nonfederal share of the administrative costs incurred by DHCS for the administration of the MCIP and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign any subsequent amendments consistent with subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

**BACKGROUND**

Current law requires counties to provide health care services to inmates and minors in custody of the Placer County Sheriff and Chief Probation Officer. This includes medical, psychiatric, and dental services while in custody and when receiving inpatient medical and psychiatric services provided outside of a correctional facility. In addition, federal law prohibits the claiming of Medicaid/Medi-Cal funds for healthcare services provided to inmates residing in correctional facilities except when an inmate is determined to be eligible for Medicaid and receives inpatient services at a medical facility, including psychiatric, located off the grounds of the correctional facility with a stay of more than 24 hours. The Medi-Cal County Inmate Program has three components. The first component is the Adult County Inmate Program (ACIP); the second is the Juvenile County Ward Program (JCWP). The third component includes both the County Compassionate Release Program (CCRP) and County Medical Probation Program (CMPP).

Placer County has been participating in the MCIP program since 2017. Through our participation in this Program, the County has agreed (1) designate entities or individuals in the County to act on behalf of the county inmates who need Medi-Cal for coverage of inpatient hospital services provided off the grounds of the correctional facility; (2) authorize the County to help inmates apply for health care coverage while incarcerated; (3) require county to suspend regular Medi-Cal benefits for Medi-Cal beneficiaries, regardless of age, who become incarcerated for up to 12 months; (4) agree to have County eligibility workers for initial, annual and change in circumstance eligibility determinations for county inmate populations; (5) submit completed Medi-Cal applications and any supporting documentation in an effort to streamline the Medi-Cal application process.

Participation in the MCIP program allows Medi-Cal providers to directly bill DHCS for MCIP services, with DHCS reimbursing the Medical Medi-Cal providers at their applicable Medi-Cal rates including hospital and specialists for the services rendered during inpatient hospitalization exceeding 24 hours, to the extent that the Federal Financial Participation (FFP) funds are available. Participation in the MCIP program will not impact the County's ability to submit inpatient psychiatric hospitalization services to Medi-Cal for reimbursement as Specialty Mental Health Inpatient Psychiatric Services are exempt from the requirement of entering into this agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The methodology for calculating each county's nonfederal share of administrative costs allocated to each county will be based on the following:

- 1) 30% of the total administrative costs will be distributed evenly to participating counties over 50,000 in population.
- 2) 70% of the total administrative costs will be allocated to participating counties pro-rata based on population.

The Evergreen Participation Agreement and the previous Administrative Agreement (for reference) are on file with the Clerk of the Board