

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
COUNTY OF PLACER TO JOIN
PARTNERSHIP HEALTHPLAN OF
CALIFORNIA COMMISSION

Ordinance No.: 6106-B

Introduced: August 31, 2021

The following Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer
at a regular meeting held September 28, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes: GORE, HOLMES, JONES, GUSTAFSON
Noes: NONE
Absent: WEYGANDT

Signed and approved by me after its passage.



Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:



Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, over the past several decades, California has implemented a variety of Medicaid (in California called "Medi-Cal") managed care models, including the County Organized Health System (COHS), the Two-Plan Model and the Geographic Model;

WHEREAS, Partnership Health Plan, a COHS serving several Northern California counties, has a strong reputation for superior quality, access, and collaboration with counties and medical providers;

WHEREAS, the county of Placer along with most other counties in our region, was assigned by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) without consultation to the Regional Model and Anthem Blue Cross and California Health and Wellness were selected as our two Medi-Cal managed care plans;

WHEREAS, in August of 2019, the State Auditor released a report entitled "Department of Health Care Services: It Has Not Ensured That Medi-Cal Beneficiaries in Some Rural Counties Have Reasonable Access to Care" that issued a number of findings concerning deficiencies regarding the Regional Model and recommended that DHCS assist counties desiring a transition to COHS model in making that change after their current contracts expire;

WHEREAS, in 2019 the California Health Care Foundation also found deficiencies in the Regional Model after performing an independent evaluation;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors approved the required letter of intent to transition to a COHS model on March 9, 2021

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I:

1. Purpose: Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission ("Commission") is a multi-county commission that has created a managed health care plan for Medi-Cal recipients. The purpose of this chapter is to authorize the county of Placer to join the Commission. This will allow the implementation of a county organized health system in Placer County as authorized by Welfare and Institutions Code section 14087.54.

The Commission will negotiate an exclusive contract with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) authorizing the expansion of the Commission into Placer County. This expansion is expected to occur on or about January 1, 2024.

2. Authorization to Join Commission: Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14087.54, the Placer County board of supervisors hereby authorizes the county of Placer to join the Commission.

3. Membership of Commission: Commission representation shall be based on the number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries enrolled in the health plans in each participating county, as determined by the Commission's established formula.

The Commission members appointed by the Placer County board of supervisors shall serve at the pleasure of the board under the following criteria: (1) Employees of the county within Health and Human Services, (2) Local healthcare and medical providers who provide services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, (3) Medi-Cal beneficiaries, (4) Family members of Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Individuals may be appointed to the Commission by the Placer County board of supervisors, with recommendations from the Placer County county executive officer and the Placer County director of health and human services.

4. Term of Office: The term for the commissioners shall be for two-year periods. Nothing herein shall prohibit a person from serving more than one term. Each Commission member shall remain in office at the conclusion of that member's term until a successor member has been selected and installed into office. An office shall become vacant if a Commission member discontinues to live or work in the area from which appointed or fails to attend three meetings in a row of the Commission.

5. Committees: In collaboration with the Commission, the county may establish a local managed care committee that may include any members of the Commission Board, and that would inform the county members on the Commission on behalf of Placer County of local health needs, priorities and issues. Individuals on this local committee shall be nominated by Placer County director of health and human services or designee.

6. Termination of Membership: The Commission shall continue to represent Placer County until such time as the Placer County board of supervisors terminates the representation. To terminate the representation, the Placer County board of supervisors or its designee shall provide ninety (90) day notice to other participating counties and the State Department of Health Care Services, as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 14087.54(g).

SECTION II:

If any section of this ordinance, or part hereof, is held by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final judicial action to be void, voidable or unenforceable, such section, or part hereof, shall be deemed severable from the remaining sections of this ordinance and shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining sections hereof.

SECTION III:

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force thirty (30) days after the date of its passage. The Clerk is directed to publish this ordinance, or a summary thereof, within fifteen (15) days in accordance with Government Code section 25124.