

MEMORANDUM HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION

County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors DATE: January 25, 2022

FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services

BY: Joey Wojtowicz, Staff Services Analyst II

SUBJECT: Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services for Health

Enrollment Navigation – Performance Period Extension

ACTION REQUESTED

Ratify the amendment to extend the term of the contract with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Health Enrollment Navigation to June 30, 2022, with an extension of the Administrative Close-Out period to August 31, 2022, for a new term of February 12, 2020 through June 30, 2022 and add an Administrative Close-Out Period from July 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the amendment with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

AB 74 authorized DHCS to manage and fund Medi-Cal outreach, enrollment, retention, and troubleshooting services in the State, referred to as navigation services. The Health Enrollment Navigators Project allows for assistance in retaining, using health care coverage, and gaining access to needed medical care. Counties can use the funding to build the program and/or to partner with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to target populations needing the most assistance.

This extension will allow the balance of \$1,686,038 to be spent over an additional 8-month timeframe. Placer County's goal for the Health Enrollment Navigators Project is to increase awareness and understanding of available health insurance coverage, promote a culture of health care coverage, communicate the importance of having health care coverage, remove barriers to enrollment, and connect individuals with application assistors who can help them apply for coverage.

Approval of this performance period extension will allow Human Services to continue retention efforts of currently enrolled Medi-Cal beneficiaries, enhance current CalFresh outreach efforts to include Medi-Cal support, and cross- train staff to process both CalFresh and Medi-Cal programs. This performance period extension will allow us to complete two of our current contracts with outside organizations assisting with our current efforts. The extension request is due to approved revisions to the original Work Plan, and Goals and Objectives. Revisions were made due to the impact of COVID-19 and the need to reassess outreach opportunities.

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FISCAL IMPACT

This agreement is funded with Federal and State dollars with no County General Fund dollars and is included in the Department's FY 2021-2022 Budget.

ATTACHMENTS

None

The amendment is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.