



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADULT SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** April 19, 2022
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Joey Wojtowicz, Staff Services Analyst II
SUBJECT: California Health & Wellness Plan and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Agreements

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Approve amendments to the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with California Health and Wellness Plan ("CHWP"), a Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) that outlines the screening, referral and care coordination between the MCPs and Placer County's Mental Health Plan (MHP) to include new regulatory requirements for dispute resolution, and to extend the term for the period of May 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign these amendments with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence and any subsequent amendments consistent with subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.
2. Approve an evergreen MOU with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and sign subsequent amendments consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

In September 2013, Medi-Cal services in Placer County became available through three established Medi-Cal MCPs, including CHWP, as part of the Medi-Cal Managed Care Regional Expansion. Implementation of the Affordable Care Act allowed California to expand Medi-Cal benefits to individuals who were traditionally excluded from receiving Medi-Cal; specifically, the single, childless adult between the ages of 18 and 64 whose income is below 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. As of December 2021, 11,591 residents enrolled with CHWP.

Effective January 1, 2014, mental health services were included as essential health benefits through Medi-Cal MCPs. These new benefits allowed individuals who were experiencing mild to moderate symptoms of a mental illness to receive services through their primary care providers. The County Mental Health Plan (MHP) continues to provide specialty mental health services provided to individuals with severe mental illnesses. Effective February 17, 2017, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) required counties opting into the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) to enter into MOUs with the County's MCPs. These

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MOUs describe the process for screening, referring and care coordination between the MCPs, the County's MHP, and DMC-ODS.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as a result of these MOUs.

ATTACHMENTS

None

The agreements are on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.