



**MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
County of Placer**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** June 21, 2022
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Joey Wojtowicz, Staff Services Analyst II
SUBJECT: California Department of Public Health HIV AIDS Case Reporting System

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Public Health for a term of five years for data use and disclosure related to HIV AIDS case reporting 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 the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS (OA) is designated by the California Health and Safety Code Section 131019 as the lead agency for coordinating state programs, services, and activities relating to HIV/AIDS. OA is responsible for oversight of HIV/AIDS case reporting in California and as such, maintains the Enhanced HIV/AIDS Reporting System (eHARS), a confidential, central registry of demographic and clinical information on all reported HIV infections and AIDS diagnoses in California. eHARS collects data to support HIV/AIDS surveillance according to CDC standards. Thus, the system is designed to collect, organize, manage, store, and retrieve data CDC has identified as necessary to conduct HIV/AIDS case surveillance statewide.

The exchange of eHARS information between California's local health jurisdictions and CDPH is historic and necessitated by California Code of Regulations (Title 17, Sections 2502, 2505, and 2641.5 through 2643.20), which requires case information from laboratories and health care providers to be reported to the local health officer who then reports this information to CDPH. This Memorandum of Understanding is a renewal of the relationship between CDPH and Placer County. Without this agreement, Placer County Public Health would not meet the standards of the California Code of Regulations and would be unable to support the OA in its mission to assess, prevent, and interrupt the transmission of HIV.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this agreement.

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ATTACHMENTS

None

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