



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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** August 23, 2022
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Nancy Baggett, Staff Services Manager
SUBJECT: Agreement with the State Department of Health Care Services for Mental Health Managed Care Program

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the Department of Health Care Services agreement for the Placer County Mental Health Plan (MHP) to provide or arrange for the provision of specialty mental health services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign related documentation and subsequent amendments consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14712 directs the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to implement and administer Mental Health Managed Care (known as Mental Health Plans) for Medi-Cal eligible residents of this state. Placer County Health and Human Services has agreed to operate the Mental Health Plan (MHP) for Placer County and Sierra County since November 1997.

This program provides a continuum of specialty mental health services for children and adults meeting clinical criteria. During the Fiscal Year of 2021-2022, services were provided to 2375 individuals. Services are provided by County-operated programs, contracted community agencies, and a network of professional providers to achieve treatment goals for persons with a range of mental health disorders. This contract specifies State requirements for the Placer County MHP. These requirements include availability and accessibility of services, maintaining a provider network, coordination and continuity of care, quality management, quality improvement, quality assurance and utilization management components, management information systems, along with beneficiary problem resolution processes.

DHCS is in the process of implementing California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM). CalAIM is the DHCS initiative to reform the Medi-Cal program, and in turn, improve the quality of life and health outcomes of Medi-Cal members. This contract brings together the various CalAIM initiatives as they relate to the provision of Specialty Mental Health Services and aligns the contract language. Significant changes include updates to Beneficiary Access criteria, No Wrong Door Policy, and streamlining the documentation and billing of services. It

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introduces new data reporting metrics, interoperability, and increased coordination of care with the managed care plans. It includes the newly formed Peer Support Services.

The Placer MHPs will simply continue to submit certified public expenditure claims for federal reimbursement that meet their need to provide medically necessary entitlement services for the Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health program children and adults.

This agreement will be presented to the Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board at its August 22, 2022, meeting for approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

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

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

In the matter of:

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the Department of Health Care Services agreement for the Placer County Mental Health Plan (MHP) to provide or arrange for the provision of specialty mental health services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Resolution No.: _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of

Placer at a regular meeting held _____ by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14712 directs the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to implement and administer Mental Health Managed Care (known as Mental Health Plans) for Medi-Cal eligible residents of this state.

WHEREAS Placer County Health and Human Services has agreed to operate the Mental Health Plan (MHP) for Placer County and Sierra County since November 1997 and wishes to continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the Department of Health Care Services agreement for the Placer County Mental Health Plan (MHP) to provide or arrange for the provision of specialty mental health services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign related documentation and subsequent amendments consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

