

**MEMORANDUM**  
**PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Human Services Division**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.  
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services  
Cheryl S. Davis, Human Services Director

**DATE:** March 27, 2012.

**SUBJECT:** In Home Supportive Services Program Integrity Plan

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve the attached In-Home Supportive Services Anti-Fraud Plan and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the attached Response Cover Page for submission to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). The County is requesting \$60,341 in federal funds to match the County General Fund expenditure of \$60,342 during FY 2011-12.

**BACKGROUND:**

The State's Budget Act of 2009 appropriated \$10 million for fraud prevention, detection, referral, investigation, and program integrity efforts related to In-Home Supportive Services. Placer County was one of only 28 counties to apply for and receive this funding. However, under the State's FY 2011-12 approved budget, this funding was subject to elimination under the "trigger" provision if actual State revenue receipts were less than projected. Placer County submitted a placeholder Response Cover Page for the State funding by the original October 28, 2011 due date, pending seeking your Board's approval, in case the "trigger" was not pulled. However, in January 2012, the IHSS anti-fraud funding was in fact eliminated.

Now, in lieu of eliminating IHSS anti-fraud efforts, CDSS is permitting counties to draw down federal funds to match existing county expenditures for this effort. By submitting the October placeholder Response Cover Page, Placer County is eligible to receive the matching federal funds and now requires your approval of the IHSS Anti-Fraud Plan and Response Cover Page to secure those funds. Placer County has provided \$60,342 in matching County General Funds for the IHSS anti-fraud program. This would allow an equal amount in federal funds to be applied to continue our efforts for a total of \$120,683. While this represents two-thirds of the funding budgeted for the program the previous fiscal year, we believe it will be adequate to ensure continued IHSS program integrity. Many of the one-time startup expenses were covered in FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11. The funding this year and on-going would provide for necessary fraud investigations, ongoing program integrity coordination, and clerical assistance.

Placer County's IHSS Anti-Fraud Plan includes anti-fraud presentations at all client and provider orientations, on-going quality assurance activities, matches with State and federal databases including death, jail, hospital, and employment, and fraud referral, investigation and, if necessary, prosecution. Since inception in FY 2009-10, 100% of all provider and client orientations have included anti-fraud presentations, 74 cases have been referred for potential fraud, 13 cases are currently being investigated and three have been referred to the District Attorney for prosecution.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Placer County is requesting a total proposed budget of \$120,683, including \$60,341 in federal funds and a required County General Fund share of \$60,342. These revenues and expenditures are included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Final Budget.

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

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