



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Health System



**Date:** July 10, 2014  
**Board Meeting Date:** August 5, 2014  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System  
Lisa Mancini, Director, Aging and Adult Services

**Subject:** Agreement with the California Department of Aging for the Multipurpose Senior Services Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with the California Department of Aging for Multipurpose Senior Services Program funds for the term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$685,600.

**BACKGROUND:**

Funding from the California Department of Aging (CDA) for the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) allows the County's Aging and Adult Services (AAS) to offer a high-level case management program. This program provides comprehensive social and health care management services to Medi-Cal eligible fragile elders. These individuals are some of the County's most at-risk population and may require a skilled nursing level of care.

MSSP's primary objective is to avoid the inappropriate placement of fragile older persons in nursing facilities and to foster independent living in their own communities. MSSP provides a care management team of social workers and a public health nurse to assess client eligibility and care need, as well as arrange and monitor the delivery of services. A client becomes ineligible for MSSP when MSSP's services are no longer sufficient to enable the individual to remain safely at home. Though many clients stop participation because of necessary institutionalization, many others are able to avoid institutionalization altogether through MSSP's services, living at home for the remainder of their lives.

**DISCUSSION:**

This agreement includes funds for MSSP social workers and nurses to provide care management services covering a full range of social and health services. These

services include eligibility, assessments, care plan development, service coordination, service delivery, education, counseling, and advocacy to clients and family members. Funds from this agreement also provide for home modifications, the purchase of durable medical equipment and other supplies, attendant care, respite care, housing assistance, meal services, protective services, and transportation services.

San Mateo County is one of eight California counties participating in the State's Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI), focused on coordinating the care for Medi-Cal and Medicare dual eligible clients. Beginning April 1, 2014, all dual eligible IHSS recipients under the CCI receive their long-term care, medical, and behavioral health services (including home and community-based services) through the Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM). HPSM will reimburse the County for up to 160 dual eligible recipients enrolled in HPSM and receiving MSSP services.

The agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing MSSP services that foster independent living for Medi-Cal eligible fragile elders. It is anticipated that 95% of at-risk individuals will be maintained in a least restrictive setting through case management.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
Percent of at-risk individuals maintained in a least restrictive setting through case management	95%	95%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$685,600 for the one-year term. Since the County is the recipient of these funds, there is No Net County Cost associated with this agreement. Funds for these services have been included in the AAS FY 2014-15 Recommended Budget.

The provisions are different from the prior agreement as a result of CCI implementation. Previously, AAS submitted all monthly reimbursement claims to the State. Under this agreement, AAS will now send monthly claims to HPSM for each CCI client enrolled in MSSP, and to the State for reimbursement of non-CCI clients receiving MSSP services.