



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



**Date:** November 19, 2012  
**Board Meeting Date:** January 29, 2013  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System  
Brian Zamora, Director, Family Health Services

**Subject:** Certification Statements for California Children's Services and Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing:

- A. The signing of Certification Statements for California Children's Services and Child Health and Disability Prevention Program; and
- B. The Chief of the Health System or designee to sign all future Certification Statements for California Children's Services and Child Health and Disability Prevention Programs

**BACKGROUND:**

The California Department of Health Care Services, Children's Medical Services Branch (CMS) provides health care for children through preventive, diagnostic, treatment, rehabilitation, and follow-up services. CMS requires all cities and counties to submit an annual plan and budget, and provide Certification Statements signed by the local governing body chairperson to indicate approval of the plan and compliance with applicable sections of the State Health and Safety Code.

In San Mateo County the three major programs addressed in the CMS Plan are California Children's Services (CCS), Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP), and the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care. CCS is a State program designed to treat children and youth with certain physically disabling medical conditions through case management, specialized medical treatment and rehabilitation. CHDP is a program that provides regular preventive health assessments to children and youth. Children with suspected health problems are referred for diagnosis and treatment. The Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care, through collaboration with the Human Services Agency, is a public health nursing program that provides expertise in meeting

the medical, dental, mental and developmental needs of children and youth in foster care.

**DISCUSSION:**

The FY 2012-13 CMS Plan was submitted to the State in November 2012 with the understanding that the Certification Statements for CCS and CHDP would follow. Key features of the plan are: program accomplishments, job descriptions, performance measures and program budget. Signing the Certification statements certifies that the programs will comply with all applicable provisions, rules, and regulations from the California Health and Safety Code, Welfare and Institutions Code, Children's Medical Services Plan and Fiscal Guidelines Manual and Federal Title XIX of the Social Security Act and Title V of the Social Security Act. Submission of the Certification Statements was delayed due to budget uncertainty at the State level, resulting in delayed approval letters issued from CMS Branch. The State has indicated Board approval could be delegated to the Chief of the Health System or her designee in future years. The Resolution delegates this authority.

The Resolution and Certification Statements have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

Approval of the Certification Statements contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing a variety of health care services to San Mateo County youth. It is anticipated that 90% of children enrolled in California Children's Services will have a primary care provider and 85% of low-income children will be up-to-date on their immunizations at age 2.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2011-12 Actual	FY 2012-13 Projected
Percentage of children enrolled in California Children's Services with a primary care provider	89	90
Percentage of low-income children with up-to-date immunizations at age 2	85	85

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of signing the Certification Statements. Budgets for CCS and CHDP have been included in Family Health Services FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget. The estimated Net County Cost for CHDP is \$422,491 and for CCS is \$432,752.