



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: February 19, 2015
Board Meeting Date: March 17, 2015
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 San Mateo Community Health Authority

RECOMMENDATION:

Acting as the San Mateo County In Home Supportive Services Public Authority, adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the San Mateo Community Health Authority, doing business as the Health Plan of San Mateo, to pass through funds received by the State of California Department of Social Services for In-Home Supportive contract services provided for the term of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

In 1993, your Board approved an Ordinance establishing a separate In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority (Authority) to administer the individual provider components for the IHSS program and designate the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors as the Authority's Governing Board. The IHSS program's mission is to assist eligible aged, blind, and disabled individuals to remain in their own homes as long as safely possible. Using independent providers, the program provides residents with a wide variety of personal care and domestic services, such as meal preparation, feeding, bathing, dressing, transferring, protective supervision, laundry, shopping, transportation, and certain paramedical services authorized by a physician.

There are two modes for providing IHSS: 1) Independent Providers who are selected and hired by recipients themselves to provide care; and 2) contract services provided through an agency. Recipients of contract mode services are generally people who cannot direct their own care, due to cognitive issues or because they are extremely frail.

The Authority historically has contracted with an agency to provide homecare services for high risk IHSS clients. In April 2014, HPSM assumed this contracting responsibility from the Authority as part of Cal MediConnect and the Coordinated Care Initiative. The contract assumes that the IHSS Consortium will serve an average of 88 high risk IHSS

consumers in a year. The contract between HPSM and the IHSS Consortium is for a one-year term, from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, with a not to exceed amount of \$2,236,000.

DISCUSSION:

This agreement addresses the necessary change in billing and payment terms, as a result of the shift in IHSS contracting authority from the Authority to HPSM. A Dual Plan Letter issued by the California Department of Health Care Services provides direction on the new billing and payment method as follows. HPSM will reimburse the IHSS Consortium for service provided. The County will include the paid amount on its reimbursement claim and send the claim to the State of California Department of Social Services (DSS). DSS will reimburse the County based on the submitted claim. The County will send a check to HPSM equal to the cost reimbursed by DSS.

The subject agreement authorizes the Authority to perform all services required to pass through any non-county share of revenue received to HPSM, based on the Claim for Reimbursement for IHSS Program Contract Expenditures.

The Resolution contains the County’s standard provisions allowing amendment of the Authority’s fiscal obligations by maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

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

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by allowing the Authority to continue providing services that allow at-risk individuals to remain in the least restrictive setting possible. 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 October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017. There is no fiscal obligation under this agreement.