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



**Date:** March 31, 2014  
**Board Meeting Date:** May 6, 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:** Amendment to the Agreement with California Department of Aging for the Multipurpose Senior Services Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with the California Department of Aging, to replace the terms and conditions in their entirety for the Multipurpose Senior Service Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

For the last 25 years, the San Mateo County Health System's Aging and Adult Services division (AAS) has contracted with the State of California's Department of Aging (CDA) to provide Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) services. MSSP provides social and health care management services to frail elder persons who are eligible for Medi-Cal. MSSP aims to keep clients living independently in the community and to prevent or delay placement in a nursing facility.

On July 9, 2013, your Board approved a Resolution authorizing a FY 2013-2014 agreement with CDA for MSSP services, provided by AAS.

In an effort to improve health care quality and lower costs for people receiving both Medicare and Medicaid benefits (known as dually eligible persons), the federal Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office partnered with CDA to establish a three-year demonstration project. This state project, known as Cal MediConnect, will develop new approaches to coordinated care for dually eligible persons.

The county, through the Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM), was selected by CDA to be one of eight California counties to participate in the Cal MediConnect program. Under

Cal MediConnect, the funding for MSSP from CDA will pass through HPSM to AAS to provide MSSP services.

**DISCUSSION:**

This amendment to the agreement replaces the previous terms and conditions in their entirety with new terms and conditions, which outlines the designation of MSSP funding through Cal MediConnect to HPSM.

This replacement is necessary due to state legislation in the program that adds new requirements and procedures to the payment method. Specifically, under Cal MediConnect, HPSM will pay AAS monthly, based on a list of persons eligible for MSSP services. For those clients who opt-out of Cal MediConnect and remain as fee-for-service, CDA will pay AAS monthly, based on monthly claims submitted by AAS. These new terms and conditions are effective as of April 1, 2014.

The amendment 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 in order to avoid inappropriate placements in nursing facilities. It is anticipated that 95 percent of at-risk individuals will be maintained in a least restrictive setting through case management.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2013-14 Estimate	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 remains July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014. There is no change to the amount of the agreement, which is not to exceed \$685,600. Since AAS is the party being paid for the services described above, there is no Net County Cost. Funds for these services have been included in the AAS FY 2013-14 Adopted Budget.