



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: May 13, 2015
Board Meeting Date: June 16, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: 4/5ths

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 the California Department of Aging for the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program

RECOMMENDATION:

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- A) Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with the California Department of Aging for the addition of \$20,240 in one-time-only funding for the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program for the term April 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, increasing the total from \$387,417 to \$407,657; and
- B) Resolution approving an Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$20,240 from Unanticipated Revenue to Provider Services Programs.

BACKGROUND:

Your Board designated the County's Aging and Adult Services division (AAS) as the Area Agency on Aging for San Mateo County to carry out state-funded programs pursuant to the federal Older Americans Act of 1965. On April 24, 2012, your Board approved the FY 2012-2016 Area Plan for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities.

Board approval of the Area Plan for Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities resulted in the county receiving state funding to provide Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) services. HICAP is a volunteer-supported program that provides three basic services: community education, lay counseling, and advocacy related to Medicare. The HICAP program is an integral component of the county's community-based long-term care system, because the program connects eligible citizens to Medicare. Medicare beneficiaries, those under 65 who are about to become eligible for Medicare, and people with disabilities are eligible for HICAP services.

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DISCUSSION:

This amendment provides additional one-time-only federal funding from State Health Insurance Program funds that were unspent at the end of FY 2013-14 and funds from the past year's grant reconciliation. These funds will be used to promote expand HICAP activities in the community and meet or exceed State benchmarks. An amendment with Self Help for the Elderly, the nonprofit organization that will be providing HICAP services to the community, will be brought simultaneously before your Board or designee for review and approval.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution and amendment as to form and content.

This amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing OAA funding, which allows AAS to provide HICAP services to eligible recipients. In FY 2013-14, 92 percent (239 HICAP service recipients) respondents felt that the HICAP counseling appointment was helpful and necessary to make an informed decision about Medicare coverage options.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
The number and percentage of HICAP service recipient respondents who felt the HICAP counseling appointment was helpful and necessary to make an informed decision about their Medicare coverage and options.	238 / 92%	294 / 94%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. This amendment increases the previously awarded amount of \$387,417 by \$20,240 to a new amount not to exceed \$407,657. Through Board acceptance of this Appropriation Transfer Request, \$20,240 will be appropriated to the Aging and Adult Services FY 2014-15 Working Budget. There is no net county cost as a result of this action.