



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: September 10, 2015
Board Meeting Date: October 20, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: 4/5ths

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System
Lisa Mancini, Director, Aging and Adult Services

Subject: Agreement with the California Department of Aging for Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolutions authorizing:

- A) An agreement with the California Department of Aging to provide Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program services for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, for an amount not to exceed \$306,875; and
- B) An Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$306,875 from Unanticipated Revenue to Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program.

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 health insurance. 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 health insurance. Medicare beneficiaries, those under 65 who are about to become eligible for Medicare, or who are disabled are eligible for HICAP services.

DISCUSSION:

This agreement with the California Department of Aging allows the County to accept HICAP funding and allows AAS to provide HICAP services to County residents.

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 providing home and community based services to individuals 60 and above. It is anticipated that 75 percent (195 HICAP service recipients) of respondents will feel that their HICAP counseling appointment was helpful and necessary to make an informed decision about Medicare coverage options.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
The number and percentage of HICAP service recipient respondents who felt that the HICAP counseling appointment was helpful and necessary to make an informed decision about their Medicare coverage and options.	65% or Actual number of respondents: 168	75% or Projected number of respondents: 195

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The amount is not to exceed \$306,875 in funding from the California Department of Aging. There is no net county cost. Through Board acceptance of this Appropriation Transfer Request, \$306,875 will be appropriated to the AAS FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget.