

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 4/21/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Penny Borenstein / 781-5519	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve 1) a new Allocation Agreement for Calendar Years 2015 and 2016 with the Department of Health Care Services in an amount not to exceed \$69,772 to accept funding for Medi-Cal renewal assistance efforts, and 2) grant delegation of authority to the Health Agency Director to sign amendments to the Medi-Cal Renewal Assistance Allocation Agreement. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: 1) Approve and direct the Chairperson to sign a new Allocation Agreement for Calendar Years 2015 and 2016 with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in the amount of \$69,772 to accept funding for Medi-Cal renewal assistance efforts, and 2) Delegate authority to the Health Agency Director to sign amendments to the Medi-Cal Renewal Assistance Allocation Agreement.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Medi-Cal	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$69,772.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$69,772.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Penny Borenstein, MD, MPH, Health Officer

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The County has been granted a Medi-Cal Renewal Assistance Allocation by DHCS. This funding is authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 18, Section 1 for the term of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$69,772. By accepting this allocation, the County agrees to provide Medi-Cal renewal assistance, pursuant to SB 18. SB 18 provides counties and community-based organizations (CBOs) funding to assist current Medi-Cal beneficiaries in renewing their coverage in years 2015 and 2016. In compliance with the newly mandated Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Medi-Cal renewal process and forms have changed. Beneficiaries that had Medi-Cal pre-ACA or are new to Medi-Cal could benefit from renewal assistance. The funds allocated under this agreement shall be used only for Medi-Cal renewal assistance activities and may supplement, but shall not supplant, existing local, state, and foundation funding of county renewal assistance activities.

This funding is to be used in conjunction with Community Based Organizations (CBOs). The County is required to partner with one or more CBOs to develop, conduct and implement effective tools and methods to expand Medi-Cal renewal assistance efforts. The County is not required to immediately contract with CBOs in light of the timeliness that may be necessary for contracting processes. However, the County will need to demonstrate through quarterly reporting activities on the progress of contracting with CBOs.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contracts as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

DHCS has granted to the County an amount of \$69,772 under this Allocation Agreement to administer Medi-Cal renewal

assistance efforts. This allocation will be received as unanticipated revenue for the Fund Center (FC) 350 – Medically Indigent Services Program (MISP) beginning in FY 2014-15 and continuing into FY 2015-16. FC 350 is expected to have sufficient appropriations to accommodate the increase without a budget adjustment. The Medi-Cal Renewal Assistance Allocation will provide \$6,977, or 10% of the allocation, to the Health Agency for indirect administrative costs, including planning, documentation, and other administrative costs. Additionally, as required by SB 18, the Health Agency will partner with and distribute \$62,795 or 90% of the allocation, to one or more Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to expand Medi-Cal renewal assistance efforts. The Health Agency expects to return to the Board by July 2015 with CBO contracts to provide renewal assistance services.

RESULTS

The approval of this Allocation Agreement will provide funding necessary to maximize Medi-Cal renewals within San Luis Obispo County by providing assistance from CBOs located throughout the county. Specific results will include:

- Submission of quarterly and annual reports on time and with a tally of number of individuals assisted through this grant.
- Continued convening of the ACA Stakeholder Workgroup, at least quarterly, to include discussion amongst contracted CBOs and Health Agency staff on best practices related to Medi-Cal renewal assistance.

Furthermore, this grant allocation will contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. DHCS Medi-Cal Renewal Assistance Allocation Agreement