

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date _____ Held Until _____
Agenda Item No: _____ Agenda Item No: _____

Department: Health Services

() 4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:
6/16/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: First 5 California Healthy Families Agreement

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute the First 5 California Standard Agreement No. CCFC 7179 and related exhibits to reimburse funds advanced by First 5 California to the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) for payment of premiums for Sonoma County children ages 0-5 who are new enrollees in the Healthy Families Program during the period December 18, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (up to \$251,263).

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost \$ 251,263

Contingencies
(Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted 251,263

Unanticipated Revenue
(Source:)

Other Avail Approp
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s)
(Source:)

Additional Requested: \$ 0

Add'l Funds Requested: \$ 0

Explanation (if required): The FY 08-09 Final Budget includes \$251,263 for this program. All funding is from the Sonoma County Children and Families Special Revenue Fund.

Prior Board Action(s):

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Lost opportunity for Sonoma Children and Families Commission to participate in Healthy Families insurance coverage for eligible Sonoma County children.

BACKGROUND: (Note: First 5 California Standard Agreement No. CCFC 7179 and Sonoma County Children and Families Commission approved meeting minutes are on file with the Clerk of the Board.)

California's Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), also known as Healthy Families, insures children whose family income exceeds the Medi-Cal limit, but is less than 250 percent of the federal poverty level. Administered by the state Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB), California's Healthy Families program is the largest in the nation with approximately 900,000 enrolled children, over 12,300 of which reside in Sonoma County.

In December 2008, the statewide Healthy Families program reached its funded capacity forcing a planned suspension of new enrollments effective December 18, 2008. However, representatives of First 5 California and county First 5 commissions offered to assist by providing \$16.7 million in additional funding for new Healthy Families enrollees in all California counties. An advantage of this collaborative approach was that every First 5 dollar guaranteed receipt of two dollars in federal funding.

In January 2009, the Sonoma County Children and Families Commission voted to support the First 5 California effort by reimbursing MRMIB for Sonoma County's premiums for new enrollees during the period of December 18, 2008 through June 30, 2009 (up to \$251,263). The approved reimbursement amount is based on the MRMIB projection of the number of new Healthy Families enrollees from the county for the period. The final reimbursement amount will be based on the actual number of Sonoma County children enrolled.

The Department is requesting Board of Supervisors approval to execute First 5 California Agreement Number CCFC 7179 providing reimbursement for premiums of Sonoma County children enrolled in Healthy Families. The action requested in this agenda item is consistent with the goals and objectives approved in the April 2000 Sonoma County Children and Families Commission's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 08-09 Final Budget includes \$251,263 for the Healthy Families program. All funding is from the Sonoma County Children and Families Special Revenue Fund. There is no contribution from the General Fund or use of Realignment funds.

Attachments: None.

On File With Clerk: First 5 California Standard Agreement No. CCFC 7179; Sonoma County Children and Families Commission approved meeting minutes.

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")	Vote:

