

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

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Meeting Date _____ Held Until _____
Agenda Item No: _____ / ____ / ____ Agenda Item No: _____ / ____ / ____

Department: Health Services

() 4/5 Vote Required

Contact:
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Board Date:
6/23/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Mental Health Medi-Cal Consolidation Provider Agreement

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Authorize the Director of Health Services to execute FY 09-10 contracts with various Medi-Cal consolidation service providers, subject to County Counsel review, and any amendments that do not significantly change the scope of work (\$875,000).

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost	\$	0	Contingencies		
			(Fund Name:)		
Amount Budgeted			Unanticipated Revenue		
			(Source:)		
Other Avail Approp			Other Transfer(s)		
(Explain below)			(Source:)		
Additional Requested:	\$	0	Add'l Funds Requested:	\$	0

Explanation (if required): The FY 09-10 Proposed Budget includes \$875,000 for these contracts.

Prior Board Action(s): 8/5/08 – Authorized Medi-Cal consolidation contracts for FY 08-09.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Lost opportunity to provide mental health services to approximately 400 Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Sonoma County.

BACKGROUND:

The County of Sonoma (County) contracts with the California Department of Mental Health to provide medically necessary specialty mental health services to Sonoma County Medi-Cal beneficiaries. In 1998, the Board approved an agreement with the State that formally designated the County as the local Mental Health Plan, with sole responsibility for authorizing mental health services provided to Sonoma County Medi-Cal beneficiaries. This statewide transfer of Medi-Cal mental health administrative authority from the State to individual counties is known as Medi-Cal Consolidation.

Medi-Cal beneficiaries receive specialty mental health services through the County Mental Health Plan. The Mental Health Division maintains a consistent network of mental health providers to ensure access to a broad range of treatment modalities and specialty services, continuity of care and services that are accessible to Sonoma County residents. Like most managed care networks, the DHS Mental Health Plan network is always open to accept applications to become a provider. To be eligible to contract with the County applicants must be enrolled with the State as a Medi-Cal provider.

The contracted rates for services provided by community based organizations and individual therapists are based on the State established maximum payment amounts for each mental health service covered by MediCal. The State maximum payments are set annually, and capped at 125% of the statewide average cost for each eligible service. The total appropriation approved by the Board sets the maximum total payment for all service providers.

The provider network includes contracts with inpatient psychiatric facilities. The daily rate paid to a contracted hospital is negotiated by the county, or is set by the State, based on the average rates negotiated by counties in specific regions. The current average rate for Bay Area inpatient facilities is \$838 per day. In addition, funds are available for payment of services to non-contracted mental health service providers for emergent/urgent services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 09-10 Proposed Budget includes \$875,000 for contracted mental health services, of which \$376, 250 (43%) of Mental Health Realignment is used to leverage the Medi-Cal revenues of \$498,750 (47%). There is no contribution from the General Fund.

Attachments: Attachment A -Medi-Cal Consolidation, Mental Health Plan Provider Rates FY 09-10.

On File With Clerk: None

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

