

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Health Services Agency *MSA*

BOARD AGENDA # *B-9

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE May 18, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Increase Appropriations for the Health Services Agency Public Health Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget by \$162,963 for the California Children's Services Program Funded by Departmental Fund Balance

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the increase of appropriations for the Health Services Agency Public Health Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget by \$162,963 for the California Children's Services Program funded by departmental fund balance.
2. Direct the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations as detailed on the budget journal form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The California Children's Services program is funded by Federal and State allocations and through required County contributions generally from realignment revenues. The amount of required County contribution is determined by actual utilization and cost of medical services provided to the enrolled children. The estimated County contribution of \$523,000 was included in the Health Services Agency

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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-299

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Grover

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST:

CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

FISCAL IMPACT (continued):

Public Health division budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Claims volumes however have exceeded this projected amount and an additional \$325,926 is necessary to pay healthcare providers. Of the \$325,926, one-half or \$162,963 is the additional required County contribution. The Health Services Agency Public Health division fund balance is proposed as the source of the additional contribution.

Claims under this Diagnosis and Treatment portion of the California Children's Services program are adjudicated by the State. As funding is necessary to satisfy the claims liability, the State invoices the Health Services Agency for the required County contribution. The State will not release claims until the County has certified the County contribution, through a statement provided by the Auditor-Controller's office.

DISCUSSION:

The California Children's Services (CCS) is Federal and State mandated and operated under State and Federal guidelines. Every county in the State of California is required to have a CCS Program.

The CCS program provides diagnostic and treatment services, medical case management, and physical and occupational therapy services to children under age 21 with certain physical limitations and chronic health conditions or diseases. Examples of CCS-eligible conditions include, but are not limited to, chronic medical conditions such as cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, cerebral palsy, cancer, traumatic injuries and infectious diseases. CCS also provides medical therapy services that are delivered at public schools.

Children eligible for CCS must be residents of California, have CCS eligible conditions, and have family adjusted gross income of \$40,000 or less in the most recent tax year. Children in families with higher incomes may still be eligible for CCS if the estimated cost of care to the family in one year is expected to exceed 20 percent of the family's adjusted gross income. In addition, the CCS program is responsible for authorization of medically necessary services and medical case management of Medi-Cal beneficiaries with no share of cost who meet CCS medical and age criteria. Services authorized by the CCS program to treat a Healthy Families (HF) enrolled child's CCS-eligible medical condition are excluded from the plan's responsibilities, for treatment of that condition.

The funding for payment for diagnostic, treatment and medical therapy services provided to eligible children with physically handicapping conditions are shared by the County, State and Federal Government. The Board of Supervisors has to authorize or certify an appropriation for the county portion annually. The State is mandated to match these funds within available State General Funds. Funding for children who are Medi-Cal eligible is covered by the Medi-Cal Program. Federal Financial Participation (FFP)

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under Title XXI of the Social Security Act may be claimed for CCS-eligible children enrolled in the Healthy Families Program. Funding for the services for Healthy Families children is covered by federal funds (65 percent, with the remaining cost shared by the County (17.5 percent) and the State (17.5 percent).

Currently there are submitted claims not being paid to providers by the State because the allocation for payment of services has been exhausted. The estimated outstanding claims liability through fiscal year end is \$325,926. In order for payments to be released, Stanislaus County needs to certify an additional \$162,963 of which the State is expected to match with an additional \$162,963.

If the certification is not provided, claims will remain in suspension and paid in the future from the 2010-2011 certified allocation. Such a deferral will likely only create a further problem in the new fiscal year. Additionally, delaying payment to providers often creates an unwillingness by providers to provide care for this population of patients, resulting in reduced access to healthcare services.

The State has indicated that funds are available in the CCS State allocation to match the proposed additional County funding.

Given the shared responsibilities and control between the State and counties under the CCS program, the ability for the Health Services Agency to influence enrollment and expenditure levels is limited, however staff is exploring possible initiatives in an effort to prevent or limit the expanding liability for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval of this item supports the Board of Supervisors priority of A Healthy Community by ensuring appropriate medical services are available throughout Stanislaus County.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff of the Health Services Agency will perform services associated with this item.

CONTACT PERSON:

Cleopathia Moore Bell, Associate Director @ 558-6833

County of Stanislaus: Auditor-Controller Legal Budget Journal

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Set of Books

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County of Stanislaus

Balance Type	Budget
Category	* List - Text Budget - Upload
Source	* List - Text
Currency	* List - Text USD
Budget Name	List - Text LEGAL BUDGET
Batch Name	Text
Journal Name	Text
Journal Description	Text Increase PH - CCS Diagnostic and Treatment
Journal Reference	Text
Organization	List - Text Stanislaus Budget Org

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Totals:	162963.00	0.00
Explanation: Increase HSA Public Health (Fund 1402) CCS Program Expenditure Appropriation.		

Requesting Department	Data Entry	Auditors Office Only
Carol Dunbar Signature _____ 05/11/10 Date _____	Keyed by _____ Date _____	Prepared By _____ Date _____ <div style="text-align: center;"> Approved By 5/12/10 Date </div>