



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: August 13, 2019

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Donna Ortiz PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Approve an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc., dba Anthem

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc., dba Anthem, Agreement Number 23067, to expand coordination of care for eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are enrolled in the Health Homes Program and also receiving Medi-Cal specialty mental health services through Tulare County Mental Health, retroactive to July 1, 2019. This amendment is retroactive due to delays in negotiation of terms. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2019 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2019, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:
The Affordable Care Act allows states to create Medicaid health homes to coordinate a full range of physical health care services, behavioral health services, and community-based long term services and supports needed by members with chronic conditions. Through this authorization, the Department of Health Care

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Services (DHCS) created the Health Homes Program (HHP) for Medi-Cal members with chronic conditions who meet eligibility criteria specified by DHCS. The HHP is a comprehensive, longitudinal benefit that is available to eligible Medi-Cal Managed Care plan members to support identified medical, behavioral health, substance use, and housing support services until such time as care plan goals are accomplished or are no longer relevant. The HHP is designed to serve eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries with complex medical needs and chronic conditions who may benefit from enhanced care management and coordination. Anthem will be responsible for providing the following six core HHP services to its eligible Medi-Cal Members: comprehensive care management, care coordination, health promotion, comprehensive transitional care, individual and family support, and referral to community and social support services.

The County and Anthem entered into the Memorandum of Understanding on February 2, 2007 to coordinate services for members served by both parties under the DHCS Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan. The County and Anthem are requesting to amend the Memorandum of Understanding to include coordination of care for eligible Medi-Cal Members enrolled in HHP services who are also receiving specialty mental health services. The County and Anthem will mutually develop written policies and procedures for the HHP and all such policies and procedures shall be consistent with applicable laws and guidance from DHCS.


FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost associated with this Memorandum of Understanding, therefore, there is no additional net cost to the County General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative that encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth, and children in state and federally mandated programs. This Memorandum of Understanding increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing eligible clients with coordination of specialty mental health services that would not otherwise be available.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:


Donna Ortiz
Director of Mental Health

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Amendment

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN)
AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF) Resolution No. _____
UNDERSTANDING WITH BLUE CROSS OF) Agreement No. _____
CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP PLAN, INC.,)
DBA ANTHEM

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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