



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

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AGENDA DATE: June 23, 2020

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: Robert Stewart PHONE: 624-8000				

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Santa Cruz County

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Santa Cruz County acting as the host entity of the Local Government Agency Consortium over School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities to update the fee structure retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in receiving the required documents due to the transition from Plumas to Santa Cruz as Host County; making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2019.
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2019 and that it was the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:
The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), as the designated health department for the County of Tulare, contracts with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to participate in the School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) program. This program provides Federal Financial Participation (FFP) funds to participating Local Government Agencies (LGAs) for assisting Medi-Cal eligible individuals in accessing Medi-Cal services.

Each LGA that participates in the SMAA program is required to pay an annual

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participation fee to the host entity of the LGA Consortium. This agreement authorizes Santa Cruz County to collect the appropriate participation fee for Fiscal Year 2019-2022 which is calculated from the total amount of SMAA revenues received in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 as voted by the LGA Consortium members.

Beginning July 1, 2019, DHCS's new policy requires a separate host entity agreement for SMAA and County-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (CMAA). The previous Tulare County Agreement No. 28971 with Plumas County expired as of June 30, 2019. The purpose of this agreement is to extend Santa Cruz County as the new host entity for Fiscal Years 2019-2022.

The following terms deviate from the standard County boilerplate: 1) Any LGA requesting reinstatement that left the Consortium in bad standing will be required to pay the balance of its outstanding participation fees plus interest and penalties as determined by the host entity; and, 2) The agreement includes a mutual indemnification and insurance provision.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The SMAA participation fee due to Santa Cruz County for FY 2019-2022 is estimated at \$69,590 per year and can exceed the amount. This estimate is based on \$2,919,383 in SMAA revenues received in FY 2018/2019 countywide. The participation fee is paid out of Random Moment Time Survey (RMTS) vendor fees from the school districts and administrative fees collected by HHSa for administering and coordinating the local SMAA claiming program. There is no 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, which encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for the general population, especially those who are eligible to receive free or low cost health services funded by federal programs including the SMAA program. This program increases the ability to improve the quality of life of Tulare County residents.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Robert Stewart
Robert Stewart
Director of Fiscal Operations

cc: County Administrative Office

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Attachment(s)
Attachment A-Agreement
Attachment B- Policy and Procedure Letter

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN)
AGREEMENT WITH SANTA CRUZ COUNTY) Resolution No. _____
) Agreement No. _____
)

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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JENNIFER KENT
DIRECTOR

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
GOVERNOR

DATE: April 30, 2018 PPL No. 18-008

TO: All Local Governmental Agency (LGA) Coordinators for the
County-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (CMAA) Program

**SUBJECT: Unallowable Code 19 - MAA/TCM Coordination and Claims
Administration (MCCA) Claiming on CMAA Invoice**

The purpose of this Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) is to clarify a MCCA claiming requirement for the CMAA invoice. CMAA participants who oversee multiple Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) programs, such as CMAA, School-Based MAA (SMAA), Mental Health MAA (MH MAA), and Tribal MAA (TMAA) must claim the time and costs for MCCA through the appropriate program. Claiming federal reimbursement for other MAA programs through the CMAA invoice is not allowed as per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The CMS-approved plans and manuals are the primary authorities for CMAA, SMAA, MH MAA, and TMAA claiming, and they provide the proper method for claiming those separate MCCA costs using each program's respective invoice.

According to Section I(C)(4) of the CMAA Program Operational Plan, approved by CMS on May 3, 2013, "LGAs are required to submit claims for reimbursement to the appropriate federal financial participation (FFP) programs," to prevent duplication.

Starting July 1, 2018, in order to demonstrate compliance with Section I(C)(4) of the CMAA Program Operational Plan, CMAA time survey and direct charge participants who oversee multiple MAA programs must separate their MCCA time and costs for each appropriate MAA program. If a claiming unit fails to follow this instruction and combines multiple MAA programs time and costs within CMAA invoices, DHCS will disallow the non-CMAA costs on the CMAA invoices.

LGAs that are unsure about the requirements to participate in other MAA programs may contact those programs directly as follows:

School Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (SMAA) – smaa@dhcs.ca.gov
Mental Health Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MH MAA) – mhmaa@dhcs.ca.gov
Tribal Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (TMAA) – cmaa@dhcs.ca.gov

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If you have any questions or require further assistance regarding this PPL, please e-mail the CMAA unit at cmaa@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY SHELLY TAUNK

Shelly Taunk, Chief
County-Based Claiming and Inmate Services Section