

## **MEDI-CAL COUNTY INMATE PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

1. Intent of Agreement

This Reimbursement for Administrative Costs for the Medi-Cal Inmate Program (MCIP) Agreement (Agreement) is intended to reimburse the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for its administrative costs associated with the MCIP as further detailed below and in Schedule A attached hereto.

2. Parties

The parties to this Agreement are DHCS and the County of Tulare (County).

3. Authority

- A. DHCS is the single state agency responsible for administering the California Medical Assistance Program (Medi-Cal), including MCIP, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14100.1.
- B. This Agreement is authorized by Welfare and Institutions Code sections 14053.7 and 14053.8 and Penal Code section 5072.

4. Term of the Agreement

The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2020 through and including June 30, 2023.

5. Definitions.

- A. The term “Certified Public Expenditure Process” or “CPE Process” means the process established for Medi-Cal under state law (including but not limited to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14166.1, et seq.), the California Medi-Cal State Plan, and approved Medicaid demonstration projects and waivers through which public Medi-Cal providers claim Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for allowable expenditures.
- B. The term “days” as used in this Agreement shall mean calendar days unless specified otherwise.
- C. The term “Demonstration Project” means the California Medi-Cal 2020 Demonstration, Number 11-W-00193/9, as approved by CMS effective beginning December 30, 2015 and any successor demonstration projects.

- D. The term “Designated Public Hospital” is defined as set forth in the Demonstration Project, and codified in state law at Welfare and Institutions Code section 14184.10, subdivision (f) pursuant to SB 815 (2016), and may be modified from time to time.
- E. The term “Inmate” as used in this Agreement includes persons identified in Welfare and Institutions Code sections 14053.7(e)(2)(A) and 14053.8(k) “Juvenile Inmate,” and Government Code sections 26605.6(a) “Prisoner,” 26605.7(a) “Prisoner” and (d)(1) “Probationer,” and 26605.8 “Prisoner” and “Probationer.”
- F. The term “MCIP” or “Medi-Cal County Inmate Program” contains the following three components: the Adult County Inmate Program (ACIP), as authorized in state law pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14053.7 and Penal Code section 5072, the Juvenile County Ward Program (JCWP), as authorized in Welfare and Institutions Code section 14053.8, and the County Compassionate Release Program (CCRP) and County Medical Probation Program (CMPP), as authorized by Government Code sections 26605.6, 26605.7, and 26605.8.
- G. “MCIP Administrative Services” means the administrative services provided by DHCS personnel for the administration of MCIP.
- H. “Medi-Cal provider” means, any individual, partnership, group association, corporation, institution, or entity and the officer, directors, owners, managing employees or agents of any partnership, group association, corporation, institution, or entity that provides services, goods, supplies, or merchandise, directly or indirectly, to a Medi-Cal beneficiary, and that has been enrolled in the Medi-Cal program.
- I. The State Fiscal Year (SFY) begins on July 1st of each calendar year and ends on June 30th in the subsequent calendar year.

6. Maximum Payable Amount

The amount that the County shall be obligated to pay for MCIP administrative services rendered under this Agreement shall not exceed its share of the nonfederal share of DHCS administrative costs. The maximum payable amount the County shall be obligated to pay for services rendered under this Agreement shall not exceed **\$14,564.69** which shall be based on a methodology specified in Addendum A.

- A. The maximum payable amount shall be further subject to the allocated State Fiscal Year’s (SFY’s) annual limits not to exceed:

**\$4,620.04** for July 1, 2020, through and including June 30, 2021

**\$4,851.05** for July 1, 2021, through and including June 30, 2022

**\$5,093.60** for July 1, 2022, through and including June 30, 2023

For future contract periods not covered under this Agreement, the maximum payable amount shall be determined through a new Agreement or an amendment to this Agreement.

7. Contact Persons

Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted hereunder, shall be deemed to be properly given when furnished in writing to the following:

A. In the case of the County to:

Benjamin Mitchell, Health Services Manager  
County of Tulare  
5957 S. Mooney Blvd  
Visalia, CA 93277

Or to such person or address as the County may furnish in writing to DHCS.

B. In the case of DHCS to:

California Department of Health Care Services  
Local Governmental Financing Division  
County Based Claiming & Inmate Services Section  
Attn: Inmate Medi-Cal Claiming Unit  
1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 4603  
P.O. Box 997436  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7436

Or to such person or address as DHCS may, from time to time, furnish in writing or to the County.

8. Payment Terms and Invoicing

A. General Terms

1. DHCS shall submit a quarterly invoice to the County for the County's apportioned share of the nonfederal share of the MCIP administrative services for the period billed.
2. The County shall pay DHCS for the County's apportioned share of the non-federal share of MCIP administrative services which shall be based on a methodology specified in Addendum A within 60 days of receipt of an invoice.
3. Failure by the County to timely pay DHCS shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement, which at DHCS' discretion, may result in termination of

both this Agreement and the MCIP Evergreen Provider Agreement (PA) by DHCS. The County may cure such breach by rendering payment of the amount owed to DHCS three days prior to the termination of this Agreement or the PA.

4. The County shall not make payments for any invoice or portion thereof exceeding the respective maximum payable amount. Payment for any MCIP administrative services rendered by DHCS exceeding the respective maximum payable amount shall require an amendment. If the County fails to execute a retroactive amendment to the maximum payable amount under this Agreement, DHCS shall terminate both the Agreement and the PA.
5. Payments shall be sent to DHCS at the following address, or such other address as DHCS may specify in writing:

California Department of Health Care Services  
Local Governmental Financing Division  
County Based Claiming & Inmate Services Section  
Attn: Inmate Medi-Cal Claiming Unit  
1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 4603  
P.O. Box 997436  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7436

9. DHCS Responsibilities

A. MCIP Administrative Services

1. DHCS shall administer MCIP and this Agreement for the purpose of claiming federal reimbursement for MCIP services. It is understood by both parties that other administrative activities remain the responsibility of the County.
2. DHCS shall maintain accounting records for personnel services at a level of detail as described in Schedule A. Additionally, these records must identify any equipment and all related operating expenses.
3. DHCS shall submit to the County a quarterly invoice for the County's apportioned share of the nonfederal share of MCIP administrative services based on Addendum A. The quarterly invoice for reimbursement shall identify the following summarized categories of DHCS' costs for the allocated SFY period billed: salary, benefits, operating expenses, and total costs. Costs shall be multiplied by one minus the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) applicable to such administrative costs subject to the limit on the amount reimbursable by the County. The maximum payable amount shall not exceed the County's apportioned share, which shall be based on a methodology specified in Addendum A.

B. General Responsibilities

1. Should the scope of work for this Agreement conflict with DHCS' responsibilities under federal Medicaid law, those responsibilities shall take precedence.
2. DHCS' cessation of any activities due to federal Medicaid responsibilities does not relinquish the obligation of the County to reimburse DHCS for administrative costs incurred by DHCS in connection with this Agreement for periods in which the County participated in MCIP.
3. DHCS agrees to provide to the County, or any federal or state department with monitoring or reviewing authority, access and the right to examine its applicable records and documents for compliance with relevant federal and state statutes, regulations, and this Agreement.

10. County Responsibilities

A. MCIP Administrative Services

1. As a condition of participation, the County accepts responsibility for reimbursing DHCS for the County's apportioned share of the nonfederal share of costs of MCIP administrative services based on Addendum A.
2. The County shall reimburse DHCS its allotted portion of the nonfederal share of funding allocated for compensation, associated operating expenses, equipment, and travel costs for no more than 3.50 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions composed of: one-half (0.50) FTE Staff Service Manager I, one (1) FTE Health Program Specialist I, one (1) FTE Staff Services Analyst/Associate Governmental Program Analyst, one-half (0.50) FTE Attorney, and one-half (0.50) FTE Accounting Officer, to be established and housed at DHCS, to support the reported expenditures submission process for obtaining federal reimbursement under this Agreement.
3. If a County does not participate in MCIP or does not abide by the terms of this Agreement, the County remains responsible for arranging for and paying for medical care for its MCIP eligible beneficiaries.

B. General Responsibilities

1. Upon compliance with all applicable provisions of this Agreement and applicable laws, the County may send its MCIP eligible beneficiaries to Medical providers to receive MCIP services.

2. The County shall reimburse DHCS pursuant to Paragraph A with funds from the County's General Fund, or from any other funds allowed under federal law and regulation.
3. In the event of a federal deferral or disallowance applicable to MCIP expenditures, the County shall provide all documents requested by DHCS within fourteen days.

11. Amendments

Amendments to this Agreement shall be in writing signed by the parties to this Agreement, and, if required by state law, by approval of the California Department of General Services. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, any changes made to the contact persons identified in Article 5 may be made by written communication, e-mail to the other contact person or persons and without formal amendment.

12. Termination and Agreement Disputes

- A. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice given at least 30 days prior to the termination date. Notice shall be addressed to the respective parties as identified in Article 5. The County shall remain obligated after the termination date to pay for all MCIP administrative costs incurred by DHCS for periods in which the County participated in the MCIP.
- B. This Agreement shall terminate upon cessation of the MCIP. The County shall remain obligated after the termination date to pay for all of the County's apportioned share of MCIP administrative costs incurred by DHCS for periods in which the County participated in MCIP
- C. Termination of this Agreement will automatically terminate the County's MCIP Evergreen PA.

13. General Provisions

- A. Indemnification. It is agreed that the County shall defend, hold harmless, and indemnify DHCS, its officers, employees, and agents from any and all reported expenditures, liability, loss, or expense (including reasonable attorney fees) for injuries or damage to any person, any property, or both which arise out of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the County, its officers, employees, or agents.
- B. Severability. If any term, condition, or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force and effect, and shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated in any way. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if a decision by a court of competent jurisdiction invalidates, voids,

or renders unenforceable a term, condition, or provision in this Agreement that is included in the purpose of this Agreement then the parties to this Agreement shall either amend this Agreement pursuant to Article 9, or it shall be terminated pursuant to Article 10.

- C. Records. DHCS and the County shall maintain and preserve all records relating to this Agreement for a period of three years from DHCS' receipt of the last payment of FFP, or until three years after all audit findings are resolved, whichever is later. This does not limit any responsibilities of DHCS or the County provided for elsewhere in this Agreement, or in state or federal law.
- D. Compliance with Applicable Laws. All parties performance under this Agreement shall be in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to:
1. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended;
  2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended;
  3. Title XIX of the Social Security Act;
  4. Welfare and Institutions Code section 14000 et seq.;
  5. Government Code section 53060;
  6. The California Medicaid State Plan;
  7. Applicable laws and regulations related to licensure, certification, confidentiality of records, quality assurance, and nondiscrimination;
  8. The Policy and Procedure Letters, and similar instructions, published with regulatory authority;
  9. Government Code sections 26605.6, 26605.7, and 26605.8;
  10. Penal Code section 5072;
  11. 42 Code of Federal Regulations; and,
  12. Applicable sections of the California Code of Regulations.
- E. Controlling Law and Venue. The validity of this Agreement and its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the parties hereunder, the interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue for any action brought concerning this Agreement shall be in any county in which the Attorney General maintains an office.

F. Integration Clause.

1. This Agreement and any exhibits and addendums attached hereto shall constitute the entire Agreement among the parties to it pertaining to the implementation of MCIP and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous understanding or agreement with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.
2. Notwithstanding Subparagraph G.1., DHCS Form 9098 or DHCS Form 6208 (whichever is applicable) is incorporated by reference into this Agreement if the County has a DHCS Form 9098 or DHCS Form 6208 on record. Notwithstanding Subparagraph G.1., the terms of the DHCS Form 9098 or DHCS Form 6208 control to the extent there is a conflict with this Agreement, except for Article 10 of this Agreement. If the DHCS Form 9098 or DHCS Form 6208 does not address a matter addressed by this Agreement, then this Agreement controls.

G. Conformance Clause. Any provision of this Agreement in conflict with present or future governing authorities is hereby amended to conform to those authorities and such amended provisions supersede any conflicting provisions in this Agreement. The governing authorities include, but are not limited to the authorities listed in Article 11.E.

H. Waiver. No covenant, condition, duty, obligation, or undertaking made a part of this Agreement shall be waived except by amendment of the Agreement by the parties hereto, and forbearance or indulgence in any other form or manner by either party in any regard whatsoever shall not constitute a waiver of the covenant, condition, duty, obligation, or undertaking to be kept, performed, or discharged by the other party to which the same may apply; and, until performance or satisfaction of all covenants, duties, obligations, or undertakings is complete, the party shall have the right to invoke any remedy available under this Agreement, or under law, notwithstanding such forbearance or indulgence.

I. Third Party Benefit. None of the provisions of this Agreement are or shall be construed as for the benefit of, or enforceable by, any person not a party to this Agreement.

J. Conflict of Interest. The County is subject to the Medi-Cal Conflict of Interest Law, as applicable and set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code section 14022 and Article 1.1 (commencing with Welfare and Institutions Code section 14047), and implemented pursuant to 22 California Code of Regulations, section 51466.

K. Budget Contingency Clause. If funding associated with MCIP for any SFY is reduced by the State Budget Act DHCS shall have the option to cancel this Agreement, with no liability occurring to the State.



- L. Confidentiality. The County shall comply with the applicable confidentiality requirements as specified in Section 1902(a)(7) of the Social Security Act; 42 Code of Federal Regulations, part 431.300; Welfare and Institutions Code section 14100.2; and 22 California Code of Regulations, section 51009; and, the Business Associates Agreement attached and hereby incorporated by reference.

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The signatories to this Agreement represent and warrant that they have full and binding authority to the commitments contained herein on behalf of their respective entity.

**County of Tulare**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
Contracts Section**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Carrie Talbot

Title: SSMI, Contracts Section

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approve As To Form:  
County Counsel

By: Jennifer M. Flores 8/31/2020  
Deputy

Matter No: 2020993

**SCHEDULE A  
SCOPE OF WORK**

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DHCS)

DHCS agrees to:

1. Calculate the actual costs for administrative accounting, policy development, and data processing maintenance activities, including the indirect costs related to the MCIP program provided by its staff, which is in accordance with the provisions of Section 1903(w) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations, part 433, subpart B.
2. Lead the development, implementation, and administration for the MCIP.
3. Submit claims for Federal Financial Participation (FFP) based on Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) from participating MCIP counties.
4. On an annual basis, submit any necessary materials to the federal government to provide assurances that claims for FFP will include only those expenditures that are allowable under federal law.
5. Maintain accounting records to a level of detail that identifies the actual expenditures incurred for personnel services including salary or wages, benefits, and overhead costs for DHCS' staff. Additionally, these records will identify any equipment and all related operating expenses applicable to these positions. Records should include, but not be limited to general expense, rent and supplies for identified staff and managerial staff working specifically on activities or assignments directly related to the MCIP.
6. Ensure that an appropriate audit trail exists within DHCS' records and accounting system and maintain expenditure data as indicated in this Agreement.
7. Designate a person to act as liaison with the County for issues arising from this Agreement. This person shall be identified to the County's contact person for this Agreement.
8. Provide a written response to the County's contact person within 30 days of receiving a written request for information related to the MCIP.
9. Provide the County with accounting, program technical assistance, and training related to the MCIP.
10. Maintain an invoice tracking system for MCIP and provide a report on a quarterly basis.

11. Establish an annual MCIP administrative cost based on Addendum A.
12. Invoice the County on a quarterly basis for administrative costs.

### **ADDENDUM A: MCIP Administrative Costs**

The MCIP Administrative Contract is a three-year contract. At the beginning of each calendar year, counties have the opportunity to inform DHCS of their intent to continue participation in MCIP for the upcoming State Fiscal Year (SFY) by completing the MCIP Letter of Intent (LOI).

The methodology for calculating each county's nonfederal share of administrative costs was developed by DHCS in consultation with the California State Association of Counties, County Health Executives Association of California, California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, and the California State Sheriffs' Association. The nonfederal share of administrative costs allocated to each county is based on the following:

- 1) 30% of the total administrative costs will be distributed evenly to participating counties over 50,000 in population. \*
- 2) 70% of the total administrative costs will be allocated to participating counties pro-rata based on population. \*

*\*Population data will be obtained from the California Department of Finance, Demographic Estimates*

To account for a cost of living adjustment on a yearly basis after the initial SFY of the current Agreement, DHCS will include a year over year growth factor of 5% to the maximum payable amount of the annual administrative cost for each subsequent SFY. DHCS will invoice participating counties for the nonfederal share of administrative costs quarterly after the close of the previous quarter based on actual administrative costs per the methodology above.