



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

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AGENDA DATE: February 24, 2009

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| Public Hearing Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Published Notice Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advertised Published Notice | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Meet & Confer Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Electronic file(s) has been sent | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Personnel Resolution attached | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |

CONTACT PERSON: Steven Debuskey PHONE: 737-4660

SUBJECT: Approval of agreement between Independence Medical Group Central California, Inc. and Tulare County Health and Human Services.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve an agreement between Independence Medical Group Central California, Inc. and Tulare County Health and Human Services (HHSA) to allow HHSA to provide Primary Care medical services and other health care to enrollees of plans listed with Independence Medical Group Central California, Inc., retroactive to January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. This agreement is retroactive due to inadvertent delays in obtaining authorized signatures on the agreement. It was impracticable for the Board to take action before January 1, 2009 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 January 1, 2009 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies each of the following: Agreement; Plan Notification (Exhibit "D"); ICE MA Downstream Provider Contract Addendum; and Amendment to the Provider Agreement.

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SUMMARY:

One of the missions of Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is to provide high quality, accessible, and cost-effective health care. Independence Medical Group Central California, Inc. is an intermediary that contracts with a diversity of organized purchasers of medical and other health care goods or services ("Plan(s)"), including all products of such plans, medical groups, individual practice associations (IPA), or hospitals for the provisions of medical services and other health care to enrollees in the Anthem Blue Cross Medi-Cal plan. Tulare County HHSA and Independence Medical Group Central California, Inc. desire to enter into an agreement to allow contracted services to be provided by HHSA to enrollees in the Anthem Blue Cross Medi-Cal plan. This agreement also allows for Independence Medical Group Central California, Inc. to now become the payer to HHSA for services provided to enrollees in the Anthem Blue Cross Medi-Cal plan. Services provided will be through the county clinics within the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency.

We would like to bring the following items to the Board's attention that deviate from County Contract Protocol: the agreement calls for retention of records for 10 years (instead of 5); a two year term (instead of one year); prohibition on the County assigning the agreement; and termination without cause only with 120 days notice (instead of 30 days).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no increase in revenue and expenses from this agreement in the Fiscal Year 2008/2009 budget. This agreement allows for compensation to be provided by Independence Medical Group Central California, Inc. instead of Anthem Blue Cross for claims submitted by HHSA for services provided to enrollees in the Anthem Blue Cross Medi-Cal plan. No Net County Cost.

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 agreement increases the ability to fulfill that obligation.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to approve this agreement, but that is not recommended because the benefits of providing these services lie in accordance with the Strategic Plan of Tulare County.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel and no changes have been made since this approval.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Bullick', is written over a horizontal line.

Ray Bullick
Director Health

Cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (3)

Agreement

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF: |) | |
| Approval of agreement between |) | RESOLUTION NO. _____ |
| Independence Medical Group Central |) | AGREEMENT NO. _____ |
| California, Inc. and Tulare County |) | |
| Health and Human Services. |) | |

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: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
 CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
 Deputy Clerk

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