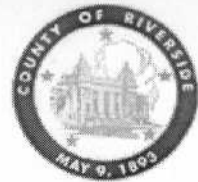


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



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FROM: Human Resources

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 9, 2005

SUBJECT: Blue Shield of California Group Health Service Contracts

RECOMMENDED MOTION: 1) That the Board of Supervisors approve the new Blue Shield Preferred Plan (PPO) and Access+ HMO Group Health Service Contracts for 2006 plan year. 2) Authorize the Chairperson to sign four (4) copies of the attached amendment, retain one (1) copy of the signed amendment and return three (3) copies to Human Resources for distribution.

BACKGROUND: On July 26, 2005, the Board approved agenda item 3.73, which confirmed the choice of carriers for 2006 plan year for medical coverage.

Human Resources has historically provided all health plan service contracts in a single package for Board approval. Due to recent changes for Medicare Part D prescription coverage, all health plan providers have been unable to finalize their contract templates for the 2006 plan year. The Blue Shield contracts do not contain this newly required language.

Departmental Concurrence

Ronald W. Komers
Asst. County Executive Officer/Human Resources Dir.

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 29,715,828	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2005/06

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Employee and Retiree Health Insurance Premiums	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dept's Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** | **Agenda Number:**

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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BACKGROUND continued

As CalPERS requires a signed contract to establish retiree deductions for a new plan, the above contracts, which include agreed upon rates and benefits, are being submitted in advance. An amendment to the Blue Shield contract, along with the Kaiser Permanente and PacifiCare Secure Horizons contracts, will be submitted when they become available to Human Resources. There is no direct cost to the County for the recommended action.