

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



FROM: Supervisor Buster and Supervisor Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 10, 2006


SUBJECT: Support exploration of the Pilot Program of Inland Empire Health Plan and IEHP Health Access for the SDP Population

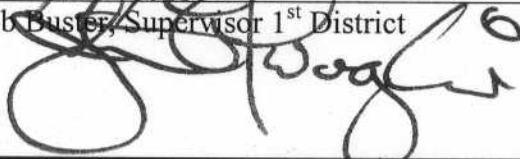
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board approve the support of exploration of the pilot program of Inland Empire Health Plan and IEHP Health Access for the Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (SDP) Population

BACKGROUND: The Inland Empire Health Plan was established as a Joint Powers Authority with San Bernardino County in 1994. Inland Empire Health Plan is the administrative body for the managed health care program for Medi-Cal members in the two county region.

IEHP Health Access was established as a Joint Powers Authority with San Bernardino in 2005. IEHP Health Access is the administrative body for the managed health care program for the non-Medi-Cal members who were formerly in the Inland Empire Health Plan. IEHP Health Access has contracted with Inland Empire Health Plan to provide the administrative services for the managed health care of its membership, so currently Inland Empire Health Plan is providing a managed health care plan for almost 300,000 residents of the two county region. The Governing Boards of Inland Empire Health Plan and IEHP Health Access are the same.

Departmental Concurrence



 Bob Buster, Supervisor 1st District


 John Tavaglione, Supervisor 2nd District

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	N/A
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A				Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 <input type="checkbox"/> Requires 4/5 Vote <input type="checkbox"/>

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Form 11 - Pilot Program of Inland Empire Health Plan and IEHP Health Access for the SDP Population

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Background – Continued:

Inland Empire Health Plan is seeking to become a pilot program for the Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (SDP) population. Inland Empire Health Plan seeks this approval on behalf of itself, and as the administrative body for IEHP Health Access. The Department of Health Services (DHS) is agreeable to allowing Inland Empire Health Plan to become the pilot program.

To ensure that this pilot program is approved by the California Department of Health Services (DHS), request has been made from Inland Empire Health Plan for a letter of interest from Riverside County Regional Medical Center, which is attached hereto, and for support for exploration of this project from this Board.

The Inland Empire Health Plan and the IEHP Health Access Governing Boards both approved the participation in this pilot program on April 10, 2006. A copy of those resolutions, and the description of the program are attached hereto.



April 4, 2006

Sandra Shewry, Director
California Department of Health Services
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Post Office Box 997413
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

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Please feel free to call me with any questions at (951) 486-4470.

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4 RESOLUTION NO.06-43

5 APPROVING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH
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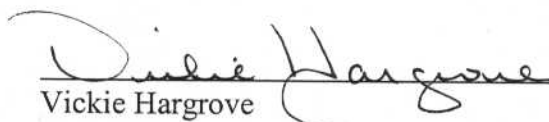
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19 I, Vickie Hargrove, Secretary of the Inland Empire Health Plan, do hereby certify
20 that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Governing Board of the
21 Inland Empire Health Plan.

22 Ayes: Buster, Cenicerros, Gonzales, Hansberger, Tavaglione, Williams, Zorn
23 Noes: 0
24 Abstain: 0
25 Absent: 0
26 Vacant: 0

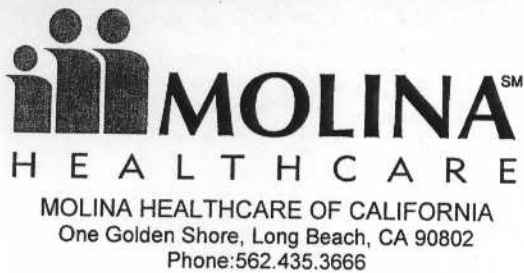
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Vickie Hargrove
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 - c. Request approval of the resolution



March 27, 2006

ATTACHMENT E
Status Report #136
April 10, 2006

S. Kim Belshe, Secretary
Health and Human Services Agency
1600 Ninth Street, Suite 460
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Medi-Cal Managed Care Expansion

Dear Secretary Belshe:

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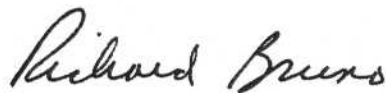
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Please feel free to contact us at your earliest convenience to further discuss this important transformation of the Medi-Cal Managed Care program.

Sincerely,



Joann Zarza-Garrido
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RE: Movement of Seniors and People with Disabilities into Managed Care

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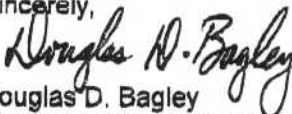
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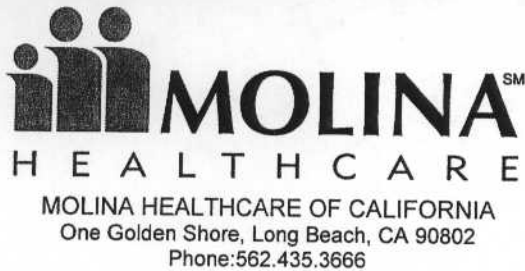
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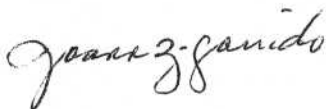
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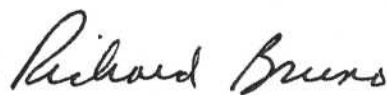
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