

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



FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 20, 2011

SUBJECT: Low Income Health Program

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve in concept, an agreement between the State Department of Health Care Services and the County of Riverside for the Low Income Health Program,
2. Authorize, upon recommendation of the Health Care Governance Committee, the Assistant County Executive Officer to sign the agreement between the County and the State Department of Health Care Services, and
3. Direct the Executive Office to submit the agreement to the Board for ratification.

BACKGROUND: Health care reform is a collaborative effort between Riverside County Regional Medical Center (RCRMC), the Community Health Agency/Department of Public Health (DOPH), Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Social Services and the Office on Aging. In

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Debra Cournoyer, Principal Management Analyst

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:

Jay E. Orr
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County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Buster, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Date: June 28, 2011
 xc: EO

Kecia Harper-Ihem
 Clerk of the Board
 By: *Kecia Harper-Ihem*
 Deputy

Departmental Concurrence

Policy

Policy

Consent

Consent

Dept's Recomm.:

Per Exec. Ofc.:

addition, the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) participates as a strategic partner and will provide administrative services on a contractual basis in support of LIHP implementation. The departments, along with IEHP, formed a governance committee whose purpose is to ensure that the County has a financially viable model for an integrated, quality, responsive, patient-centered health care system that meets the needs of county residents. In addition, the health care system will provide an array of services through an expanded network of public and private providers.

LIHP is a component of the State's recently renewed Section 1115 Comprehensive Demonstration Project Waiver and expands health care coverage to low income, uninsured adults who are not eligible for MediCal or other public programs. One component of the LIHP is the Medicaid Coverage Expansion, which will be available to qualified individual with incomes up to 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). In addition, coverage may be available through the Health Care Coverage Initiative (HCCI) for qualified individuals with income between 134 and 200 percent FPL.

On February 8, 2011 item 3.27 your Board authorized submission of the Low Income Health Program (LIHP) application to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The County received initial approval from DHCS on April 11, 2011. The approval by DHCS initiated the concurrent authorization, allocation and contract process, which continues until all program requirements are met and program terms are finalized.

The State has prioritized applications for authorization starting with those counties with existing health care coverage initiative programs first. Based on the State's progress, the County has requested an implementation date of June 29, 2011. Requested information has been provided to DHCS as of June 8, 2011 and in order to insure timely implementation of LIHP, the Health Care Governance Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Assistant County Executive Officer to sign the contract between DHCS and the County once available. This authorization would mitigate any potential delay in final State approval due to the Board's current meeting schedule. Once the agreement is finalized by the DHCS and reviewed by the Health Care Governance Committee, it will be submitted to the Assistant County Executive Officer for signature. Upon execution by DHCS, the agreement will be submitted to your Board for ratification.