



**SUBMITTAL TO THE RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM MEDICAL CENTER GOVERNING BOARD
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 15.2
(ID # 13700)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 10, 2020

FROM : RUHS-MEDICAL CENTER:

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM - MEDICAL CENTER: Introduction and Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-230, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside Designating the County's Medically Indigent Service Program as the Entity Responsible for Assisting County Jail Inmates with Submitting an Application for a Health Insurance Affordability Program Pursuant to Assembly Bill 720 and California Penal Code Section 4011.11; All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Introduce and adopt Resolution No. 2020-230, designating the County's Medically Indigent Service Program (MISP) as the entity responsible for assisting County jail inmates with submitting an application for a health insurance affordability program pursuant to Assembly Bill 720 and California Penal Code section 4011.11.

ACTION:Policy

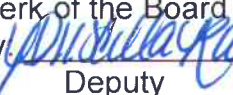

 Jennifer Cruikshank, Chief Executive Officer - Health System 10/29/2020


 Robert Gunzel, Assistant Sheriff 10/29/2020

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Date: November 10, 2020
 xc: RUHS-MC

Kecia R. Harper
 Clerk of the Board
 By 
 Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 20/21	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Resolution No. 2020-230, if adopted, will designate the County’s Medically Indigent Service Program (MISP) as the entity to act on behalf of inmates with regard to completing applications for Medi-Cal benefits that will pay for care provided to the inmate if they receive inpatient hospital services off the grounds of the correctional facility.

Federal law prohibits claiming Medi-Cal funds for healthcare services provided to inmates who are residing in correctional facilities. There is an exception to this federal prohibition when an inmate receives inpatient services at a medical facility located off the grounds of the correctional facility for an expected stay of more than 24 hours, and the inmate is found to be eligible for Medi-Cal based on his/her income and fulfillment of other eligibility requirements. In California, that eligibility is known as the “Medi-Cal County Inmate Program” (MCIP) and provides coverage for inpatient hospital services, including inpatient psychiatric services, and physician services provided during the inpatient hospital stay of inmates for Counties that, like Riverside, have chosen to participate in MCIP.

Assembly Bill 720 (“AB 720”), approved on October 8, 2013 and effective January 1, 2014, added a feature to the MCIP that permits County Boards of Supervisors, in consultation with the County’s Sherriff, to designate an entity to assist inmates with applications for Medi-Cal and to act on behalf of County jail inmates with regard to applications for the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program. (Penal Code 4011.11 (d)) Even if an individual is already enrolled in Medi-Cal at the time his or her sentence starts, reapplication for the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program is required for inmates because the Medi-Cal program automatically suspends eligibility in the program when an enrollee becomes an inmate.

Riverside University Health System (“RUHS”) and the Riverside County Sheriff, Chad Bianco, have consulted and jointly recommend that the County’s Medically Indigent Services Program (“MISP”) be designated by the Board of Supervisors for this enrollment task. RUHS and Sheriff Bianco jointly represent that MISP staff are very familiar with the Medi-Cal program and the County’s Department of Social Services (“DPSS”) which will process the applications. RUHS and Sheriff Bianco further represent that MISP has determined and represented that it can

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complete this work without requiring the addition of staff, resources, or funding. The Sheriff has also advised that the Riverside County Sheriff's Department will work with MISP staff to provide access to information necessary to complete the applications and develop eligibility for inmates proactively should an inmate need inpatient services at RUHS or elsewhere, which can happen with little-to-no advance warning.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Applying for the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program benefits for each eligible inmate will potentially lower the cost of the Correctional Health Services which the County is responsible for. Exactly how much will be saved will depend on the number of inmates that require inpatient hospital services and how many are eligible for Medi-Cal. During Fiscal Year 2018/2019, the cost to the County for inpatient hospital services provided to County of Riverside jail inmates was three million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$3,800,000). When inmates are enrolled in the Medi-Cal program and those providing services to them are eligible for Medi-Cal reimbursement for inpatient services, this will potentially lower the cost of that care to the County.

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION NO. 2020-230

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY
OF RIVERSIDE DESIGNATING THE COUNTY'S MEDICALLY INDIGENT
SERVICE PROGRAM (MISP) AS THE ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR
ASSISTING COUNTY JAIL INMATES WITH SUBMITTING AN
APPLICATION FOR A HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM
PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 720 AND CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE
SECTION 4011.11


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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-230

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE DESIGNATING THE COUNTY'S MEDICALLY INDIGENT SERVICE PROGRAM (MISP) AS THE ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSISTING COUNTY JAIL INMATES WITH SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR A HEALTH INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 720 AND CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE SECTION 4011.11

WHEREAS, Federal law prohibits claiming Medi-Cal funds for healthcare services provided to inmates who are residing in correctional facilities;

WHEREAS, there is an exception to this Federal prohibition when an inmate receives inpatient services at a medical facility located off the grounds of the correctional facility for an expected stay of more than twenty-four (24) hours, and the inmate is found to be eligible for Medi-Cal based on his/her income and fulfillment of other eligibility requirements (the "Medi-Cal County Inmate Program");

WHEREAS, the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program provides coverage for inpatient hospital services, including inpatient psychiatric services and physician services, provided during the inpatient hospital stay of inmates;

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside elected to participate in the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program in 2015 and has participated at all times thereafter;

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 720, approved on October 8, 2013 and effective January 1, 2014, added Section 4011.11 to the California Penal Code, permitting the County's Board of Supervisors, in consultation with the County's Sherriff, to "designate an entity or entities to assist county jail inmates with submitting an application for a health insurance affordability program consistent with federal requirements";

WHEREAS, pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 720, even if an individual is already enrolled in Medi-Cal at the time his or her sentence starts, reapplication for the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program is required for inmates as the Medi-Cal program automatically suspends eligibility in the program when an enrollee becomes an inmate;

WHEREAS, Riverside University Health System ("RUHS") and the Riverside County Sheriff, Chad Bianco, have jointly recommended that the County of Riverside's Medically Indigent Services

BY: *MARATHA ANN KNUTSON* DATE: *10/14/2020*

1 Program (“MISP”) be designated by the Board of Supervisors as the entity responsible for assisting County
2 of Riverside jail inmates with submitting an application for the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program pursuant
3 to Assembly Bill No. 720 and Penal Code Section 4011.11;

4 **WHEREAS**, RUHS and the Riverside County Sheriff, Chad Bianco, have jointly represented that
5 MISP staff can serve as the entity responsible for assisting County of Riverside jail inmates with submitting
6 an application for the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program without requiring the addition of staff, resources,
7 or funding;

8 **WHEREAS**, the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department has advised that it will work with MISP
9 staff to provide access to information necessary to complete applications for the Medi-Cal County Inmate
10 Program;

11 **WHEREAS**, during Fiscal Year 2018/2019, the cost to the County for inpatient hospital services
12 provided to County of Riverside jail inmates was three million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$3,800,000);

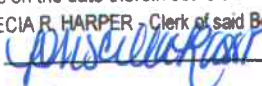
13 **WHEREAS**, completing applications for Medi-Cal County Inmate Program benefits for each
14 eligible inmate may, and ideally will, lead to a reduction in the costs paid by the County of Riverside for
15 inpatient hospital services provided to County of Riverside jail inmates;

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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of
18 Riverside, in consultation and agreement with Riverside University Health System and the Riverside
19 County Sheriff, Chad Bianco, that the County of Riverside’s Medically Indigent Services Program be
20 designated as the entity responsible for assisting County of Riverside jail inmates with submitting an
21 application for the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 720 and Penal Code
22 Section 4011.11.

23 ROLL CALL:

24 Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
25 Nays: None
26 Absent: None

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a
resolution duly adopted by said Board of Super-
visors on the date therein set forth.
KECIA R. HARPER, Clerk of said Board
By  Deputy