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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
AND
THE BAY AREA CAPI CONSORTIUM**

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this ____ day of _____, 2014, by and between the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Merced, Monterey, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, and Stanislaus, hereafter referred to as “the member counties.”

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, W&I §18937 authorizes counties to form consortia to administer the Cash Assistance Program for Individuals (CAPI), which provides cash assistance to aged, blind and disabled legal immigrants who are not citizens and who successfully complete an application process; and

WHEREAS, the ten member counties listed above have formed a consortium for the efficient and effective CAPI administration which expires on June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo is a member of the Consortium and has agreed to continue as the Fiscal Agent to the consortium; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY THE PARTIES HERETO AS FOLLOWS:

A. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

Identify the counties that wish to continue participating in the Bay Area CAPI consortium, a multi-county consortium to administer CAPI; identify the County of San Mateo as the Fiscal Agent for the Consortium and to identify the respective Responsibilities of the member counties. CAPI is a program which provides cash assistance to certain aged, blind and disabled legal immigrants who are not eligible for Supplementary Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) benefits solely due to the immigrant provisions of Public Law 104-193 and its amendments.

The County of San Mateo is the Fiscal Agent for the Bay Area CAPI Consortium. The member counties will accept the initial CAPI application from clients, and forward the applications to the County of San Mateo for processing.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

As the Fiscal Agent for the CAPI Consortium, the County of San Mateo will perform the following administrative tasks for the member counties:

- Follow-up with clients on information requested by the residence county necessary to determine eligibility for CAPI;
- Send request to clients for any additional information/verifications needed to process

- application;
- Make necessary CalWIN entries;
- Scan all client documents/cases and make available to the member counties in a standard image format or DVD, when requested.
- Determine CAPI eligibility and approve or deny applications;
- Issue CAPI payments to clients from CAPI funds made payable from the State of California to the County of San Mateo (the County of San Mateo's authority and responsibility to make CAPI payments is limited to CAPI funding received from the State of California);
- Revise budgets based on reported changes by clients;
- Maintain necessary fiscal records related to program administration;
- Gather required statistical information required by the state from CalWIN;
- Process reimbursement from SSA for all CAPI payments made to CAPI clients who have been approved for SSI and ensure such reimbursement is forwarded to the state;
- Respond to 1-800 calls from clients and the member counties;
- Prepare a position paper to be presented by the member counties at fair hearings;
- Apply to the State of California for CAPI administration funding, receive said funding and spend it as the County of San Mateo determines necessary in connection with the administration of CAPI.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBER COUNTIES

The member counties will:

- Notify the County of San Mateo if SSI is approved or denied for CAPI clients from its county;
- Screen applicants for potential CAPI eligibility;
- Assist applicants in completing application packets which may include:
 - SAWS 1
 - Statement of Facts
 - CAPI Supplemental Application Form
 - Living Arrangement and Household Expenses;
- Complete Disability Eligibility Determination form, send copy of coversheet to County of San Mateo and advise of final decision;
- Obtain executed form for release of information from clients when appropriate;
- Give clients verification checklist;
- Give applicants CAPI informational handouts;
- Advise clients that applications will be processed by the County of San Mateo in its capacity as Fiscal Agent in the CAPI consortium;
- Advise clients of the appropriate 1-800 number to obtain information related to CAPI;
- Copy the Single Stream Application (SSA) or SAWS2Plus for clients applying for Medi-Cal;
- Date, stamp and send application forms (or copies) and any additional information/verification in pre-addressed envelope to County of San Mateo (this includes any applicable verifications already in county possession). Note: clients maybe advised to bring certain documents, i.e., verification of immigrant status, into their county office to avoid mail loss/expense of certified mail. Residence county

- will copy and forward to the County of San Mateo;
- Respond promptly to the County of San Mateo/ client requests for documentation assistance to clients;
- Forward via e-mail or fax any additional information provided/reported;
- Complete application process for other programs (Medi-Cal, CalWorks, General Assistance);
- Provide advocacy services to clients, if able to do so;
- Represent the County of San Mateo at local fair hearings and present the County of San Mateo's position paper; and
- Investigate and prosecute clients who have fraudulently obtained benefits. Reimburse the state and/or the County of San Mateo for money paid to clients who have fraudulently obtained benefits.

D. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

The County of San Mateo will apply to the State of California for, receive and process CAPI aid payments to eligible immigrants, to the extent that state funds are available for the program and received by the County of San Mateo for that purpose.

As the Fiscal Agent for the consortium, if and when the corresponding CAPI payments have been received by the County of San Mateo, the County of San Mateo will follow the following procedure for clients to whom General Assistance (GA) has been paid:

- Reimburse other member counties for General Assistance (GA) they have paid to clients in any month in which it is subsequently determined that the client is eligible for and receives CAPI benefits;
- The difference between the full CAPI award amount and the GA amount paid to clients will be remitted to the client. This is contingent upon the participating member county informing the County of San Mateo at the time the CAPI application is submitted to the County of San Mateo that the member county is paying GA to the subject client, and upon the County of San Mateo's receipt of corresponding CAPI payments from the State of California. Thereafter, the County of San Mateo will inform the member counties if and when clients are determined eligible for CAPI. Upon receipt of such notification, consortium member counties will not be reimbursed for GA provided to clients for month(s) following consortium member county's receipt of said notification, except for those instances where the consortium member counties has already processed the next scheduled GA payment to clients, prior to the receipt of said notification from the County of San Mateo; and
- If and when the corresponding CAPI payments have been received by the County of San Mateo, the County of San Mateo will reimburse the member counties for the GA already paid to clients.

E. PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF IMPASSE IN THE STATE BUDGET

- It is in the parties' interest to continue the CAPI Program in the event the state is unable for any reason to make advance payment of CAPI funds. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if the state does not advance CAPI funds to the County of San Mateo prior to the month for which the County of San Mateo is to issue CAPI assistance payments on behalf of the consortium, and said failure to

advance funds is due to a delay in the state budget, the County of San Mateo shall issue CAPI payments to eligible recipients, subject to and contingent upon all parties compliance with the following provisions:

- Within five (5) business days of the close of any month for which the County of San Mateo has issued CAPI assistance payment utilizing the County of San Mateo's funds, the County of San Mateo will issue to each consortium member county an invoice indicating the amount of CAPI assistance payments issued by the County of San Mateo on behalf of each member county;
- Within ten (10) business days of receipt of the CAPI invoice for the previous month, each involved member counties shall issue payments to the County of San Mateo equal to the amount of the invoice. In the event that the County of San Mateo does not receive payment of the full amount within ten (10) business days, the County of San Mateo will not issue CAPI payments for that member county in the following month; and
- Upon resumption of the issuance of CAPI funds by the state to the County of San Mateo, and when sufficient such funds are available, the County of San Mateo shall reimburse each member county for the amount of county funds each member county issued to the County of San Mateo under this Agreement.

F. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The Consortium may terminate this Agreement or a portion of the services referenced in the Attachments and Exhibits based upon unavailability of federal, state, or County funds, by providing written notice to the member counties as soon as is reasonably possible after the Consortium learns of said unavailability of outside funding.

- This Agreement shall be for a period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018;
- Any member county may withdraw from the Consortium upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties;
- This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement; and
- This Agreement is entire and contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No alternation or variation shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto, and no oral understanding or Agreement shall be binding on the parties hereto.

G. INDEMNITY

The participating member counties on whose behalf this Agreement is signed shall defend, save harmless and indemnify the County of San Mateo, its officers and employees, from any and all claims which arise out of its service as the Consortium's Fiscal Agent which result from either: 1) the administration, acceptance, processing, or transmittal of applications from the participating member county, and/or 2) the negligent or intentionally wrongful acts or omissions of the participating member counties, their officers and/or employees.

The County of San Mateo shall defend, save harmless and indemnify the participating member counties, their officers and employees from any and all claims for injuries or damage to persons and/or property which result from the negligent or intentionally wrongful acts or omissions of the County of San Mateo, its officers and/or employees, acting in its capacity as the Fiscal Agent for the Consortium.

In the event of concurrent negligence of the County of San Mateo, its officers and/or employees, and any of the participating member counties, their officers and/or employees, then the liability for any and all claims for injuries or damage to persons and/or property which arise out of terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be apportioned according to the California theory of comparative negligence with each party bearing its own attorney's fees and costs.

Note: Client/Clients refer to applicant, recipient, and or individual.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, by their duly authorized representative, have affixed their hands on the day and year first written.

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

By: _____
President, Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County

Date: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____
Clerk of Said Board

ALAMEDA COUNTY

By _____

Title & Date

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

By _____

Title & Date

MARIN COUNTY

By _____

Title & Date

MERCED COUNTY

By _____

Title & Date

MONTEREY COUNTY

By _____

Title & Date

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

By _____

Title & Date

SOLANO COUNTY

By _____

Title & Date

SONOMA COUNTY

By _____

Title & Date

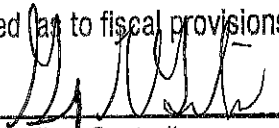
STANISLAUS COUNTY

By _____

Title & Date

Long Form Agreement/Business Associate v 6/28/06

Reviewed (as to fiscal provisions)



Auditor/Controller 7-29-11
County of Monterey