



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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- c. Authorize the Deputy Purchasing Agent for NMC or his designee to execute the following agreements associated with the execution of the supplemental Medi-Cal managed care capitation rate payment for services rendered in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and Fiscal Year 2016-17:
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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

DHCS administers the Medi-Cal program, under which health care services are provided to qualified low-income persons. Inpatient and outpatient hospital services are a covered benefit under the Medi-Cal program, subject to utilization controls. Existing law provides for Medi-Cal payments to hospitals.

CAAH, or the Plan, is a County Organized Health System, formed pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14087.54 and Monterey County Code section 2.45.010. CCAH is authorized by the State of California and Monterey County as the Medi-Cal managed care plan for Monterey County.

CAAH entered into a contract with the State DHCS to arrange and pay for the provision of covered health care items and services to Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries residing in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and Merced Counties. CCAH has an existing agreement with NMC to provide clinical and other medical care services covered by Medi-Cal to enrollees of the Plan for hospital and emergency room care.

An IGT is an elective transfer of eligible local dollars to the State DHCS in support of the Medi-Cal program, which is authorized in accordance with Section 14164 and other provisions of the Welfare and Institutions Code. If the State accepts the transfer, the State shall obtain Federal Financial Participation (“FFP”) to the full extent permitted by federal law. In the past, NMC has provided IGTs to DHCS on the condition that the funds are used in support of the Medi-Cal managed care program, through increased payments to NMC made by the local County Organized Health System, which, in Monterey County, is the CCAH/the Plan. The opportunity to participate in an IGT allows for the use of local dollars for increased payments to public providers such as NMC to preserve and strengthen the availability and quality of services provided by such providers.

In order to participate in the voluntary IGT program relating to the Medi-Cal managed care capitation rate ranges for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 rate year, State DHCS requested that public hospitals in California submit signed copies of the three agreements (Health Plan - Provider Agreement, IGT Transfer Assessment Fee, and IGT Agreement). The actual date of signed agreements due to State DHCS is June 2, 2017. The agreements with the State would permit the County to participate in this voluntary IGT program within the short time period often required by the State.

There is a 20% assessment fee from the State to the County in doing this transaction and is applied to the gross estimated IGT.

The Board could choose not to participate, in which case NMC and the County would be precluded from participating in the IGT program for Fiscal Year 2015-16 and Fiscal Year 2016-17 services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the IGT Agreements as to legal form and risk provisions. The Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved these Agreements as to fiscal provisions. The IGT Agreements have been reviewed and approved by the NMC Finance Committee and by NMC’s Board of Trustees on May 5,

2017.

FINANCING:

The expected IGT transfer will be financed by NMC. There is no impact to the General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Economic Development

Administration

Health and Human Services - This agreement will allow NMC the ability to leverage local dollars to increase the amount of payments made available to the hospital and to continue the care of the medical beneficiaries in the County of Monterey.

Infrastructure

Public Safety

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Attachments:

Letter of Interest to DCHS

2015-16 and 2016-17 20 Percent IGT Assessment Agreement

2015-16 and 2016-17 Rate Range Intergovernmental Agreement template

24th Amendment to Health Plan Provider Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board