

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *B-1

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE June 10, 2014

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Designation of the Community Services Agency as the Entity to Assist County Jail Inmates to Submit Applications Under the Health Insurance Affordable Care Program Consistent with Federal Requirements

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Designate the Community Services Agency as the entity to assist County jail inmates to submit applications under the Health Insurance Affordable Care Program consistent with Federal requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Inmate off-site inpatient hospital services are currently funded in the contract with California Forensic Medical Group, the County's jail medical provider. If inmates are enrolled in Medi-Cal, it is estimated that approximately \$250,000 in revenue from Medi-Cal could be recovered annually, depending on the amount that is paid for the inpatient hospital services. This revenue would be recorded in the Chief Executive Office - Jail Medical Budget, which is a General Fund Budget. The amount recovered is directly related to the amount paid for inpatient services, less a small administration fee paid to the Health Services Agency.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2014-265

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, and Chairman De Martini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

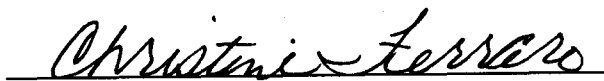
1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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DISCUSSION:

Assembly Bill 720 (AB 720) was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2013, and amended Penal Code Section 4011.11 and Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14011.10 relating to inmates. It authorizes a County Board of Supervisors to work with its Sheriff to designate an entity or entities to ensure qualified inmates receiving off-site inpatient hospital services are enrolled in Medi-Cal, as allowed by federal law. The purpose of this item is to request that the Board of Supervisors designate the Community Services Agency to assist inmates in the County with their Medi-Cal applications.

Enrolling qualified inmates in Medi-Cal will allow the County to receive Medi-Cal funds for off-site inpatient hospital services. In order to address AB 720, a Stanislaus County work group was formed and has met several times. The group consists of staff from the Sheriff's Office, the Community Services Agency, the Health Services Agency, the Chief Executive Office, and the jail medical services provider, California Forensic Medical Group. Receipt of Medi-Cal funding for inmate inpatient hospitalization services requires a partnership between the Community Services Agency, the Health Services Agency, and California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG). When an inmate receives inpatient medical services at an offsite hospital, the Community Services Agency will assist the inmate with his or her application for Medi-Cal, if qualified. The County's jail medical provider, CFMG, will pay for the hospitalization costs per the current agreement. Once paid, the County can invoice the State for Medi-Cal funds through the County's Health Services Agency. The Health Services Agency has determined that it will charge a small administrative fee for its services. The State has not yet finalized its process for counties to receive inmate Medi-Cal funding, but should be doing so shortly. In addition to working with the State, the Community Services Agency (CSA) has been working with Doctors Medical Center staff who serve as patient advocates to ensure that the information is sent to CSA in a timely manner. The jail medical services provider, California Forensic Medical Group, has been a very cooperative partner in this process.

POLICY ISSUE:

This action is consistent with the Board of Supervisors' priorities of maintaining a safe and healthy community.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

Community Services Agency staff will be responsible for assisting inmates receiving off-site inpatient hospital services with enrolling in Medi-Cal.

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