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To: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich
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**ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO SOLE SOURCE
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CENTER TO PROMOTE HEALTHCARE ACCESS FOR
THE PURCHASE OF THE ONE-E-APP SYSTEM**

This memorandum is to provide advance notification to your Board that my Office intends to enter into sole source negotiations for purchase of software and hardware from The Center to Promote Healthcare Access Inc. (The Center). The Center is the only entity authorized to sublicense and customize the software known as One-e-App, a Web-based system that will provide Los Angeles County (County) with a "one stop" application process for individuals and families eligible for programs such as Medi-Cal for Children and Pregnant Women through the State's eligibility determination program known as Single Point of Entry (SPE), Healthy Families through SPE, Children's Health and Disability Program (CHDP), and Healthy Kids. The proposed agreement with The Center will allow County departments and community-based organizations to use One-e-App software to assist County residents to access these programs. Following the development of the agreement, it will be submitted to your Board for approval.

BACKGROUND

Currently, The Center provides online application services for Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and the local health plan for children (known as Healthy Kids, in our County) in six other California counties through the use of the One-e-App software. The owner of the software is the California Healthcare Foundation (CHCF). The Center has an exclusive sublicense from CHCF to provide One-e-App software in California.

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Over the last two years, The Center has worked with counties across California to rollout use of this online application system. The principal beneficiaries in our County will be the community-based organizations (CBO) that currently complete paper applications and send them to the State's SPE program that determines eligibility for Medi-Cal and Healthy Families and then sends the eligible application on to the appropriate agency within the County (either Department of Public Social Services or the Department of Public Health in the County) for enrollment into these programs. Alternatively, the CBO assesses whether the family's income level exceeds the threshold for those programs, but might qualify the children for Healthy Kids and then sends an application to L.A. Care Health Plan. One-e-App automates this process.

As proposed for the County, the first rollout of One-e-App will also interface with the County's Children's Health Outreach Initiative (CHOI) case management system and will allow healthcare providers to send an online application to the CHDP through the State's CHDP Gateway program.

JUSTIFICATION

The Center is the only entity in California that is authorized to provide the One-e-App software. The One-e-App software is the only software that interfaces with the State's Health-e-App system operated by the State to transmit Medi-Cal and Healthy Families applications to the SPE. Thus, if the County wishes to provide online application services to facilitate the application process for Medi-Cal, Health Families and Healthy Kids, the One-e-App software is the only resource to accomplish that goal.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Lari Sheehan of my staff at (213) 893-2477 or lsheehan@cao.lacounty.gov.

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