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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

CalAIM Justice-Involved Pre-Release Medi-Cal/PATH Funding

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is transforming healthcare Statewide through the implementation of California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal, known as “CalAIM,” which began on January 1, 2022. CalAIM will transform Medi-Cal into a comprehensive healthcare system that offers coordinated and equitable access to services to address physical, behavioral, developmental, dental, and long-term care needs for Medi-Cal eligible individuals, who historically have faced structural racism in the traditional health care system structure.

A key goal of CalAIM is to address poor health outcomes and disproportionate risk of illness and accidental death among justice-involved Medi-Cal eligible adults and youth as they re-enter their communities after incarceration. To accomplish this, we must ensure continuity of healthcare coverage via our current pre-release enrollment strategies for those who are incarcerated in our County jails and juvenile facilities and provide key services to them, to ensure successful re-entry into the community.

To support this effort, DHCS is offering funding through Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH), a five-year initiative designed to support the implementation and enhancement of the pre-release Medi-Cal enrollment and benefit retention process. The funding will be provided in two rounds.

Round 1 funding will support collaborative planning among County departments and other enrollment implementation partners to identify processes, protocols, and Information Technology (IT) modifications necessary to support implementation of pre-release enrollment and suspension processes.

Round 2 is an implementation grant funding opportunity that will provide larger application-based grants to support entities as they implement the processes, protocols, and IT

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system modifications that were identified during the Round 1 planning phase.

As the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) administers the Medi-Cal program for the County, it is most appropriate that they accept the CalAIM PATH Round 1 funding on behalf of their department and their County partners: the Sheriff's Department (LASD) and the Probation Department. The PATH Round 1 funding applicable to LASD/DPSS for the adult inmate population is \$28,271.02. The PATH

Round 1 funding applicable to Probation/DPSS for the youth population in juvenile facilities is \$33,781.93.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Authorize the Interim Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to accept a total of \$62,052.95 in California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Providing Access and Transforming Health - Round 1 funds on behalf of the Sheriff's Department, the Probation Department and DPSS, to build on existing efforts to ensure all eligible individuals are enrolled in Medi-Cal prior to release from County jails and juvenile facilities.

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