

## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** March 11, 2025

**CATEGORY:** Consent Calendar 9

**SUBJECT:** Approve a retroactive amendment to the agreement with County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Participating Physician, Physician Group and Community Health Center for Health and Human Services Agency medical providers to receive reimbursement for outpatient mental health and substance abuse services which replaces Exhibit A, Provider Information.

**DEPARTMENT:** Health and Human Services Agency-Behavioral Health and Social Services

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:** All

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Cindy Lane, HHSA Branch Director - Behavioral Health and Social Services, (530) 229-8058

**STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:** Christy Coleman, Acting HHSA Director

<b><u>Vote Required?</u></b>	<b><u>General Fund Impact?</u></b>
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Simple Majority Vote

No General Fund Impact

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve a retroactive amendment, effective August 15, 2024, to the agreement with County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Participating Physician, Physician Group and Community Health Center, administered by Advanced Medical Management, Inc., for Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) medical providers to receive reimbursement for outpatient mental health and substance abuse services provided to Shasta County CMSP clients which replaces Exhibit A, Provider Information.

### **DISCUSSION**

In 1983, California law was enacted that established the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) as a program within the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). CMSP provides health coverage for low-income, indigent adults in 35 rural California counties. In April 1995, California law was amended to establish the CMSP Governing Board charging them with overall program and fiscal responsibility. As of September 2005, Anthem Blue Cross Life & Health Insurance Company became the third-party administrator for CMSP, followed by Advanced Medical Management, Inc., (AMM) beginning in April 2015. As the current third-party administrator for CMSP, AMM continues to provide for the healthcare needs of low-income, indigent adults in rural California counties.

This amendment will allow the Health and Human Services Agency to remain a network provider for those served through CMSP. In FY 2022-23 there were 75 Shasta County residents enrolled in CMSP and in FY 2023-24 there were 35 Shasta County residents enrolled in CMSP. As an approved network provider, HHSA will be eligible to receive reimbursement for non-emergency services provided to CMSP clients. Furthermore, HHSA will be able to participate in a loan forgiveness program through the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development and the CMSP Governing Board for medical professionals providing services through CMSP network providers.

This amendment to the agreement is retroactive due to the vendor requiring an amendment to update the provider directory and the vendors set timelines. This amendment also required several County Departments to review and approve of the proposed changes.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Board could choose not to approve the recommendation, defer consideration to a future date, or provide alternate direction to staff. Members would not be able to receive services and would impact other systems of care.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

County Counsel has approved the amendment as to form. Risk Management has approved the amendment. This recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is No General Fund Impact associated with approving the recommendation.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1: County Medical Services Program, Advanced Medical Management, Inc. First Amendment