



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: May 25, 2021

To: The Honorable Bruno Sabatier, Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Crystal Markytan, Social Services Director

Subject: Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Social Services and Behavioral Health Services for Residential Treatment Payments for Child Welfare Services clients, beginning July 1, 2020, in the amount of \$120,000 per fiscal year, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Executive Summary: (include fiscal and staffing impact narrative):

The Department of Social Services (DSS) and Behavioral Health Services (BHS) serve mutual participants in their programs. Due to regulatory changes, costs for clients in residential treatment can no longer be completely covered by Medi-Cal. Through this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), DSS will provide reimbursement payments to BHS for the excess treatment costs incurred when a Child Welfare Services (CWS) client is in residential care.

Previously, DSS would pay excess fees directly to the facilities, however, the process often lead to delays in payment. With this new process, BHS is able to pay all costs directly to the facility after billing Medi-Cal, and then seek all eligible reimbursements from DSS. There is currently a similar MOU between DSS and BHS to cover these costs for DSS CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work clients.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: \$120,000 Amount Budgeted: \$120,000 Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Consistency with Vision 2028 and/or Fiscal Crisis Management Plan (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Upgrades |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Process Efficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue Generation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost Savings |

If request for exemption from competitive bid in accordance with County Code Chapter 2 Sec. 2-38, fill in blanks below:

Which exemption is being requested?
How long has Agreement been in place?
When was purchase last rebid?
Reason for request to waive bid?

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