
Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

May 14, 2024

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: Approval of, and Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director to Sign, a Third Amendment to the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Standard Agreement for Substance Use Disorder Services, Increasing the Agreement's Total Amount from \$109,062,000 to \$218,124,000 (An Increase of \$109,062,000 - \$36,354,000 per fiscal year), and Extending the Agreement Term Three Years Through June 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of, and authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director or designee to sign, the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Standard Agreement (#21-100037) (Standard Agreement) Amendment No. A03 for substance use disorder (SUD) services with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), increasing the agreement amount from \$109,062,000 to \$218,124,000 (an increase of \$109,062,000 - \$36,354,000 per fiscal year) and extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2027 (Exhibit 1).

FISCAL IMPACT:**ADP Division #3220**Mandatory: No ☒ Yes ☐ Cite Authority:Source of Funding: Drug Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation Funds-93.778 and State General Fund.Funding Match Required: NoImpact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$0	\$36,354,000
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$0	\$36,354,000
Indirect - Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$0	\$36,354,000
Net County Costs	\$0	\$0

FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget for ADP Division #3220				
	Budget	Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$32,562,193	\$39,018,179	\$32,935,394	\$6,082,785
Revenue	\$31,853,989	\$33,799,974	\$30,298,472	(\$3,501,502)
Net Cost	\$708,204	\$5,218,205	\$2,636,922	\$2,581,283

Note: Sufficient appropriations and revenues are available in the FY2024-25 SUS Budget Unit 3220 Adjusted Budget.

STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY:

The item presented in this Board letter ties to the Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities strategic priority of the County Strategic Plan as it is designed to meet the goal of providing equitable and timely access to quality mental health services.

DISCUSSION:

Recommendation # 1:

Background

In December 2018, VCBH began DMC-ODS, a new system of health care service delivery for Medi-Cal beneficiaries that includes the provision of SUD services, modeled after the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria for SUD treatment services. The current Standard Agreement with DHCS started in 2021.

Essential components of the DMC-ODS service delivery plan include: (1) treatment services available to beneficiaries, (2) procedures for moving beneficiaries through different levels of care, (3) beneficiary access and data collection information, (4) coordination procedures for mental health service beneficiaries with co-occurring disorders, (5) coordination procedures for provision of physical health services, (6) County coordination assistance needs, (7) the availability and accessibility of adequate numbers and types of service providers in the County, (8) County procedures for timely access to care and service requirements, (9) training options that for service providers, (10) County technical assistance (11) quality assurance procedures and oversight, (12) procedures to ensure the County uses evidence-based practices, (13) telehealth services, (14) medication assisted treatment plans, (15) residential services authorization processes, and (16) a mechanism for sharing information and coordinating service delivery for beneficiaries served.

The DMC-ODS services that VCBH provides include adult/adolescent outpatient, intensive outpatient, and narcotic/opioid treatment services, as well as Drug Medi-Cal adult/adolescent residential treatment, withdrawal management, recovery support

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services, care coordination and case management, physician consultation programs, medication assisted treatment and a 24/7 beneficiary access line. The Standard Agreement with DHCS is the established mechanism for the County to receive federal and state allocated funds for the array of SUD services that are provided under the DMC-ODS waiver. The Standard Agreement specifies the conditions and requirements that VCBH must meet to receive federal, and state allocated funds.

DHCS DMC-ODS Standard Agreement Amendment A03

The proposed Amendment No. A03 to the Standard Agreement amends the: (1) original term of the agreement of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 to add in three additional budget years extending the agreement term from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2027, and (2) an increase to the total amount of the agreement from \$109,062,000 to \$218,124,000 (an increase of \$109,062,000), due to the addition of the three additional budget years – each funded at **\$36,354,000**. There are no other changes to the terms and conditions of the Standard Agreement.

VCBH recommends approval of and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the DMC-ODS Standard Agreement (#21-100037) Amendment No. A03 for SUD services with DHCS, increasing the total agreement amount from \$109,062,000 to \$218,124,000 (an increase of \$109,062,000 - \$36,354,000 per fiscal year) and extending the term of the agreement through June 30, 2027.

This Board letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact VCBH Interim Behavioral Health Director Loretta L. Denering DrPH, MS at (805) 981-2214 or HCA Assistant Chief Financial Officer Narcisa Egan at (805) 973-5357.



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Attachment:

Exhibit 1 - A03 213A - Ventura 21-10037