

Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

June 4, 2024

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

SUBJECT:

Approval of Amendment One to the Professional Services Agreement with Carelon Health IPA of California, formerly known as College Health IPA, Effective January 1, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

That your Board approve, and authorize the Health Care Agency (HCA) Director or designee to sign, the attached Amendment One to the Professional Services Agreement with Carelon Health IPA of California, formerly known as College Health IPA, Effective January 1, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no measurable fiscal impact at this time as this Amendment allows for the addition and deletion of covered services, in accordance with applicable changes made from time to time by the California Department of Health Services ("DHCS") for Medi-Cal Managed Care members.

STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY:

The item presented in this Board letter supports the Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities strategic priority of the County Strategic Plan as it is designed to meet the goal of providing access to quality healthcare required for our community to thrive.

DISCUSSION:

Carelon Health IPA is a medical corporation that subcontracts with the Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission, also known as "Gold Coast Health Plan," to arrange for the provision and administration of behavioral health and substance abuse services covered under the Medi-Cal contract between Gold Coast Health Plan and

DHCS. The County of Ventura has maintained a provider services contract with Carelon Health IPA to provide such behavioral health and substance abuse services to Gold Coast Health Plan members since September of 2015. The parties have negotiated an amendment to the current agreement to: 1) recognize College Health IPA's name change to Carelon Health IPA; 2) modify Exhibit A (Services and Rates), referencing DHCS-covered services for the purpose of incorporating any service and code changes that are made from time to time by DHCS; and 3) revise Exhibit A effective January 1, 2023, so that any previously-denied claims for covered services not explicitly listed in the exhibit can be reprocessed for payment by Carelon Health IPA.

The portions of the agreement concerning compensation paid to HCA are exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act (Health and Safety Code Section 1457 (c) (1)). If the Board would like further information regarding the rates, the original agreements are retained by Mike Taylor, HCA Chief Financial Officer.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, and Auditor-Controller's Office. If you have any questions regarding this item, please call Paul Jaconette, MPH, Director of Strategy and Business Development at 805-677-5105.



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Health Care Agency Director

Exhibit 1 – Carelon Health IPA - Amendment One to the Provider Services Agreement