



COUNTY of VENTURA

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County of Ventura Board of Supervisors

Subject: Ratification and Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Funding Agreement Regarding Recuperative Care Facilities between the County of Ventura and Gold Coast Health Plan Providing for an Additional \$1,500,000 Payment to Support the Recuperative Care Program, Effective January 1, 2025.

Recommendations:

1. Ratify, approve, and authorize the County Executive Officer (CEO) or designee to sign Amendment No. 1 to the Funding Agreement Regarding Recuperative Care Facilities (MOU) between the County and Gold Coast Health Plan to permit the Gold Coast Health Plan to contribute an additional \$1,500,000 towards the County's Recuperative Care Program, effective January 1, 2025 (Exhibit 1).
2. Authorize the CEO or designee to approve further modifications to the MOU provided that any such modification is consistent with the original purpose of the MOU, does not result in additional costs to the County and is reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

Fiscal Impact:

	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
Revenues	\$750,000	\$750,000
Costs	\$750,000	\$750,000
Net County Cost	\$0	\$0

Funding Source(s): Gold Coast Health Plan

Match Requirement: None

Discussion:

Recuperative Care, sometimes referred to as medical respite, offers a safe and supportive place to recover for individuals who are exiting an inpatient hospital or skilled nursing facility stay, and who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Another CalAIM Community Support, short-term post-transition housing (STPTH) (previously known as short-term post-hospitalization housing), is offered interchangeably with recuperative care, based on patient need and Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) authorizations. Currently, Ventura County Health Care Agency provides 50 Recuperative Care/STPTH beds operated by National Health Foundation out of the Motel 6 located at 2145 East Harbor Boulevard in Ventura.

Patients are offered housing transition navigation support and medical case management during the period of their stay to prepare them for transition from this setting. Housing transition services includes participation in Ventura County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), coordination with local Housing Authorities and the Continuum of Care (CoC) to assess and refer eligible recipients to subsidized housing programs, assistance with housing application documentation and maintaining eligibility on subsidized housing waitlists, transportation coordination for housing related appointments, and referral to/coordination with other housing/homelessness community supports services. Medical case management includes onsite monitoring, medication management, nursing care, disease management, coordination of post-acute medical care and medical appointments. Recuperative Care/STPTH services are allowed for up to 6 months in a rolling 12-month period.

Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) is the County's health system for the Medi-Cal population and serves nearly 250,000 members. Recuperative care program operating costs are funded by Gold Coast Health Plan CalAIM Community Supports fee for service revenue. Lodging and minor operating costs totaling approximately \$125,000 per month (including food and night-time security) have historically been funded through California Department Housing and Community Development (HCD) Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant funds. The HHAP Round 3 grant award and National Health Foundation's Round 4 grant award for this purpose were fully utilized by December 31, 2024. It is anticipated that the additional \$1,500,000 GCHP payment will fund the lodging and food/security costs for the period January 1 through December 31, 2025.

On June 6, 2023, your Board adopted a funding agreement with GCHP that authorized a \$10,000,000 GCHP investment to the County to help build 125 new Recuperative Care beds at County facilities (Exhibit 2) and is designated for construction costs. This additional GCHP investment of \$1,500,000 will be used to replace the lost State grant funds for lodging and minor operating costs (food and security) and keep the 50 beds of existing care at the Ventura Motel 6 open for one additional year, until December 31, 2025.

Strategic Plan:

This action aligns with the strategy to “Address Homelessness and Lift Up the Most Vulnerable.”

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller’s Office, and County Counsel.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Clay McCarter at (805) 654-2535.

Sincerely,



Dr. Sevet Johnson, PsyD
County Executive Officer

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – Amendment to MOU

Exhibit 2 – Existing MOU