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*Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence*

June 27, 2023

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

### **SUBJECT**

**Approval of, and Authorization for the Health Care Agency Director or Designee to Sign, the Memorandum of Understanding for Data Sharing Arrangements to Promote Care Delivery and Coordination with the Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission, Doing Business As Gold Coast Health Plan.**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That your Board approve, and authorize the Health Care Agency (HCA) Director or designee to sign, the Memorandum of Understanding for Data Sharing Arrangements to Promote Care Delivery and Coordination (MOU) (Exhibit 1) with the Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission, doing business as Gold Coast Health Plan (Gold Coast), effective July 1, 2023, providing for the sharing of health and social services data required under the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact with this item.

### **DISCUSSION**

Launched in 2022, the CalAIM initiative is intended to transform Medi-Cal by integrating the care coordination and case management services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries across multiple service settings and provider types. To achieve this integration, health care providers, health plans, and social services organizations are required to exchange a broad range of administrative, clinical, social, and human services data in compliance with state and federal law.

Currently, Gold Coast and the Ventura County Behavioral Health Department (VCBH) are parties to an Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding for Specialty Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services (VCBH MOU) to coordinate the provision of mental health and substance use treatment services for Gold Coast members. In addition, VCBH operates a local Mental Health Plan (MHP) and a Drug Medi-Cal


Organized Delivery System Plan (DMC-ODS) under CalAIM in coordination with Gold Coast. VCBH and Gold Coast are participants in the Behavioral Health Quality Improvement Program (BHQIP), an incentive payment program that supports MHPs and DMC-ODS providers in implementing changes related to CalAIM, including performance measures related to data sharing.

Under CalAIM, Gold Coast and the County of Ventura are also parties to agreements by which the County, through VCBH, the HCA Ambulatory Care Division, Human Services Agency and other departments, provides Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports (CS) services for participating Gold Coast members. The ECM and CS provider agreements, approved by your Board in 2022, require care coordination and sharing of health and social services data among Gold Coast, the provider County departments and agencies and other service providers.

The proposed MOU provides a data sharing framework for each of these areas. For purposes of the VCBH MOU, Gold Coast and VCBH will share demographic information, treatment plans, laboratory results, referrals, substance use treatment, and other data to further the coordination of the non-specialty mental health services provided by Gold Coast and specialty services provided by VCBH. The parties will also share substance use data as necessary to coordinate treatment among different providers. The MOU also permits VCBH and Gold Coast to share data as necessary to demonstrate achievement of performance measures under the BHQIP. For purposes of the ECM and CS provider agreements, Gold Coast and the provider County departments and agencies will share member information files, encounter and claims data, social determinants of health data, and performance reports on quality measures as needed to provide coordinated care management and treatment plans for participating Gold Coast members.

In all cases, data may be shared only in accordance with state and federal law, including requirements for patient consent where applicable.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, Auditor-Controller's Office, and General Services Agency Procurement Services. If you have any questions regarding this item, please call John Polich, HCA Deputy Director for Government and Regulatory Affairs, at (805) 677-5140.

  
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#### **EXHIBIT**

Exhibit 1 – Memorandum of Understanding Between Gold Coast Health Plan and the County of Ventura for Data Sharing Arrangements to Promote Care Delivery and Coordination