

October 29, 2024

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

**Subject: Approval of Amendments to the Hospital Services, Provider Services-PCP, and Provider Services-Specialist Agreements with the Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission, Doing Business as Gold Coast Health Plan, Adding Services for Dual-Eligible Members, Effective January 1, 2026.**

**Recommendations:**

1. That your Board approve Amendment No. 2 to the Hospital Services Agreement with the Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission, doing business as Gold Coast Health Plan ("Gold Coast"), adding services for Gold Coast members who are eligible for both Medi-Cal and Medicare benefits ("dual eligible members") effective January 1, 2026.
2. That your Board approve Amendment No. 3 to the Provider Services-PCP Agreement with Gold Coast, adding services for dual eligible members effective January 1, 2026.
3. That your Board approve Amendment No. 1 to the Provider Services Agreement-Specialist with Gold Coast, adding services for dual eligible members effective January 1, 2026.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact with this item.

**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:**

Dual-Eligible Special Needs Plans ("D-SNPs") are Medicare Advantage plans that provide care for beneficiaries who are eligible for benefits under both the Medi-Cal and Medicare programs, also known as "dual eligible" beneficiaries. Under the California Advancing

and Innovating Medi-Cal (“CalAIM”) initiative, Gold Coast and other Medi-Cal managed care plans must offer D-SNP plans to their dual eligible members by January 1, 2026.

In order to obtain a license to operate as a D-SNP, Gold Coast must demonstrate, by November 1, 2024, that it has an adequate provider network for its dual eligible members. The proposed amendments would add D-SNP services and rates to the Hospital Services, Provider Services-PCP, and Specialist agreements effective January 1, 2026.

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



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**Exhibit 1** - Amendment No. 2 to Hospital Services Agreement

**Exhibit 2** - Amendment No. 3 to Provider Services Agreement – PCP

**Exhibit 3** - Amendment No. 1 to Provider Services Agreement – Specialist