
Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

July 23 2024

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

Subject:

Approval of, and Authorization for the Health Care Agency (HCA) Director or Designee to Sign, an Acknowledgement of Grant Terms and Conditions Provided by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) Initiative's Capacity and Infrastructure, Transition, Expansion and Development (CITED) Program, effective July 1 2024 through September 30 2025; Ratification of HCA's Provision of Services Under the Terms of This Agreement in Anticipation of Your Board's Approval; Authorization for the Auditor Controller to Process the Necessary Budgetary Transactions (Recommendation No. 3 Requires a 4/5th Vote)

Recommendations:

1. That your Board approve, and authorize the Health Care Agency (HCA) director or designee to sign, an acknowledgement of grant terms and conditions provided by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) under the Capacity and Infrastructure, Transition, Expansion and Development (CITED) Program, which is part of the California Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) Initiative, Effective July 1 2024 through September 30 2025.
2. Ratification of HCA's provision of services under the terms of this agreement in anticipation of your Board's approval.
3. That your Board authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary budgetary transactions for unanticipated revenue and to adjust appropriations for VCHCA (Requires a 4/5th Vote)

HCA – Fund E500 Ventura County Medical System, Division 3300

INCREASE 3300-3320	Salaries and Benefits	\$1,272,464
INCREASE 3300-3320	Services & Supplies	\$319,001
INCREASE 3300-3320	Charges for Services	\$1,591,465

Reason for Ratification:

Ventura County Health Care Agency received notice of the award from the PATH CITED TPA team on June 28th 2024 with a deadline to review, and electronically sign the grant terms and conditions by July 8th 2024. Services for this grant period can take place between July 1 2024 to September 30 2025. In order to meet the deadline from the grantor, and not have a delay in services, HCA accepted the grant terms and provided services in anticipation of your Board's approval.

Fiscal Impact:

Mandatory: No
Source of Funding: Department of Health Care Services
Funding Match Required: No
Impact on Other Departments: No

Summary of Annual Revenues and Costs Under this Agreement for Ventura County Health Care Agency:

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2025-26</u>
Revenue:	\$1,591,465	\$0
Direct Costs:	\$1,591,465	\$0
Indirect Costs:	minor	minor
Net County Costs:	\$0	\$0

*Although the grant term goes until September 30 2025 we anticipate that the funds will be used in FY 25.

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:

Current FY 2024-25 Budget Projections for Ventura County Medical System #3300				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Expenditures	\$720,985,484	\$720,985,484	\$720,985,484	\$0
Revenue	\$721,404,225	\$721,404,225	\$721,404,225	\$0
Operational Income/(Loss)	\$418,741	\$418,741	\$418,741	\$0

The operational income includes "Operating Transfers In" that are primarily attributed to County contribution.

Background:

CalAIM is a statewide population health initiative within the Medi-Cal program designed to build a whole system, person-centered approach to care, integrating clinical and social services in support of people's health and wellbeing across the lifespan.

Launched in January 2022, the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports components of CalAIM serve the needs of Medi-Cal's most at-risk beneficiaries through intensive care management and services in the community to address social needs such as housing supports offered by the Health Care Agency's Ambulatory Care Division.

HCA's Ambulatory Care Division serves as the implementation hub for the development, launch, and administration of ECM and Community Supports, which are services contracted with Gold Coast Health Plan.

The State of California's PATH-CITED program awards grants to providers of CalAIM ECM and Community Support services to build, scale, and maintain the capacity necessary to implement these programs. This can include activities that increase the provider workforce; modifying, purchasing and developing necessary clinical, referral, billing, data reporting and IT systems providing upfront funding for infrastructure and equipment purchases; financial support of activities that conduct outreach to populations traditionally under-resourced and/or underserved.

At the February 28 2023 Board Meeting (Item 59), your Board approved acceptance of a PATH-CITED 1 Grant Award in the amount of \$5,816,377, and authorized HCA to submit applications for future PATH-CITED funding rounds.

Strategic Plan Priority:

This item contributes to the Board of Supervisors' 2024-2027 Strategic Plan priority to provide 'Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities', goal (1) Provide equitable and timely access to quality healthcare, mental health, and public health services.

Discussion:

Under the authority previously granted by your Board, HCA submitted a proposal for PATH CITED 3 on February 15, 2024 that integrated capacity building and infrastructure needs across two departments within the Health Care Agency (Hospitals and Ambulatory Care). DHCS notified HCA of its intent to award \$1,591,464.72 of the \$2,616,069.23 requested.

The award of \$1,591,464.72 does not require a match.

The table below summarizes key activities and funding amounts by Agency.

Agency	Activities	Funding Amount
HCA Ambulatory Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recuperative Care Supplies and Storage • Recuperative Care Expansion Planning Consultant • Day Habilitation Furnishings & Program Supplies • Funding for existing positions to implement CalAIM including, CalAIM Program Manager, Community Services Coordinator, Community Health Workers. The AAA Social Worker positions listed in the application will be converted to HCA Nurses. • PointClickCare Software • Birth Equity Centering Pregnancy Supplies • Birth Equity ECM Medical Specialist (Incumbent) • Birth Equity Physician Champion (Incumbent) 	\$1,507,704.72
HCA Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Equity Training Director of Language Services and Prenatal Health Equity (.2 FTE) 	\$83,760

The project will expand and develop ECM and Community Supports, as well as support the goals of reducing health disparities and enhancing quality health outcomes for historically under-served communities.

ECM to serve Birth Equity Population of Focus:

- **Centering Pregnancy Model:** An evidence-based model will be implemented to increase prenatal care among underserved populations. Funding will be spent on necessary materials and supplies.
- **Training for ECM Providers:** Doula Training, Fourth Trimester Fitness, and Hospital Navigator Training were funded. These will enhance services provided via PATH CITED 2 Funding.

- **Staff Expansion:** funding for a Director of Language Services and Prenatal Health Equity (.2 FTE for 12 months) which will be blended with other grant resources and hired at a later date.

ECM to Serve At-Risk for Institutionalization and in Need of Long-Term Care and Nursing Home to Community Populations of Focus

- Nursing Home to Community Transition: PointClickCare software to facilitate discharge from and improve coordination with skilled nursing facilities, fostering community reintegration.

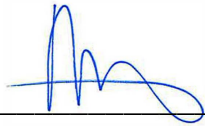
Community Supports:

- **Recuperative Care Expansion:** Necessary fencing, storage solutions for the existing temporary facility, and consulting services to develop site and program designs for a new facility, and to develop an RFQ to select a Recuperative Care provider.
- **Housing Deposit and Tenancy Sustaining Program:** Developing policies and workflows to operationalize the Housing Deposit and Tenancy Sustaining CS programs.

Reimbursement for PATH-CITED activities will be generated by achievement of milestones tied to activities and budgeted amounts and claimed as part of a quarterly reporting process.

PATH-CITED revenue will allow hiring, onboarding, and training of new and incumbent staff as well as building build ECM caseloads. Staff positions will be sustained beyond the grant term using ECM per enrollee per month revenue for their assigned caseloads.

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 Theresa Cho, HCA Director at (805) 677-5243.



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Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Acknowledgement of Grant Terms and Conditions

Exhibit 2 – PATH Guidance: Capacity and Infrastructure Transition and Expansion and Development (CITED) Initiative