

December 19, 2023

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

SUBJECT:

Approval of, and Authorization for the Health Care Agency Director or Designee to Sign, on behalf of the Ventura County Health Care Plan (VCHCP), Amendment Seven to Restated Capitated Behavioral Health Services Agreement with U.S. Behavioral Health Plan, California, for the Provision of Behavioral Health Services for Members of VCHCP, Extending the Term through December 29, 2024 and Adding New Rates Effective December 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

That your Board approve and authorize the Health Care Agency Director or designee to sign, on behalf of the Ventura County Health Care Plan (VCHCP), Amendment Seven to Restated Capitated Behavioral Health Services Agreement with U.S. Behavioral Health Plan, California, extending the term of the agreement through December 29, 2024 and adding new rates effective December 30, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Mandatory:	Yes
Authority:	Health & Safety Code §§1345(b), 1367(i); California Code of Regulations, Title 28, §1300.67
Source of Funding:	VCHCP Operational Performance
Funding Match Required:	None
Impact on other Departments:	Minor

Summary of Revenues and Costs:

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
Revenues:	\$0	\$0
Costs:		
Direct	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Indirect-Dept	\$0	\$0
Indirect-County CAP	\$0	\$0
Total Cost	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

Net County Cost	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0

The appropriations and revenue needed for this Agreement are included in the FY24 adopted budget of VCHCP.

The monthly premium will vary with the actual number of health plan enrollees. Premiums will increase or decrease based on fluctuations in the number of enrollees.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TABLE

Current FY 2023-24 Adopted for Ventura County Health Care Plan Fund E-510 Division 3390				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Estimate to Year-End	Estimated (Savings/Deficit)
Expenditures	\$ 83,981,956	\$ 83,981,956	\$ 83,981,956	\$ 0
Revenue	\$ 84,170,439	\$ 84,170,439	\$ 84,170,439	\$ 0
Operational Income/(Loss)	\$ 188,483	\$ 188,483	\$ 188,483	\$ 0

*Includes interest and fixed assets

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 supports the goal of providing equitable and timely access to quality healthcare.

DISCUSSION:

VCHCP is required by law to provide coverage for inpatient and outpatient behavioral health services for its membership. Due to the confidential and specialized nature of behavioral health services, VCHCP, like most health plans, utilizes an independent behavioral health administrator to manage its behavioral health benefit.

U.S. Behavioral Health Plan, California (USBHPC) has been the behavioral health administrator for VCHCP since October 2004. USBHPC assumes responsibility for the provision of services to members by contracting with providers, processing claims, triaging members' needs to access behavioral health services, reviewing provider initial treatment plans and continued progress of reporting, evaluating and monitoring member outcomes, and providing regular reporting back to the health plan. The Amendment Seven presented to your Board today extends the term of the agreement through December 29, 2024 and adds new capitation rates, effective December 30, 2023.

The rate information for this agreement is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act (Gov. Code, Section 7926.205) and is redacted in the attached exhibit. An unredacted copy is available to Board members on request.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, and Auditor-Controller's office. If you have any questions regarding these recommendations, please contact Dee Pupa at (805) 981-5006.



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Attachment: Exhibit 1 – Amendment Seven to Restated Capitated Behavioral Health Services Agreement with U.S. Behavioral Health Plan, California