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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
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SUBJECT: Repeal and Reenactment of the Ordinance Establishing the County Organized Health System

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Open a public hearing, introduce and read in title only, and waive further reading of the attached proposed ordinance, which would repeal Ordinance No. 4593 and reenact the provisions of that ordinance, with modifications, including changing the composition of the Ventura Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission (Commission) and increasing the number of voting members from eleven (11) to thirteen (13).
2. Set a second public hearing on January 10, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. to adopt the proposed ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

BACKGROUND:

On December 29, 2009, your Board adopted Ordinance No. 4409, Ventura County Organized Health System Ordinance, which created the Commission as the governing board for the Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan to serve beneficiaries in Ventura County. The eleven-member Commission was established for the purpose of designing and operating a publicly operated managed health care delivery system whose mission is to improve the health of its members through the provision of quality care and services.

On October 6, 2015, your Board adopted Ordinance No. 4481, repealing Ordinance No. 4409 and reenacting the Ventura County Organized Health System Ordinance, changing the composition of the Commission and requiring the establishment of a Chief Diversity Officer Position and a cultural diversity program. The changes contained in Ordinance No. 4481 were enacted to address significant cultural diversity issues and enhance the mix of management and operational expertise of the Commission.

On December 10, 2019, your Board adopted Ordinance No. 4552, repealing Ordinance No. 4481 and reenacting the Ventura County Organized Health System Ordinance, expanding your Board's ability to appoint commissioners with qualified experience and removing the residency requirements, as well as language changes to remove redundancies and correct clerical errors. The changes contained in Ordinance No. 4552 were enacted to allow for greater consideration to be given to the expertise and qualities that demonstrate candidates' integrity and dedication to serving the Medi-Cal beneficiary population.

On January 25, 2022, your Board adopted Ordinance No. 4593, repealing Ordinance No. 4552 and reenacting the Ventura County Organized Health System Ordinance, changing the composition of the Commission. The changes contained in Ordinance No. 4593 were enacted to enhance the mix of management and operational expertise of the overall board.

DISCUSSION:

On February 28, 2022, the Commission voted to recommend that your Board 1) add a second Consumer Representative seat to the Commission, and 2) eliminate terms limits for Commission members. After careful consideration, the County Executive Office (CEO) is recommending the repeal and replacement of Ordinance No. 4593, revising section 1381 which sets forth the composition, qualifications, and terms of the Commission members, proposed as follows:

Addition of Two Commission Members

- **Consumer Representative – Beneficiary**

Section 1381-2(h) allocates one Consumer Representative (Consumer Representative – Beneficiary) seat to a Medi-Cal beneficiary, who will provide additional perspective from persons experiencing the managed care system firsthand. This new seat differs from the existing Consumer Representative (Consumer Representative – Beneficiary and/or Advocate) seat under section 1381-2(g), which allocates one seat to a Medi-Cal beneficiary and/or a representative of an advocacy organization that serves the Medi-Cal population and is not otherwise represented on the Commission. Members of both seats shall

be appointed from applications submitted to the CEO after a posting of public notice for the open position.

- **Ventura County Human Services Agency Representative**

Section 1381-2(i) allocates one Ventura County Human Services Agency Representative seat to the County's Human Services Agency Director or designee nominated by the Human Services Agency Director. The Human Services Agency provides eligibility determination and ongoing case management services for families and individuals seeking Medi-Cal health care coverage benefits.

Increase Number of Voting Members

With the proposed addition of two Commission members, it is recommended that the number of voting members under section 1381-1 be increased from eleven (11) to thirteen (13).

Currently, appointments to the Commission shall be for four-year terms and no member may serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The CEO recommends maintaining the term limits for Commission members, as outlined in the ordinance, so as to remain consistent with other County Organized Health Systems in California.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel. If you have any questions regarding this item, please call me at 654-2681.



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County Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Proposed Ordinance (clean version)
2. Proposed Ordinance (legislative version)