



RESOLUTION NO. 182-2019

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado provides healthcare services in the jails and juvenile detention facilities; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with California Penal Code Section 4011, the cost of medical care provided to inmates and juvenile offenders provided outside of the detention facilities has been paid for by the County using General Fund; and

WHEREAS, effective 2017, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) began offering the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program (MCIP) pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 14053.7 and 14053.8, which affords the opportunity to reduce the General Fund cost of medical care provided outside of the detention facilities specifically for those individuals who meet the criteria for Medi-Cal coverage; and

WHEREAS, the MCIP participation agreement enables DHCS to reimburse providers based on Medi-Cal rates, using federal reimbursement, thereby decreasing cost to the General Fund by the County paying only the share of non-federal cost for medical care provided outside the County detention facilities; and

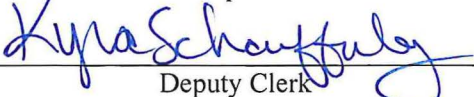
WHEREAS, this MCIP participation agreement is often received late, and the timeline allowed by the State for execution of the agreement is brief, resulting in significant workload impact for HHSA, County Counsel, the Chief Administrative Office, and the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has approved participation in the MCIP program in fiscal years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. Based on these successive approvals of participation in this program, and to expedite processing of future participation agreements, it is recommended that the Board delegate authority to the Director of HHSA to execute future agreements and amendments thereto, contingent on approval by County Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors do hereby delegate signature authority to the Director of the Health and Human Services Agency specific to the agreements by and between the State Department of Health Care Services and County of El Dorado for the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program, contingent on review and approval by County Counsel.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 5th day of November, 2019, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:
Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 
Deputy Clerk

Ayes: Hidahl, Parlin, Novasel, Veerkamp
Noes: Frentzen
Absent: None


Sue Novasel, Chair, Board of Supervisors



WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE - WIC

DIVISION 9. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES [10000 - 18999.8] (*Division 9 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.*)

PART 3. AID AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE [11000 - 15771] (*Part 3 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.*)

CHAPTER 7. Basic Health Care [14000 - 14199.60] (*Chapter 7 added by Stats. 1965, 2nd Ex. Sess., Ch. 4.*)

ARTICLE 2. Definitions [14050 - 14068] (*Article 2 added by Stats. 1965, 2nd Ex. Sess., Ch. 4.*)

14053.7. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and only to the extent that federal financial participation is available, the department may provide Medi-Cal eligibility and reimbursement for acute inpatient hospital services available under this chapter in accordance with Section 5072 of the Penal Code.

(b) The department may disenroll inmates made eligible for services under this section or in accordance with Section 5072 of the Penal Code from Medi-Cal managed care health plans, and may exempt inmates from enrollment into new or existing plans.

(c) Except as provided for in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e), the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall be responsible for the nonfederal share of any reimbursement made for the provision of acute inpatient hospital services rendered to inmates who are eligible for and enrolled in a LIHP and receive services pursuant to this section and Section 5072 of the Penal Code.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including Section 11050, the department, as the single state agency, may make eligibility determinations and redeterminations for inmates in accord with this section and Section 5072 of the Penal Code.

(2) The department may enroll and disenroll inmates eligible for acute inpatient hospital services under this section or in accord with Section 5072 of the Penal Code in Medi-Cal or in the LIHP in which the inmate's county of last legal residence participates.

(e) (1) In accordance with the requirements and conditions set forth under this section and Section 5072 of the Penal Code, the county may seek from the Medi-Cal program or from the responsible LIHP in which the county participates, reimbursement for the provision of inpatient hospital services to adults involuntarily detained or incarcerated in county facilities.

(2) (A) To the extent that a county seeks reimbursement for the provision of acute inpatient hospital services to adults who are involuntarily detained or incarcerated in county facilities and who are otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal pursuant to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 14000) of Part 3 of Division 9, the county shall be responsible for the nonfederal share of the reimbursement.

(B) To the extent that a county seeks reimbursement for the provision of acute inpatient hospital services to adults who are involuntarily detained or incarcerated in county facilities and who are otherwise eligible for and enrolled in the LIHP in which the county participates, the LIHP shall be responsible for the nonfederal share of the reimbursement.

(f) Reimbursement pursuant to this section shall be limited to only those services for which federal financial participation pursuant to Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act is allowed.

(g) This section shall be implemented only if and to the extent that existing levels of federal financial participation are not otherwise jeopardized. To the extent that the department determines that existing levels of federal financial participation are jeopardized, this section shall no longer be implemented.

(h) The department shall seek any necessary federal approvals for the implementation of this section. This section shall be implemented only if and to the extent that any necessary federal approvals are obtained.

(i) This section shall have no force or effect if there is a final judicial determination made by any state or federal court that is not appealed, or by a court of appellate jurisdiction that is not further appealed, in any action by any party, or a final determination by the administrator of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, that disallows, defers, or alters the implementation of this section or in accord with Section 5072 of the Penal Code, including the rate methodology or payment process established by the department that limits or affects the department's authority to select the hospitals used to provide acute inpatient hospital services to inmates.

(j) It is the intent of the Legislature that the implementation of this section will result in state General Fund savings for the funding of acute inpatient hospital services provided to inmates and any related administrative costs.

(k) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the department may, without taking any further regulatory action, implement this section by means of all-county letters or similar instructions.

(l) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) The term "county of last legal residence" means the county in which the inmate resided at the time of arrest that resulted in conviction and incarceration in a state prison facility.

(2) The term "inmate" means an adult who is involuntarily residing in a state prison facility operated, administered or regulated, directly or indirectly, by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

(Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 36, Sec. 82. (SB 92) Effective June 30, 2011.)



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14053.8. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the department shall develop a process to allow counties to receive any available federal financial participation for acute inpatient hospital services and inpatient psychiatric services provided to juvenile inmates who are admitted as inpatients in a medical institution off the grounds of the correctional facility, and who, but for their institutional status as inmates, are otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal benefits pursuant to this chapter. This process shall be coordinated, to the extent possible, with the processes and procedures established pursuant to Section 14053.7 of this code and Section 5072 of the Penal Code. This section shall not be construed to alter or abrogate any obligation of the state pursuant to an administrative action or a court order that is final and no longer subject to appeal to reimburse counties for any acute inpatient hospital services or inpatient psychiatric services provided to a juvenile inmate.

(b) A juvenile inmate who is an inpatient in a medical institution off the grounds of the correctional facility shall not be denied eligibility for Medi-Cal benefits under this section because of his or her institutional status as an inmate of a public institution.

(c) The department shall consult with counties in the development of the process pursuant to this section.

(d) This section shall not be construed to limit the department's authority to suspend or terminate Medi-Cal eligibility pursuant to Section 14011.10, except during such times that the juvenile inmate is receiving acute inpatient hospital services or inpatient psychiatric services pursuant to subdivision (b).

(e) This section shall be implemented only if and to the extent that existing levels of federal financial participation are not otherwise jeopardized. To the extent that the department determines that existing levels of federal financial participation are jeopardized, this section shall no longer be implemented.

(f) The department shall seek any federal approvals necessary to implement the process developed pursuant to this section. This section shall be implemented only if and to the extent that any necessary federal approvals have been obtained, and only to the extent that federal financial participation is available.

(g) Notwithstanding any other law, as part of the process developed pursuant to this section, the department may exempt juvenile inmates from enrollment into new or existing managed care health plans.

(h) The process developed pursuant to this section shall be implemented in only those counties that elect to provide the county's pro rata portion of the nonfederal share of the state's administrative costs associated with implementation of this section and the nonfederal share of expenditures for acute inpatient hospital services and inpatient psychiatric services provided to eligible juvenile inmates described in subdivision (a).

(i) (1) The federal financial participation received pursuant to the process implemented under this section shall be paid to the participating counties for services rendered to the juvenile inmates. If a federal audit disallowance and interest results from claims made under the process created pursuant to this section, the department shall recoup from the county that received the disallowed funds the amount of the disallowance and any applicable interest.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature that implementation of this section will result in no increased cost to the state General Fund.

(j) (1) If there is a final judicial determination made by any state or federal court that is not appealed, or by a court of appellate jurisdiction that is not further appealed, in any action by any party, or a final determination by the administrator of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), that disallows, defers, or alters the implementation of this section or, to the extent applicable, Section 14053.7 of this code or Section 5072 of the Penal Code, including the rate methodology or payment process established by the department that limits or affects the department's authority to select the facilities used to provide acute inpatient hospital services and inpatient psychiatric services to juvenile inmates, then any provision of this section that is inconsistent with the final judicial or CMS determination shall have no force or effect.

(2) In addition, the department may, at its discretion, cease to implement any other part of this section that is implicated by the final judicial or CMS determination.

(k) For the purposes of Medi-Cal eligibility pursuant to this section, "juvenile inmate" means an individual under 21 years of age who is involuntarily residing in a public institution, including state and local institutions.

(l) Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, the department may, without taking any further regulatory action, implement this section by means of all-county letters or similar instructions.

(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 836, Sec. 1. (SB 1089) Effective January 1, 2015.)