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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
Tiffany Schmid, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Olivia Byron-Cooper, Director of Health & Human Services *OBC*

SUBJECT: Retroactive Renewal of Agreement for Services – Item 25-1072, 9/16/2025
CalMHSA Psychiatric Inpatient Concurrent Review

This memo is to notify you that retroactive contract 9677 with California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), for the provision concurrent review services, has been requested by the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Behavioral Health Division and is on the Board of Supervisor's Agenda for 9/16/25 (File ID: 25-1072).

HHS contracts with the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) as the Mental Health Plan (MHP) for the County of El Dorado. Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) No. 19-026 mandates that county MHPs conduct concurrent review and treatment authorizations for all psychiatric inpatient hospital services and psychiatric health facility services, following the first day of admission. BHIN No. 22-017 subsequently established the option for MHPs to manage authorizations of psychiatric inpatient hospital services directly, or to delegate authorization functions to an administrative entity, in accordance with federal law and the MHP's contract for SMHS.

CalMHSA administers the Psychiatric Inpatient Concurrent Review (PICR) Program with the primary purpose of conducting concurrent review and authorization for all psychiatric inpatient hospital and psychiatric health facility services on behalf of participating MHPs. CalMHSA's PICR Program provides access to a technology-assisted concurrent review process, ensuring a consistent and efficient review process.

HHS has participated in this program since September 13, 2022 (File ID: 22-0363). On May 5, 2025, HHS received the new PICR template, with an intended effective date of July 1, 2025. The PICR Program Participation Agreement ensures the County has the capacity to fulfill its statutory and regulatory concurrent review obligations, and as such is being requested as a retroactive contract.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further.