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

FROM: Olivia Byron-Cooper, MPH, Interim Director, Health & Human Services Agency *OBC*

SUBJECT: Retroactive Participation Agreement Notification – Item 23-1106, 06/27/2023  
California Department of Health Care Services for County-Based Medi-Cal  
Administrative Activities (CMAA), Agreement 7567

This memo is to notify you that a retroactive contract request has been created and is on the Board of Supervisor's Agenda for 06/27/2023, (File ID: 23-1106). The Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) staff work to minimize these requests that we can control. Specific to this situation, a retroactive contract was unavoidable and this provides you with the background context for the delay.

On December 2, 2022, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) provided the Participation Agreement 7567 to the County of El Dorado to allow for reimbursement through the County-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (CMAA) program, with a perpetual term and a retroactive start date of 7/01/2020. This agreement is to replace and terminate in its entirety, the existing DHCS CMAA Participation Agreement 6443 which covers the term of 7/01/2020 through 6/30/2023.

DHCS is requesting the retroactive start of this replacement Participation Agreement 7567 to avoid a gap in the coverage period of the agreements between DHCS and Local Government Agencies (LGA). This will ensure that DHCS has the ability to reimburse LGAs for any outstanding invoices currently pending CMAA reimbursement. Otherwise, the invoices that have been paid between 2020 and 2023 may be left invalid and the LGAs may potentially owe DHCS for those funds previously reimbursed.

HHS and County Counsel have been in conversations to determine if it was possible to avoid a retroactive start date to this agreement, but due to the potential impact of outstanding invoices for the reimbursement of Public Guardian services and the risk of having to refund the funding previously received for these services, County Counsel approved Participation Agreement 7567 for the retroactive start date of 7/01/2020.

For these reasons, bringing this retroactive agreement before the Board was unavoidable. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further.