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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

Cc: Tiffany Schmid, Chief Administrative Officer
Joe Harn, Auditor-Controller

FROM: Olivia Byron-Cooper, Interim Director of Health & Human Services Agency

SUBJECT: Possible Retroactive Behavioral Health Agreements Notification –
CalAIM impacted substance use disorder (SUD), Specialty Mental Health
Services (SMHS), Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) and Residential Treatment
Contracts

This memo is to notify you that the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Behavioral Health Division (BHD) received notice from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) that the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative requires CalAIM compliant contracts to be in place for SUD, SMHS, PHF and Residential Treatment services by July 1, 2023.

As a result of the CalAIM initiative implementation, all contracts impacting the multiple licensed providers that deliver most of the SMHS, SUD, PHF and Residential Treatment services to El Dorado County, will require new contracts to be developed and incorporate new CalAIM-mandated contract language and Medi-Cal billing rates by July 1, 2023. HHS BHD received the contract templates and Medi-Cal reimbursement rates from the State in April 2023, leaving little time to meet the State's deadline.

HHS's Behavioral Health Division and the Administrative/Fiscal Unit staff are working diligently to implement these changes, however, due to the late release of CalAIM contractual language and County specific Medi-Cal payment rates provided by the State as well as ongoing rate negotiations with providers, retroactive contracts to be effective July 1, 2023, may be unavoidable.

Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, the Director of Behavioral Health, will be requesting time to meet with each of you to discuss the nuances of these changes, the impacts to the County and providers, and some of the challenges we are facing. We will continue to keep the board informed as it relates to the CalAIM initiative and resulting changes and challenges to our HHS operations.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions.