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Public Health Department recommending the implementation of the Medical Marijuana Identification Card Program (MMICP) with said Department to serve as local administrator of same; and recommending said Department to return to the Board at a later date with a new fee resolution contingent upon review by County Counsel.

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: None.

Background: On February 13, 2007, Public Health presented to the Board the Medical Marijuana Identification Card Program (MMICP), developed and administered by the California Department of Health Services (CDHS). The Program allows California counties to issue special identification cards and to access an online database to track and police the use of medicinal marijuana within their jurisdictions. The Department requested direction from the Board on how to proceed with the Program. The Board informed Public Health that it would research the Program independently in greater detail, after which it would direct the Department further.

Since that meeting, the MMICP has been modified. Specifically, the State application fee has been reduced from \$142/applicant to \$66/applicant. The rate has fluctuated over the last few months due to cover the costs of purchasing, building and maintaining the States website/database; printing and supplying the ID cards; and staffing the program. The original State projections on both the level of participation within each County, and participation by each County, were over-estimated and did not cover these costs. Response to the increase was very negative, so the State took steps to control costs and reduced staff. It was able to lower the State portion of the ID card rate to \$66 (\$33 for Medi-Cal participants).

Given the State's application fee, the County's fee for each ID card shall be \$122.33. The fee is based on the EMS Agency providing services and is broken out the following way:

Total by character set

Salaries & Benefits	\$3,711.36
Services & Supplies	2,142.42
Other Charges	271.98
Intrafund Transfers	634.00

\$6,759.76

TOTAL COUNTY ESTIMATED EXPENSES (based on above)	\$6,759.76
Remittance to State (\$66 per application as of Dec '06)	\$7,920.00
Total cost of El Dorado Medical Marijuana Program	\$14,679.76
Estimated # of Cards issued per year	120
Estimated Fee Per Application	\$122.33

The County is responsible for maintaining application records and data security for the life of each card issued, which is one year. Records must be available for access in the case of a modification or renewal of an existing card. Paper applications, which will contain information, such as name, address, and phone number, may be transferred to an electronic medium but must still be maintained by the County. The State will maintain a database tracking other relevant information, such as:

- Whether the card is new or a renewal
- The name of the patient, or the caregiver
- Whether or not the cardholder is a Medi-Cal recipient
- The County of residence and County program telephone number
- A photograph of the cardholder
- A unique ID number created by the database.

Counties now participating in the program, as of April 2, 2007, are listed below. The list also gives a historical account of County participation since August of 2006.

8/1/2006	12/11/2006	4/2/2007
Alameda County	Alameda County	Alameda County
Amador County	Amador County	Amador County
Calaveras County	Calaveras County	Butte County
Contra Costa County	Contra Costa County	Calaveras County
Del Norte County	Del Norte County	Contra Costa County
Humboldt County	Humboldt County	Del Norte County
Kern County	Imperial County	Humboldt County
Marin County	Kern County	Imperial County
Mendocino County	Marin County	Kern County
Napa County	Mendocino County	Marin County
Riverside County	Napa County	Mendocino County
San Francisco County	Riverside County	Napa County
San Mateo County	San Benito County	Plumas County
Santa Barbara County	San Francisco County	Riverside County
Santa Clara County	San Luis Obispo County	San Benito County
Shasta County	San Mateo County	San Francisco County

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Action to be taken by Board following presentation: Provide direction to staff to implement MMICP; confirm selection of Public Health as local administrator; instruct Public Health to return to Board with a new fee resolution contingent upon County Counsel review; and provide any other information or action as desired.

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Concurrences: