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BOARD REPORT

DATE: September 6, 2016

AGENDA DATE: September 13, 2016

TO: DEL NORTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Heather Snow, Director *HS*
Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Medi-Cal Managed Care Participation

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

Approve and authorize the appointment of Heather Snow, Director of Health and Human Services, as the representative of Del Norte County to the Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission effective immediately.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

At the regular Board of Supervisors meeting held on July 23, 2013, the Ordinance entitled *Relating to Partnership Healthplan of California Commission, Section 7.65.030*, was adopted and then later amended on January 12, 2016 to reflect the new commission membership formula. The ordinance was in response to Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code Section 14087.54; the California Department of Health Care Services contracted with Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) creating a managed health care plan for Medi-Cal recipients. The PHC Commission is a multi-county commission offering a managed health care plan for Medi-Cal recipients.

The ordinance states:

"The members appointed by the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors shall serve at the pleasure of the board and shall be selected as follows:

- A. The initial or first member shall be the Director of Health and Human Services or the Director's designee.
- B. Additional members, as permitted, will be other local interested parties involved in the Medi-Cal managed care system."

The Commission has a proven record of improving health care access to its members, who are Medi-Cal recipients, and improving Medi-Cal reimbursement rates to health care providers. The commission links each member with a primary care provider and has been successful in reducing inappropriate use of emergency rooms, providing appropriate levels of inpatient care for its members, developing innovative case management programs and arranging for the provision of an enhanced level of local health care services.

ALTERNATIVES:

Amend the Ordinance.

FINANCING:

N/A

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This action meets all five of the outcome measures for children in Del Norte County: 1) Children ready for and succeeding in school; 2) Children and youth are healthy and preparing for adulthood; 3) Families are economically self-sufficient; 4) Families are safe, stable and nurturing; and 5) Communities are safe and provide a high quality of life.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

Chair, Board of Supervisors; Clerk of the Board

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

AUDITOR:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Jay Sarina, YES

COUNTY COUNSEL:

PERSONNEL:

OTHER DEPARTMENT:

September 13, 2016

Liz Gibbonney, CEO
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Sincerely,

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