



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** September 3, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Approval to accept PacificSource funding for the Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers program and designate signing authority to Heather Kaisner, Public Health Director

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

1. Move approval of Document No. 2025-898 accepting PacificSource Community Solutions funding for the Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers program.
2. Move to authorize Heather Kaisner, Public Health Director, to sign the Letter of Agreement.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) began as a formal, national Vaccines for Children (VFC) provider-level immunization quality improvement program. IQIP serves to assist and support healthcare providers by identifying opportunities to improve vaccine uptake and to help providers be:

- Motivated to try new vaccination service delivery strategies and incorporate changes into their current practices
- Supported in sustaining changes and improvement to their vaccination service delivery
- Aware of and knowledgeable about vaccination coverage and missed opportunities to vaccinate
- Able to use available data from the IIS to improve services and coverage

Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) was awarded a three-year grant (Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2025) from Central Oregon Health Council for a Central Oregon Regional Immunization Rate Improvement Project to implement the IQIP program. The goal of the program was to increase the immunization rate of two-year-olds in Central Oregon by implementing the IQIP program in Coordinated Care Organizations at participating clinics that serve the majority of children within Central Oregon.

Over the three-year grant funded IQIP project, DCHS worked with VFC clinics within Deschutes, Jefferson, and Crook counties. Most clinics participating chose goals to raise the

overall up-to-date rates (UTD) for children and adolescents by 5%. Many clinics met or beat those goals. On average, over half of the clinics participating in each 12-month cycle saw one or both UTD rate improve, the average gain being approximately 8.5% over the rate at the start of the cycle. Some clinics saw their rates hold steady, others did experience some decrease in UTD rates, however, we believe that this program has proven to be a benefit to all three counties overall.

DCHS seeks approval to accept \$200,000 of funding from PacificSource to continue the IQIP program for an additional year. Funding will be used as follows:

- \$113,913 toward existing personnel expenses,
- \$45,000 for monetary incentives for participating clinics,
- \$14,500 for a community outreach campaign and workshops
- \$500 for new clinic on-boarding and "Community Connection" meetings for participating clinics
- \$26,087 for indirect costs (15% of direct costs)

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

\$200,000 revenue for the period of September 2025 – August 2026. A budget resolution will be forthcoming for non-personnel expense.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Rita Bacho, Public Health Program Manager