



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Chair signature of document #2022-404, an OHA amendment #157345-1

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Chair signature of document #2022-404, an OHA amendment #157345-1.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, the federal government and states share the cost of funding the Medicaid program, which provides medical assistance to certain low-income individuals. Federal Financial Participation (FFP) is the federal government's share for states' Medicaid program expenditures. States may claim FFP for providing administrative activities that are found to be necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the state Medicaid plan. The process applicable to claiming administrative costs is referred to as Medicaid Administrative Claiming or MAC.

Deschutes County is reimbursed from Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for providing Medicaid-eligible clients administrative activities. These reimbursable activities include outreach, healthcare coordination, application assistance, monitoring and training, transportation and translation and system coordination related to the proper and efficient administration of the state Medicaid plan.

OHA reimburses Deschutes County on a quarterly basis for total allowable and documented Medicaid administrative activities through time-study surveys conducted during each quarter. The participating teams (nurse home visiting and perinatal care) typically earn \$80-\$90K per quarter as a local public health participant in this program. As earnings continue to grow each year, it is not uncommon for OHA to amend contract thresholds.

Amendment #1 increases the Not to Exceed amount of the agreement by \$850,000, from \$1,500,000 to \$2,350,000. The agreement is effective through June 30, 2023.

BUDGET IMPACTS: Revenue not to exceed \$850,000

ATTENDANCE:

Pamela Ferguson, Public Health Program Manager