

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSITION TO A SINGLE MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE HEALTH PLAN MODEL FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA'S MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES**

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Findings and Declarations**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda finds and declares that:

- A. Current Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan Model In the County of Alameda.
  - 1. Currently, there are approximately 350,000 County of Alameda residents served by Medi-Cal managed care insurance coverage ("Beneficiaries"), including adults, children, and seniors aged 65+.
  - 2. The County of Alameda's current Medi-Cal delivery model is a two-plan model. It has two Medi-Cal insurance plans from which Beneficiaries may choose. Alameda Alliance for Health is the local public Medi-Cal managed care health plan; Anthem Blue Cross is the commercial Medi-Cal managed care health plan.
  - 3. The Alameda Alliance for Health covers and serves 81% of the County of Alameda's Beneficiaries.
- B. The California Department of Health Care Services has offered counties the opportunity to transition to a single local health plan model of Medi-Cal managed care.
- C. New Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan Model In the County of Alameda.
  - 1. The County of Alameda intends to move from the two plan model described above to a single Medi-Cal managed care health plan model. Under the single health plan model, the County of Alameda will use the local public plan, the Alameda Alliance for Health, and forego the commercial plan.
  - 2. This single health plan model will provide several opportunities to align the shared mission across the County of Alameda's safety net partners, improve the quality and timely access to services, and establish a more consistent navigation for Beneficiaries and health care providers.

**Section 2. Single Local Health Plan Model**

The Board of Supervisors, in enacting this Ordinance, declares that the County of Alameda intends to adopt a single Medi-Cal managed care health plan model (also referred to as a single managed care plan by the California Department of Health Care Services), using the Alameda Alliance for Health as the local public plan, upon approval by the appropriate state and federal authorities.

Should it occur, the transition to this new single Medi-Cal managed care health plan model shall be effective on or before January 1, 2024.

**Section 3. Other Contracting Models**

Nothing herein shall preclude the County of Alameda from returning to a two-plan model or from opting into any other Medi-Cal health plan model as may be established under state or federal law.

**Section 4. Severability**

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases of this Ordinance, or its application to any other person or circumstance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable.

**Section 5. Effective Date**

- A. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after the date of passage.
- B. Before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage, it shall be published once with the names of the members voting for and against the same in the Inter-City Express, a newspaper published in the County of Alameda.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, State of California, on \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by the following called vote:

AYES:

NOES:

EXCUSED:

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Keith Carson  
President of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Alameda, State of California

ATTEST:  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Alameda

By: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DONNA R. ZIEGLER, COUNTY COUNSEL  
County of Alameda

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Raymond Lara, Senior Deputy County Counsel