

ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL MEETING &
JOINT
HEALTH and SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, January 27, 2020
9:30 a.m.

Supervisor Wilma Chan, Chair Health Committee
Supervisor Keith Carson,
Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair, Social Services Committee
Supervisor Richard Valle, Social Services Committee member

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5th floor
County Administration Building,
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Covered California Subsidy Expansion and Open Enrollment Update

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Kelly Bradfield, External Affairs Specialist, Covered California and Megan Greenwood, Policy Specialist, Covered California presented a PowerPoint presentation on Covered California Subsidy Expansion and Open Enrollment.

Purpose:

- Report progress**
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Health & Social Services Committees Recommendation or Position
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Board action.

Kelly Bradfield provided information on Covered California for 2020. The mission is to increase the number of insured Californians, to improve health care quality, lower costs and reduce health care disparities across California. More than 4 million people have been insured by Covered California since 2014. More than 6 million have been insured in the individual market both on and off-exchange. More than 3.8 million people are currently enrolled in Medi-Cal because of the Affordable Care Act's expansion of Medicaid. The statewide average premium increase was 0.8%. Consumers will be provided with more health plan options. Covered California expanded several State and Federal programs to assist consumers. She provided information on the new State health insurance mandates and the 2020 enrollment statistics.

II. Health for All – Expansion of Medi-Cal Young Adult Eligibility and Proposed Expansion of Medi-Cal Older Adult Eligibility

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Lori Cox, Director, Alameda County Social Services Agency, Colleen Chawla, Director, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency and Danice Cook, HealthPAC Administrator, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Health for ALL – Expansion of Medi-Cal Young Adult Eligibility and Proposed Expansion of Medi-CAL Older Adult Eligibility.

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Health Care Services Agency provided an overview of the expansion to Medi-Cal for young adults and the older adult populations; a summary of the challenges and opportunities; SSA's and HCSA's outreach and communication strategies. In 2019, SB104 extended full-scope Medi-Cal benefits for ages 19-25 with incomes at or below 138% of Federal Poverty level; regardless of immigration status, and it was effective January 1, 2020.

The Governor's FY 20-21 proposed budget provided \$80.5M for expansion of full-scope Medi-Cal benefits for individual age 65+, regardless of immigration status. Approximately 27,000 are eligible in California and approximately 1,279 are eligible in HealthPAC.

The expansion to Medi-Cal brings the following challenges: federal threats to immigrants; attempts to dismantle and repeal the Affordable Care Act; and young adults are traditionally a difficult population to reach for health insurance coverage. However, there are opportunities for long term investment that help avoid costly hospitalizations; access to preventive care; and a larger provider network available to young adults.

SSA's outreach strategy included the creation of an informational flyer about the Medi-Cal expansion and securing funding through Assembly Bill 74 to retain individuals in Medi-Cal for a two-year period.

HCSA's outreach strategies included a partnership with HealthPAC clinics to develop FAQ documents; post flyers at HealthPAC clinics; mailing notices to HealthPAC enrollees; and use HealthPAC clinics to educate eligible patients.

III. Medi-Cal Healthier California for ALL Proposed Changes to Eligibility and Enrollment

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Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency and Lori Cox, Director, Social Services Agency presented introductory comments and Andrea Ford, Assistant Agency Director, Social Services Agency, Juan Ventanilla Associate Program Specialist., Workforce Benefits Administration, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Medi-Cal Healthier California for ALL proposed changes to eligibility and enrollment.

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There was a presentation to provide background on the Medi-Cal Healthier California for All; enhanced County eligibility and oversight monitoring; and mandated pre-release Medi-Cal application process. On October 29, 2019, HCSA released a proposal to reform the state's Medi-Cal program.

There are three primary goals: Identify/manage member risk and need through Whole Person Care approaches and address Social Determinant of Health; Move Medi-Cal to a more consistent seamless system by reducing complexity and increasing flexibility; and improve quality outcomes and drive delivery system transformation through value-based initiatives, modernization of systems and payment reform.

The enhanced County Medi-Cal eligibility and oversight monitoring looks at three key areas: intake processing timelines; RRR processing timelines; and MED alert processing. A tiered corrective action approach will be established for counties that do not meet the performance standards.

DHCS proposed that California mandate the county inmate pre-release Medi-Cal application process by January 2022 and mandate the implementation of the warm handoffs from jails to behavioral health departments to allow for continuation of treatment in the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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