

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Deborah Edgerly
From: Department of Human Services
Date: November 9, 2004

Re: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE AN ESTIMATED \$150,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 FROM THE FEDERAL MEDI-CAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES (MAA) PROGRAM FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE OAKLAND MEDI-CAL ELIGIBLE POPULATION AND TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A SIMILAR AMOUNT FOR SUBSEQUENT PROGRAM YEARS FOR THE LIFE OF THE FEDERAL MAA PROGRAM WITHOUT RETURNING TO COUNCIL EACH YEAR

SUMMARY

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has submitted an application and been approved by the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency to participate in the federal Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) Program. This program allows DHS to be reimbursed for specific activities related to outreach and support for the Medi-Cal eligible population of Oakland. The MAA reimbursement to the DHS for Medi-Cal related outreach, policy and administration efforts is estimated to be \$150,000 per year starting for fiscal year 2002-03 and available for subsequent years as long as the City's participation is approved.

FISCAL IMPACT

The resolution results in the acceptance and appropriation of approximately \$150,000 per year in reimbursement to the Department of Human Services for Medi-Cal related outreach, policy and administration efforts starting FY 2002-03 and continuing for each subsequent year for the life of the program. The funds will be appropriated to Fund 2159 (State of California), Organization 78111 (DHS Administration), in a project to be established pending the approval of this resolution. There is no adverse impact on the City's General Fund.

BACKGROUND

The federal government sponsors a program called Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) Program. The program is designed to support and encourage local entities – cities, counties and service agencies – to conduct outreach to Medi-Cal eligible individuals, including informing them about the Medi-Cal program, supporting enrollment, and increasing access to medical services. Alameda County Health Care Services Agency administers the program for the federal government. In order to be eligible for MAA support, agencies must submit a complex application that details specific staff positions and services, how

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they support Medi-Cal usage, and how this work fits into an overall Medi-Cal outreach plan. The approved positions must then implement a time-study each year to verify the hours which are spent in MAA eligible work and the amount of time eligible for reimbursement is further discounted by the localities' estimated Medi-Cal eligible population. Approval of a MAA Plan and subsequent reimbursement for activities typically takes 18-24 months.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Department of Human Services, on behalf of the City, hired a consultant to develop a MAA application for the City which was submitted to Alameda County on August 8, 2002. In 2004, the DHS MAA plan was approved by Alameda County. DHS is now able to apply for reimbursement, based on its plan, for specific MAA related activities and staff time from fiscal year 2002-03 when the plan was originally developed. DHS will also be able to bill for subsequent years. Currently, there is a backlog for payment processing and so Alameda County is only processing for FY 2002-03.

DHS anticipates an annual reimbursement of approximately \$150,000 which can be used to enhance its Medi-Cal outreach and support activities. This is only an estimated amount since the actual amount is subject to the results of the annual staff time study and any changes in the total Medi-Cal eligible population in Oakland. MAA reimbursement is calculated by a complex formula that takes into account the total staff hours and/or dollars spent on Medi-Cal related activities but that figure is further adjusted based on the Oakland's Medi-Cal eligible population. DHS is also working on a MAA plan amendment to be submitted at the end of 2004 which, if approved, may increase the total annual reimbursement. DHS is responsible for a wide array of Medi-Cal related activities -- information and referral for Medi-Cal enrollment at Senior Centers, paratransit services to Medi-Cal approved medical appointments, Medi-Cal enrollment as part of homeless outreach -- which are included in the MAA application and plan and eligible for reimbursement.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic

There is no direct economic opportunity related to this program.

Environmental

This project does not have a direct impact on environmental opportunities.

Social Equity

The program is designed to ensure that the most vulnerable, low income residents of Oakland are fully aware of and make use of any Medi-Cal services that may be available to them. This is an important tool for achieving social equity.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

People with disabilities and seniors are frequently the primary target for Medi-Cal outreach and thus this program has a high potential for supporting and improving access to Medi-Cal services for these populations. All DHS services are provided in accessible locations.

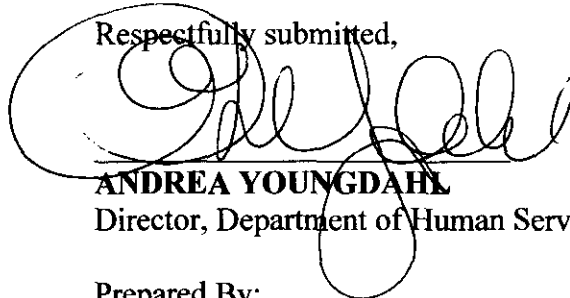
RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that City Council approve this resolution that allows Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program funds in an estimated amount of \$150,000 per year starting in FY 2002-03 and for subsequent year to be accepted and appropriated to the Department of Human Services for Medi-Cal related outreach activities.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept and appropriate an estimated \$150,000 reimbursement for fiscal year 2002-2003 from the federal Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) Program for activities related to the Medi-Cal population and to accept and appropriate a similar amount for subsequent program years for the life of the federal MAA program without returning to Council each year.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE:

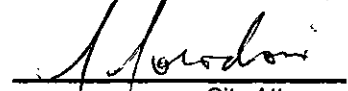

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City Attorney

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE AN ESTIMATED \$150,000 REIMBURSEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 FROM THE FEDERAL MEDI-CAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES (MAA) PROGRAM FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE MEDI-CAL POPULATION AND TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A SIMILAR AMOUNT FOR SUBSEQUENT PROGRAM YEARS FOR THE LIFE OF THE FEDERAL MAA PROGRAM WITHOUT RETURNING TO COUNCIL EACH YEAR

WHEREAS, the federal government allows local governments to be reimbursed for work that supports the identification and enrollment of individuals into the Medi-Cal program and their continued access to Medi-Cal services under the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's Department of Human Services has the capacity, particularly through its senior services and homeless and hunger programs, to conduct such outreach, identification and on-going support to the Medi-Cal eligible population in Oakland; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services submitted an application to Alameda County Health Care Services Agency on August 8, 2002 to become authorized to apply for reimbursement under the Medi-Cal Administration Activities Program (MAA); and,

WHEREAS, on 2004, the City of Oakland, Department of Human Services' MAA application and claiming plan was approved by Alameda County and is effective for Medi-Cal activities performed during the 2002-2003 fiscal year and for all subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services wishes to participate in the MAA program so that it can expand and strengthen its outreach and support to the Medi-Cal eligible population in Oakland; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to accept and appropriate funds for the Department of Human Services from the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) Program for Medi-Cal related activities to Fund 2159, Organization 78111 (and a project to be established upon approval of this resolution) in an estimated amount of \$150,000 for reimbursement for fiscal year 2002-2003; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator also be authorized to accept and appropriate funds for the Department of Human Services in Fund 2159, Organization 78111 (and a project to be established upon approval of this resolution) from the MAA Program for all subsequent years for the life of the federal MAA program in an estimated amount of \$150,000 annually; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator shall accept and appropriate any additional funds that shall become available through the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program to Fund 2159, Organization 78111 (and a project to be established upon approval of this resolution) for Medi-Cal related activities of the Department of Human Services.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

CEDA FLOYD

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California