

Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program Agreement

BETWEEN BLUE CROSS OF CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP PLAN, INC.

AND

County of Fresno

THIS AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) by and between Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan, Inc. and its affiliates (“Anthem”) and County of Fresno. (“HHIP Grantee”) is effective upon the date of complete execution of the Agreement (the “Effective Date”). The scope of services, reporting, and funding details are included in Exhibit A.

WHEREAS: The Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) is a two-year incentive program from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) that allows Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCP’s) to earn funds by working with community organizations to build partnerships and address housing and homelessness. As part of HHIP, Anthem is making investments to community partners - “HHIP Grantees” to address identified gaps and needs and meet HHIP metrics.

AGREEMENT:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows.

1. Anthem and HHIP Grantee each desire to participate in HHIP (the “Program”) geared towards improving partnerships and addressing housing and homelessness among Medi-Cal members. HHIP Grantee agrees to perform the services, and agrees to program goals, metrics and objectives as specified in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.
2. To the extent any provision contained in this Agreement conflicts with the terms and conditions of HHIP Grantee Agreement with Anthem, then HHIP Grantee Agreement shall control.
3. The parties acknowledge and agree that all information related to the Program created and/or furnished by one party to the other party as a result of this Agreement is proprietary and confidential. HHIP Grantee and Anthem agree not to use such proprietary and confidential information except for the purpose of carrying out their obligations under this Agreement. Neither party shall disclose any proprietary and confidential information to any person or entity without the other party’s express written consent, except as required pursuant to applicable law, regulatory requirements or legal order, in which case such party shall immediately notify the other party of the receipt of any such request for disclosure prior to the disclosure.
4. The Agreement will commence on the Effective Date and end on 12/31/27 unless the Agreement is terminated earlier as specified herein and in Exhibit A.

5. Either party may terminate this Agreement with or without cause on thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other party. This Agreement will automatically terminate upon one or more of the following events:
 - a. Termination of HHIP Grantee Agreement with Anthem; or
 - b. HHIP Grantee fails to use best efforts to diligently meet requirements and measurements as outlined in Exhibit A.
6. The parties hereto represent to each other that to their knowledge this Agreement (i) has been validly executed and delivered, and (ii) has been duly authorized by all corporate action necessary for the authorization.
7. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
8. This Agreement is solely for the benefit of HHIP Grantee and Anthem and will not be construed to give rise to or create any liability or obligation to, or to afford any claim or cause of action to, any other person or entity.
10. Each party agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other party from and against any and all liability, loss, claim, damage or expense, including defense costs and legal fees, incurred in connection with a breach of any representation and warranty made by a party in this Agreement, and for claims for damages of any nature whatsoever, arising from a party's performance or failure to perform its obligations hereunder.
11. Provider agrees that HHIP funds cannot be used for long-term "room and board" costs which is defined as long-term rental assistance. This does not include shelter operations or shelter costs, short-term or emergency rental assistance, housing related costs for housing lease-up, capital funds for permanent affordable or supportive housing development or rehab, or housing development operating subsidies.
12. The funding for this Agreement is subject to Anthem's receipt of HHIP funds from DHCS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed.

County of Fresno

Signature: Garry Bredefeld

Name: Garry Bredefeld, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

Date: July 14, 2026

BLUE CROSS OF CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP PLAN, INC. (Anthem Blue Cross)

Signature: 
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Les Ybarra
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Name: Les Ybarra

Date: 7/08/2026

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By Alexandra Vini Deputy

Org No.: 0129
Account No.: 3575
Fund No.: 0023
Subclass No.: 17129

EXHIBIT A

HHIP is for Anthem California Medicaid business-only. Unless otherwise defined in this Agreement, all defined terms shall have the meanings set forth in the DHCS HHIP [All Plan Letter \(APL\)](#).

Under the Program, Anthem will advance funds (See Total Grant Amount) to HHIP Grantee as a grant to assist Anthem with meeting HHIP metrics during the Program measurement periods. If the Program Agreement between Anthem and HHIP Grantee is terminated for any reason during the duration of this Agreement, HHIP Grantee understands and agrees that it will repay the unexpended portion of the Grant.

1. Grantee Information:

Grantee Name: County of Fresno	Primary Contact for Grant: Name: Email: Phone:
Grantee Address:	County(s) Served: Fresno

- 2. Description of Grant/Investment:** The County of Fresno is developing a local Flexible Housing Pool to support landlord engagement, unit acquisition, streamlining rental payments, and providing wraparound supportive services. DHCS is heavily encouraging the creation of Flexible Housing Pools to support the implementation of Transitional Rent and ensure members have access to available housing units and can receive services including Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports. The funds will support the County with launching a Flex Housing Pool model in partnership with a selected Flex Housing Pool operator.

Funds will also be used to support the County's Collaborative Applicant costs, including consulting services from Homebase to conduct the local competitive process and submit project applications for the 2025 HUD CoC NOFO as well as costs associated with the 2026 Point-in-Time Count which includes food for PIT Count volunteers, data analysis consultant/software costs, and other related expenses.

- 3. HHIP Measures to be Impacted:** The following HHIP measures are intended to be successfully impacted/achieved by the grant. The grantee has reviewed and understands the definitions and expectations of the intended impacted DHCS HHIP metrics below:

Priority Area 1: Partnership and Capacity to Support Referrals for Services	Priority Area 2: Infrastructure to Coordinate and Meet Member Housing Needs	Priority Area 3: Delivery of Services and Member Engagement
☒ 1.1 Engagement with the CoC	☐ 2.1 Connection with street medicine team (<i>DHCS Priority Measure</i>)	☒ 3.3 MCP members experiencing homelessness who were successfully engaged in ECM
☒ 1.2 Connection and Integration with the local Homeless Coordinated Entry System (<i>DHCS Priority Measure</i>)	☒ 2.2 MCP Connection with the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) (<i>DHCS Priority Measure</i>)	☒ 3.4 MCP members experiencing homelessness receiving at least one housing related Community Supports (<i>DHCS Priority Measure</i>)

☒ 1.3 Identifying and addressing barriers to providing medically appropriate and cost-effective housing-related Community Supports		☒ 3.5 MCP members who were successfully housed (<i>DHCS Priority Measure</i>)
☒ 1.4 Partnerships with counties, CoC, and/or organizations that deliver housing services with whom the MCP has a data sharing agreement that allows for timely information exchange and member matching (<i>DHCS Priority Measure</i>)		☒ 3.6 MCP members who remained successfully housed (<i>DHCS Priority Measure</i>)
☒ 1.6 Partnerships and strategies the MCP will develop to address disparities and equity in service delivery, housing placements, and housing retention (aligns with HHAP-3)		

4. **Grantee Deliverables:** Grantee is agreeing to work in partnership with Anthem Blue Cross on achieving the following outcomes/outputs and reporting:

SMART Goal (Outcomes)	Activities (Outputs)	Start Date	End Date	Proof of Completion
1. Establish and operationalize Fresno County Flex Pool by end of Q2 2026, including staffing, partnerships, and workflows.	March 2026 - Release a procurement for Flex Pool Administrator Services May 2026 – Develop workflows and referral pathways for community partners with selected Flex Pool vendor June 2026 – Board of Supervisors approves contract with selected Flex Pool Administrator July 2026 – Flex Pool Administrator services begin August 2026 – Flex Pool Administrator fully staffed September 2026 – At least 10 households are connected to TR benefits through Flex Pool	January 2026	September 2026	Grant reporting requirements, including staff hired, partnership agreements, workflows, etc.
2. Oversee and adjust workflows as needed on a quarterly/bi-annually to enhance implementation, maintain infrastructure and secure long-term sustainability of the program once MCP grant terms.	May 2026 – Develop workflows and referral pathways for community partners with selected Flex Pool vendor Quarterly - Workflows will be evaluated on a quarterly basis in the first year of Flex Pool services; workflow evaluation will transition to biannual evaluation if deemed appropriate Monthly - Flex Pool Administrator and County will meet to evaluate project implementation and service	January 2026	December 2026	Grant reporting requirements, quarterly meeting updates

	effectiveness, general project oversight			
3. Track and report on transitional rent and housing outcomes supported by Fresno County Flex Pool including:	Monthly - track Flex Pool program outcomes, including: permanent housing placements (by setting), housing deposits, referrals to ECM services and other community resources, CalAIM Housing Navigation and Tenancy Support caseloads	January 2026	December 2026	Service data reporting, claims submission
Number of permanent settings	September 2026 – At least 10 households are connected to TR benefits through Flex Pool December 2026 – At least 40 households are connected to TR benefits through Flex Pool			
Number of interim exits to permanent housing supported with TR	September 2026 – At least 5 households exiting interim settings are connected to TR benefits through Flex Pool December 2026 – At least 20 households exiting interim settings are connected to TR benefits through Flex Pool			
Number of Housing Deposit benefits provided	September 2026 – At least 6 households are connected to Housing Deposit benefits through Flex Pool December 2026 – At least 30 households are connected to Housing Deposit benefits through Flex Pool			
4. Support Fresno Madera CoC HUD NOFO activities	conduct the local competitive process and submit project applications to complete the 2025 HUD CoC NOFO process	December 2025	February 2026	HUD CoC NOFO local competition process completed and Priority Listing and application submitted
5. Support Fresno Madera CoC 2026 Point-in-Time Count	provide meals for PIT Count volunteers; conduct PIT data analysis	December 2025	April 2026	PIT data report published by 2026 Q2

5. Anthem Responsibilities:

- a. Identify a point of contact to serve as a liaison for HHIP grant.
- b. Participate as necessary in any planning activities, system/program design, or any other necessary meetings to implement activities being funded by the HHIP grant.
- c. Distribute funds to HHIP grantee based on Disbursement Intervals below.
- d. Periodically meet with HHIP grantee to monitor progress on achieving the deliverables outlines in this agreement. Engage with HHIP grantee on strategies to improve/address challenges to meeting HHIP deliverables.

6. **Total Grant Amount:** \$146,317
7. **Effective Dates:** 7/14/2026 – 12/31/2027
8. **Disbursement Intervals:** 100% upon execution of agreement