



Board Agenda Item 72

DATE: December 9, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Joe Prado, Director, Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: Retroactive FY 2025-26 California Department of Health Care Services Allocation Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to approve the retroactive submission of the FY 2025-26 California Department of Health Care Services allocation plan for child health services under the Health Care Program and Children in Foster Care and authorize the Chairman to execute the Certification Statements as required by the California Department of Health Care Services, effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (\$2,604,503).

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. Approval of the recommended action will allow the County to continue to receive the non-competitive funding from California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for three mandated child health services programs: Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HPCFC), Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care - Caseload Relief (HPCFC-CR), and Psychotropic Medication Monitoring and Oversight (PMM&O). DHCS has granted the County a fourth allocation, Administrative, to fund administrative and fiscal support staff assisting the three mandated child health services programs. The allocation offsets the administrative costs of the three programs and include full recovery of all indirect costs. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There are no viable alternative actions as the County is mandated by DHCS to administer all three programs. Should your Board not approve the recommended action, the Department would not have sufficient funds to offset these mandated program service costs.

RETROACTIVE AGREEMENT:

The Department received the FY 2025-26 allocation letter on July 1, 2025 for HPCFC, HPCFC-CR, PMM&O, and the administrative component. All four allocations are retroactive to July 1, 2025. Due to the time required to complete the DHCS workbook, the item is being brought to your Board in accordance with the agenda item processing deadlines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. DHCS approved a total non-competitive allocation of \$2,458,391 for FY 2025-26. State and Federal funding is broken down to the programs as follows:

- \$1,374,675 - Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care

- \$219,512 - Psychotropic Medication Monitoring and Oversight
- \$532,378 - Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care - Caseload Relief
- \$331,826 - Administrative

DHCS also allows for an optional HCPCFC County-City/Federal Match, by completing the optional HCPCFC budget, to fund staff working in support of children and youth in out-of-home placement or foster care. Local County/City funds are matched with Federal funds (Title XIX) for this budget. County and Federal funds (Title XIX) matching is broken down as follows:

- \$56,953 - County Funds
- \$89,159 - Federal Funds (Title XIX)

Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues are included in the Department's Org 5620 FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION:

The HCPCFC programs are staffed with Public Health Nurses (PHN) that consult and collaborate with the County's Department of Social Services (DSS) - Child Welfare Service Programs to provide PHN expertise in meeting the medical, dental, mental, and developmental needs of children and youth in foster care. The HCPCFC program coordinates health care services for these children by:

- Collaborating with social workers and case managers;
- Assessing the health care status of children and promoting access to comprehensive preventive health and specialty services;
- Attending multi-disciplinary Team Decision Meetings to explain the health needs of the child; and
- Acting as a liaison between Child Welfare Services and health care providers.

DSS will be funding the remaining full-time equivalent (FTE) of the 11 PHNs and the Supervising Public Health Nurse (SPHN) to review cases and make recommendations in the areas of physical health, development, education, mental health, placement, and visitations. The PHNs will coordinate activities with DSS staff in Emergency Response (ER), Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM), Caseload Relief (CR), PMM&O, Ongoing Child Welfare Case Management including Independent Living Program (ILP) and Non-Minor Dependent youths, and Transitional Shelter Care Facility (TrSCF).

The HCPCFC program allocation decreased by 8.66% compared to last fiscal year's allocation and we do not anticipate any major program impacts. There are no changes in the allocation of HCPCFC-CR and PMM&O. Due to indirect costs and the State now being stricter starting with FY 2024-25 on allocations for State and Federal Funding instead of blending sources together, the Department's current allocation plan does not utilize the full allocation. However, the Department will work with DHCS to maximize revenue under this program.

To finalize the allocation process, DHCS requires your Board to certify approval of the recommended DHCS workbook and sign the certification stating that the County will comply with applicable laws, regulations, and policies related to the HCPCFC programs. The recommended HCPCFC allocation plans are retroactive to July 1, 2025. Historically, the DHCS allocation plan included a presentation with the California Children's Services (CCS) program, however, currently CCS receives their own allocation letter and submits their budget workbooks separate from HCPCFC. Once this item is approved by your Board, no additional Board executed documents are required to receive the HCPCFC fundings.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #59, November 24, 2024
BAI #55, October 10, 2023

BAI #48, October 25, 2022
BAI #47, November 16, 2021
BAI #12, November 4, 2020

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - FY 2025-26 HCPCFC Plan and Budget

CAO ANALYST:

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