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Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
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SUBJECT: Request to conduct merit hearing of the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 2.40 of the Marin County Code regarding the County's participation in the multi-county Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) commission.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Conduct a merit hearing of the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 2.40 of the Marin County Code regarding the County's participation in the multi-county Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) commission.
2. Following the merit hearing, consider the proposed ordinance and take a vote on passage of the ordinance.

SUMMARY: On March 22, 2011 your Board adopted Ordinance No. 3556 adding Chapter 2.40 of the Marin County Code authorizing the County of Marin to join an existing multi-county commission entitled Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC). This managed health care plan for Medi-Cal recipients began operating in Marin on July 1, 2011. The PHC commission operates separate from county government with the authority and responsibility to arrange for the provision of health services to Medi-Cal enrollees in its designated counties. Your Board and the boards of the other participating counties are responsible for appointing members to the Commission.

The Department proposes to amend Chapter 2.40 of the Marin County Code to clarify the title of the original ordinance and amend two sections, 2.40.010 and 2.40.030 to reflect name changes of the State agency, the commission membership formula and guidelines for appointments by your Board.

Section 2.40.010 will be amended to reflect that the California Department of Health Care Services, rather than the California Medical Assistance Commission, is the State agency responsible for negotiating with the Commission.

As PHC has expanded into eight new counties, the Commission revised the formula for calculating Commission membership described in section 2.40.030. In the original ordinance each county had a minimum of two commission members with an additional commission member per county for every fifteen thousand Medi-Cal beneficiaries enrolled in the healthplan. Under the original formula, Marin County had three representatives on the Commission.

Under the revised formula adopted by the Commission, there will be no minimum number of representatives and county representation will be determined solely by the number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the county (one commissioner per zero to ten thousand beneficiaries; two commissioners per ten thousand to twenty-five thousand beneficiaries, etc). Under the new formula, Marin County will have two Commission seats.

As Marin County will have one less seat, the Department proposes amending Section 2.40.030 to also revise the guidelines describing in broader terms the criteria for the Commission seat not held by a member of your Board or an employee (the "County Representative") to allow for greater flexibility. The Department's Director will evaluate nominees and may make recommendations to your Board based on the PHC Commission's "Guiding Principles" and the nominee's background and experience. Other counties, including Sonoma and Humboldt, have made similar changes.

Should your Board vote to pass the proposed ordinance, the ordinance will be published in the Marin Independent Journal within 15 days in accordance with Government Code Section 36933.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: PHC has significantly increased access to primary and specialty medical care for Marin's Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with this proposed action.

REVIEWED BY:	County Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	Department of Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	County Counsel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Sincerely,

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Director

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