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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, is responsible for appointing members to the Commission. On July 16, 2013, your Board adopted Ordinance No. 3597 amending 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.

As more counties have joined PHC, the PHC Commission has again revised the formula for calculating commission membership described in section 2.40.030. As a result, the Department is returning to your Board to amend this section to reflect these changes to the membership formula as well as to revise the guidelines for appointments by your Board to allow for greater flexibility. Under the revised formula, the number of county representatives will continue to be determined by the number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the county and Marin County will still have two Commission seats. The Department's Director will continue to evaluate candidates and make recommendations to your Board regarding appointments to the commission. Several other counties 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,

Grant Nash Colfax, MD
Director

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