May 12, 2015

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Report from the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the Affordable Care Act implementation in Marin County.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:
1. Receive Department of Health and Human Services’ report regarding the Affordable Care Act implementation in Marin County.

SUMMARY: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was enacted in 2010 to increase the quality and affordability of health insurance, lower the uninsured rate by expanding public and private insurance coverage, and reduce the costs of healthcare for individuals and the government. Over the past two years, Health and Human Services has implemented the Affordable Care Act through coordinating outreach, education, and enrollment efforts with a goal of reaching everyone who is eligible for insurance coverage. This presentation includes information regarding the number of approved applications for insurance, enrollment efforts, and access to care.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: Since the Affordable Care Act was implemented in January, 2014, 27,000 applications for insurance were approved in Marin County. Over 14,000 applications were approved for Medi-Cal and 13,000 applications were approved for Covered California. These individuals now have access to preventive care, mental health services, substance use services, and many other essential health benefits. Through increased access to coordinated care and a primary care home, the community’s health and well-being is improved.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal component associated with the acceptance of this informational report.

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Respectfully submitted,

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