

January 31, 2006

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

**SUBJECT: Department of Health and Human Services contract (\$111,600) with the CaliforniaKids Healthcare Foundation to expand CalKids dental package.**

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve attached multi-year contract with the CaliforniaKids Healthcare Foundation.

**SUMMARY:** This contract will expand dental access for children and youth insured by CalKids by encouraging private dentists to join the CalKids network through establishing a more favorable fee-for-service reimbursement structure, and through the elimination of co-payments for the low-income children who are in the program.

**COMMUNITY BENEFITS:** Statewide, dental care is the most sought after benefit by the newly insured. The proposed contract will implement the expansion in dental access approved by the Board of Supervisors as part of the FY 2005/06 budget. The contract will help to encourage more private dentists to join the network serving CalKids and will eliminate onerous co-payment requirements for the children served by the program. The providers added to the network are distributed across all parts of Marin. This expansion has the support of many community advocates including the Children's Health Initiative Coordinating Committee and the Oral Health Advisory Committee. First 5 of Marin will fund the comparable benefit for CalKids under age six. The Marin Community Foundation is funding 85% of the cost of CalKids including the base costs of the dental package. This contract will augment that base cost to fund the expansion and the elimination of co-pays.

**FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT:** This is already reflected in the 2005 – 2006 budget, 546-2533, therefore there is no increase in net County cost.

**REVIEWED BY:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Auditor Controller	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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