

March 24, 2009

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

**SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING(MOU) BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AND THE COUNTY OF
SONOMA AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR OVERSIGHT AND
ADMINISTRATION OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE ADVOCACY PROGRAM
(HICAP).**

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve and sign the attached HICAP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

SUMMARY: The purpose of the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy program (HICAP), a volunteer supported program, is to provide Medicare beneficiaries and those imminent of becoming eligible for Medicare with counseling and advocacy related to Medicare, private health insurance, and related health care coverage plans. The proposed MOU governs the multi-county oversight and administration of North Bay HICAP which serves the five counties of Napa, Solano, Marin, Mendocino and Sonoma.

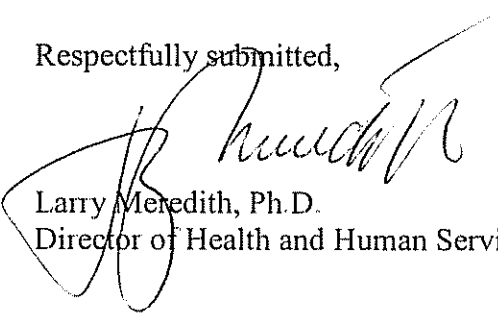
COMMUNITY BENEFIT: The Health Insurance Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides older adults and disabled individuals with information about Medicare and other insurance issues, so they can make informed decisions about their health care coverage.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: The Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging is the lead agency and is responsible for North Bay HICAP services as administered in the five-county area, and receives the administrative funds directly from the California Department of Aging in accordance with the Older Californians Act and State and Federal regulations. There is no Marin County fiscal impact as a result of this action.

REVIEWED BY:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Meredith, Ph.D.
Director of Health and Human Services