

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**F A C T S H E E T**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO EXISTING  
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH  
THE CHILDREN'S CENTER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY TO  
ALLOW FOR PAYMENT OF TITLE XIX MEDI-CAL SERVICES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004**

**(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**REQUEST:**

1. Request Board approval of Amendment No. 5 to the existing Legal Entity (LE) Agreement No. DMH-01547 with The Children's Center of the Antelope Valley (CCAV) for the payment of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Title XIX Medi-Cal services rendered. This Amendment does the following:
  - a) Implements technical adjustments to the County General Fund (CGF) and EPSDT-State General Fund (SGF) sources to align the EPSDT baseline Medi-Cal local match and EPSDT growth match with the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-2004 Adopted Budget; and
  - b) Increases the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) for FY 2003-2004 by \$538,000, from \$481,851 to \$1,019,851.
2. Request Board approval for delegation of authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute amendments to the existing LE Agreement with CCAV.

**INTENT/JUSTIFICATION:**

This Amendment increase in the amount of \$538,000 for FY 2003-2004 exceeds the 20 percent MCA delegated authority language previously approved by the Board on December 16, 2003 for this contractor.

Amendment No. 5 increases CCAV's MCA by \$538,000, from \$481,851 to \$1,019,851, to enable DMH to better align the actual demand for mandated EPSDT services with the contractor's capacity to provide and be reimbursed timely for those services. Technical adjustments to the CGF and EPSDT-SGF will align these funding sources to DMH's FY

2003-2004 Adopted Budget. Since the first phase of the redirection and expansion of the EPSDT program in June 2003, CCAV experienced over a 100 percent increase in demand for services from the communities in Service Area 1. The expansion of CCAV's service capacity complies with DMH's guiding principles for EPSDT expansion by enhancing the availability of mental health services in communities that have few resources, such as the underserved Antelope Valley region.

**CONTRACTOR:**

CCAV is located at 1055 West Avenue M, Suite 110, Lancaster, CA 93534, in Supervisorial District 5. The agency was established in 1990 as a private non-profit community agency in response to community concern about high rate of child abuse in the Antelope Valley. The mission of the agency is to protect children residing in the Antelope Valley from child abuse and neglect. Services include prevention, intervention, mental health treatment, and educational services to victims of child abuse and neglect and their families in the underserved Antelope Valley. CCAV provides culturally and linguistically appropriate services to children and families in settings that meet their specific needs and continually strives to create programs to address unmet needs and high demands. Through its collaborations and public/private partnerships, CCAV is now recognized as a leader in the Antelope Valley.

**FISCAL SUMMARY:**

Amendment No. 5 to the existing LE Agreement with CCAV in the amount of \$538,000 will be funded by \$25,100 in budgeted Realignment appropriation for the EPSDT growth match, \$286,800 in Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal revenue, and \$226,100 in EPSDT-SGF included in DMH's FY 2003-2004 Adopted Budget. CCAV's revised MCA will total \$1,019,851 for FY 2003-2004. There is no increase in net County cost.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS:**

Since the implementation of the Medicaid's EPSDT program in FY 1994-1995, DMH has been required to significantly increase the availability of mental health services to Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries under 21 years of age and has, thus, been able to achieve a comprehensive system of care to Medicaid recipients. The EPSDT program provides medically necessary services to Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries under 21 years of age to correct or ameliorate a physical or mental disability or condition.

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the communities in Service Area 1. The expansion of CCAV's service capacity complies with DMH's guiding principles for EPSDT expansion by enhancing the availability of mental health services in communities that have few resources, reducing existing wait times for children and their caregivers, and filling the need for specialized resources to address the growing area of physical and sexual abuse in this remote region of the County.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:**

Board approval of this Amendment will enable DMH to continue to augment current levels of EPSDT program entitlement services in critically-needed areas throughout Los Angeles County. Additionally, DMH will be allowed to make pass-through FFP Medi-Cal and EPSDT-SGF payments to CCAV, thereby reimbursing the contractor for its billed and State-approved Title XIX Medi-Cal services. Without Board approval, access to EPSDT Title XIX Medi-Cal services will be restricted, and the residents of the Antelope Valley will continue to be seriously underserved.

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