

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Departmental Correspondence

Date: AUG 14 2001

Hearing date: AUG 21 2001

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Charlene A. Silva, Director, Aging and Adult Services *CS*

SUBJECT: Agreement with State Department of Health Services for the AIDS Medi-Cal Waiver Program

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Supervisors to execute Agreement No. 00-91547 with the State Department of Health Services for the AIDS Medi-Cal Waiver Program for Calendar Years 2001-2003

Background

The AIDS Case Management Program was developed to keep individuals with HIV disease safely at home as long as possible. Funding for this program is provided through a set grant allocation from the state. Establishment of the AIDS Medi-Cal Waiver Program added a second tier of assistance to the existing AIDS Case Management services within Aging and Adult Services (AAS) to provide services to a larger number of individuals with HIV disease.

Through the use of subcontractors, these programs provide case management, attendant care, homemaker and nursing services, and psychosocial counseling to clients who are at risk due to deterioration in health related to HIV disease. Addition of the AIDS Medi-Cal Waiver Program has allowed AAS to increase the number of clients served and assist seriously ill clients to stay in their own homes rather than be institutionalized.

Discussion

The AIDS Medi-Cal Waiver Program is designed to reduce inpatient hospitalization further by extending community care capacity for HIV patients with higher acuity and a broader range of service needs. This program makes Medi-Cal available as an additional funding source with eligibility limited to clients in the more advanced stages of the disease. Reimbursement for AIDS Waiver services is on a fee-for-service basis billed through Medi-Cal. An annual cost cap per client of \$13,209 affords a significantly higher level of services than is available through the AIDS Case Management Program.

The coexistence of the AIDS Case Management and AIDS Waiver Programs allows the staff to move more acute clients from the Case Management Program to the Waiver Program, thus freeing

up slots and enabling the agency to serve more clients. Services and items provided under both programs are similar (e.g., case management services, durable Medi-Cal equipment, homemaker services, attendant care, psychosocial counseling, and nursing services).

Clients Served and Performance Measures

This Waiver Program allows Aging and Adult Services to maintain an active caseload of 30 clients per month in addition to the AIDS Case Management Program, which is required by contract to maintain an active caseload of 25 clients per month. Program effectiveness is measured by reviewing the average number of months per client in which the provision of case management services prevented institutionalization.

Year	Ave. Monthly Caseload	New Clients	Total Clients Served	Ave. No. of Mos. Institutionalization Prevented
1999-00 Actuals	62	72	145	19 mos.
2000-01 Actuals	63	70	143	20 mos.
2001-02 Projected	63	71	141	20 mos.

*Number exceeds 60 clients per month due to mid-month enrollments and terminations.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Agreement as to form and content.

Term and Fiscal Impact

The term of the Agreement is January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2003. We did not receive this Agreement from the state until mid July 2001 and as a result we were unable to bring it to your board for approval until now. This program is funded through fee-for-service Medi-Cal (50% federal, 50% state) with an annual cost cap per client of up to \$13,209. This amount includes a reimbursement rate of \$198.93 per client per month for case management services. In addition to this annual cost cap, \$157.80 per client per month or \$1,893.60 per year will be paid by Medi-Cal for administration services. For the calendar year of January to December 2000, the average amount claimed for AIDS Waiver per client was \$4,017.67. Revenues and expenses related to this Agreement are included in AAS's approved budget for 2001-02. There is no impact on the county General Fund as a result of this action.

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