



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

COUNTY COUNSEL

**DATE:** November 26, 2002

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** December 3, 2002

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Supervisor Michael D. Nevin  
Supervisor Richard S. Gordon

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Agreement with Sequoia Healthcare District Regarding the San Mateo County Children's Health Initiative

**Recommendation**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing and directing the Board President to execute an Agreement with Sequoia Healthcare District Regarding the San Mateo County Children's Health Initiative.

**Background**

Sequoia Healthcare District is a public health care district formed and operating pursuant to The Local Health Care District Law (California Health and Safety Code Sections 32000 et seq.). The District's statutory healthcare purposes include providing assistance in the operation of health services, including health care programs, services, and facilities and activities at any location within or without the District for the benefit of the District and the people served by the District.

This Board has determined that there is a public health need for the provision of basic health care for indigent and needy children residing in San Mateo County and has accordingly created the San Mateo County Children's Health Initiative for the provision of health insurance for indigent and needy children throughout County.

### **Discussion**

The County and the District both believe that guaranteeing access to basic medical care to children is not only humane, but also necessary to improve the health of the community and that providing health insurance through the County's Children's Health Initiative is a sound way to help guarantee such access. Through on-going discussions and presentations by and between County staff and the District, the District has determined that the District's financial support of the Children's Health Initiative for children residing in District, as set forth in the terms of the proposed agreement between the District and the County, is consistent with and supports the purposes and goals of the District.

The proposed agreement commits the District to provide, for five years, up to One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000) per year, in support of the Children's Health Initiative. The funding is to be in the form of a matching grant, subject only to the continued receipt of property taxes by the District and the continuation of the initiative. The funds will be provided on a semi-annual basis. The conditions of the grant require that the District's funds be applied to funding the initiative with regard to children living within the District and that the County provide the District with quarterly updates and reports.

### **Vision Alignment**

Agreements regarding the funding of the Children's Health Initiative supports the County's principle of ensuring basic health and safety for all and Goal # 5—Residents have access to healthcare and preventative care.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Approval and performance under this agreement could result in a receipt of grant funds of up to \$1,350,000 per year, for five years.

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