



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

Authorize Staff to Certify and Submit the Supplemental Medicaid Provider Wage Agreement Effective October 1, 2022

Presenter:

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Description:

Authorize Staff to certify and submit the Supplemental Medicaid Provider Wage Agreement Effective October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, which certifies that every direct care employee will be paid \$15.00 per hour.

Recommended Action:

Authorize staff to certify and submit the supplemental Medicaid Provider Wage Agreement

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Consideration:

There are currently less than 60 Fire Rescue employees that are impacted by this minimum pay requirement. The impact was negotiated with the IAFF General bargaining group and included in the proposed contract that was ratified by members on September 13 - 15, 2022 then brought before the Board for approval on September 27, 2022. The fiscal impact of the bargaining agreement including the wage requirements will be included in a future budget adjustment to be brought before the Board during FY2022-23

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

The Supplemental Medicaid Provider Wage Agreement requires that all Medicaid providers certify that each direct care employee is paid at least \$15.00 per hour beginning October 1, 2022. Once County staff became aware of this requirement, language was included in the IAFF General Bargaining agreement to increase wages for impacted employees. The Agency for Health Care Administration will be adjusting the Medicaid Provider Fee Schedules and rates to offset the anticipated cost increase; however, it is unknown if the rate increases will fully cover the impact of the pay requirement.

Failure to certify and sign the supplemental agreement will void the County's Medicaid provider agreement.