

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

September 9, 2025

FROM

JOSHUA DUGAS, Director, Department of Public Health

SUBJECT

California Children's Services Program Allocations, 2025-26 Integrated Systems of Care Division Plan, and 2025-26 Monitoring and Oversight Plan

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve and authorize submission of the 2025-26 Integrated Systems of Care Division Plan for California Children's Services, to the California Department of Health Care Services, in the amount of \$17,388,773, including a County match of \$721,840, for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
 2. Approve the 2025-26 California Children's Services Monitoring and Oversight plan, in the amount of \$546,196, for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
 3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Health, appointed by the California Department of Health Care Services as the Authorized Director, to execute and submit the 2025-26 California Children's Services Monitoring and Oversight plan to the California Department of Health Care Services, subject to County Counsel review.
 4. Accept allocation (**Agreement No. 25-658**) (Information Notice No. 25-02) from the California Department of Health Care Services for the 2025-26 Integrated Systems of Care Division Plan and 2025-26 California Children's Services Monitoring and Oversight Plan, in the amount of \$13,494,382, for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
 5. Direct the Director of the Department of Public Health to transmit the 2025-26 California Children's Services Monitoring and Oversight plan with 30 days of execution.
- (Presenter: Joshua Dugas, Director, 387-9146)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The Department of Public Health (DPH) is required to submit an annual Integrated Systems of Care Division (ISCD) Plan for the amount of \$17,388,773. This amount is the estimated cost to provide California Children's Services (CCS) program services based on a state-provided methodology and caseload sizes. The ISCD Plan total includes the required CCS local match of \$721,840, comprised of \$360,920 1991 Realignment and \$360,920 in Discretionary General Funding appropriated in 2025-26. Additionally, DPH estimates the cost to continue oversight activities will be approximately \$546,196.

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Recommendation No. 4 requests approval of the California Department of Public Health Care Services (DHCS) allocated funds in the amount of \$13,494,382, comprised of \$12,819,165 for administrative expenses for the CCS program and \$675,217 for oversight. The actual allocation amounts are determined by available state funding. Therefore, the estimated costs outlined in the 2025-26 ICSD and CCS Monitoring and Oversight Plans are not aligned with the actual allocations.

The DHCS funding allocations will be used to reimburse costs incurred retroactively from July 1, 2025, and are anticipated to be fully expended by June 30, 2026. Historically, DHCS has provided supplemental allocations when the original allocation did not meet actual expenses incurred. However, if supplementary DHCS funds are not provided to meet the actual CCS 2025-26 expenses, DPH may request further budget adjustments to support program activities and services.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

DHCS issues funding to local health jurisdictions to serve high-risk families, children, and youth with a variety of physically disabling and/or medically fragile health conditions through the CCS program. This program is administered through a partnership between county health departments and DHCS, via the ISCD. The collective goal of the program is to ensure children with medically eligible health conditions have and maintain access to needed medical, dental, and specialty health services through case management, professional consultation, and linkage to appropriate levels of care. DPH has received funding for this program since 1974.

CCS provides diagnostic and treatment services, medical case management, and physical and occupational therapy services to children under the age of 21 with CCS-eligible medical conditions such as cystic fibrosis, heart disease, cancer, and traumatic injuries. DPH estimates the \$17,388,773 ISCD Plan will provide services to approximately 14,107 children at an average cost of \$1,232 per child. Providing a plan allows DHCS to have an accurate annual estimated cost for providing services, which in turn allows DPH to request additional funding in the event the allocated amount becomes depleted.

Annually, DHCS issues retroactive allocation notices for the CCS program identifying DPH's funding. To accept the funding, DPH must submit an ISCD Plan identifying how funds will be used. Because of the retroactive issuance of the program allocation, DHCS requires local health departments to claim expenses back to July 1st of the current fiscal year.

DHCS established CCS Oversight through the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal Initiative to implement and evaluate consistent program standards. DHCS has issued funding for Oversight this year to determine future funding; the funding allocation was determined by the average caseload for 2024-25.

On August 29, 2025, DPH received Information Notice 25-02 providing the 2025-26 CCS program allocation in the amount \$12,819,165 and \$675,217, totaling \$13,494,382, for the CCS program administration and Oversight respectively. DHCS requires the ISCD Plan to be developed based on specified program caseload percentages, but the actual allocations are determined by the amount of state funding available. Additionally, the ISCD Plan must cover the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and is due to DHCS on September 19, 2025.

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Recommendation No. 3, authorizes the Director of DPH to execute and submit the CCS Monitoring and Oversight plan as the appointed Authorized Director with DHCS.

This item is being presented at this time, as this is the first date available following receipt of Information Notice 25-02, ISCD Plan development, and the required operational, fiscal, and legal reviews. Approval at this time will have no impact on DPH's CCS program services and activities.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Daniel Pasek, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on August 13, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Iliana Rodriguez, Administrative Analyst, 387-4205) on August 21, 2025.

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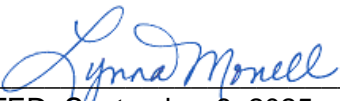
Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Curt Hagman

Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: September 9, 2025



cc: PH - Padilla w/agree for sign
Contractor - c/o PH w/agree
File - w/agree

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