

Item to be ADDED to DHHS State Funding Platform

SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE HEALTH FINANCING

The managed care organization (MCO) tax is a state tax on health plans that supports health care services for low-income residents, and brings more than \$1 billion in federal funds to California each year. The current MCO tax expires on July 1, 2016. In response to federal concerns, the Governor called a Special Legislative Session to renew the tax and satisfy new federal requirements. Without the revenue the MCO tax generates, county health services including the In-Home Supportive Services program County Maintenance of Effort negotiated in 2012, may be in jeopardy.

The County supports renewal of a modified MCO tax or alternative sustainable funding sources for health services.

Item to be REMOVED from DHHS State Legislative Platform

SUPPORT FOR AN ORGANIZED DRUG MED-CAL SYSTEM

The State is currently seeking a Section 1115 demonstration waiver from the federal government to create an organized delivery system for the Drug Medi-Cal program. The waiver will allow counties to opt-in to providing Drug Medi-Cal benefits, newly expanded under the Affordable Care Act. Ensuring that the system is funded and structured in a way that is sustainable and predictable would allow counties to deliver this important benefit. The county supports a state waiver that ensures financing will allow and encourage small counties to participate in Drug Medi-Cal program.

Item to be REMOVED from DHHS Federal Legislative Platform

REPEAL INSTITUTION OF MENTAL HEALT DISEASE EXLUSION

Federal law prohibits Medicaid reimbursement for services obtained in Institutions of Mental Disease by Medicaid-eligible adults, 22-64 years of age. The State of California recently approved inpatient detoxification as a Drug Medi-Cal service. However, this federal exclusion makes federal financial participation unavailable for residential and withdrawal services provided by chemical dependency treatment providers that operate more than sixteen beds, severely limiting if not eliminating funding for these needed services. The county supports repeal of the Institution of Mental Disease exclusion.