



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Social Services

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding with the National Insurance Crime Bureau Regarding the Exchange of Information and Data for Purposes of Detecting and Preventing Insurance-Related Crime and Fraud in Humboldt County

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Social Services Deputy Director, or a designee thereof, to execute the attached memorandum of understanding with the National Insurance Crime Bureau regarding the exchange of information and data for purposes of detecting and preventing insurance-related crime and fraud in Humboldt County;
2. Authorize, the Department of Health and Human Services - Social Services Deputy Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached memorandum of understanding with the National Insurance Crime Bureau, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the Department of Health and Services - Contracts unit with one fully executed, certified copy of the Board order related to this item.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Social Services Fund

DISCUSSION:

The National Insurance Crime Bureau is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to gathering and disseminating information related to insurance-related crime and fraud for the benefit of law enforcement agencies, regulatory authorities and the general public. In furtherance of this goal, the National Insurance Crime Bureau provides law enforcement agencies and their personnel access to the ISO ClaimSearch database for purposes of detecting and preventing insurance-related crime and fraud. The attached memorandum of understanding with the National Insurance Crime Bureau will allow designated Department of Health and Human Services - Social Services (DHHS - Social Services) employees to access and use the ISO ClaimSearch for investigating or prosecuting insurance-related

crime and fraud occurring in Humboldt County.

Accordingly, DHHS - Social Services recommends that the Board approve, and authorize the DHHS - Social Services Deputy Director, or a designee thereof, to execute the attached memorandum of understanding with the National Insurance Crime Bureau regarding the exchange of information and data for purposes of detecting and preventing insurance-related crime and fraud in Humboldt County. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the DHHS - Social Services Deputy Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached memorandum of understanding with the National Insurance Crime Bureau, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in the exchange of information and data regarding insurance-related crime and fraud.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no direct costs associated with the attached memorandum of understanding with the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Approval of the attached memorandum of understanding with the National Insurance Crime Bureau will not impact current staffing levels.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended actions support the following areas of the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework:

Core Roles: Enforce laws and regulations to protect residents

New Initiatives: N/A

Strategic Plan: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve the attached memorandum of understanding with the National Insurance Crime Bureau regarding the exchange of information and data for purposes of detecting and preventing insurance-related crime and fraud in Humboldt County. However, this alternative is not recommended since it would inhibit DHHS - Social Services' ability to effectively conduct investigations that help maintain the integrity of the County of Humboldt's welfare programs.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memorandum of Understanding with the National Insurance Crime Bureau Regarding the Exchange of Information and Data for Purposes of Detecting and Preventing Insurance-Related Crime and Fraud in Humboldt County

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A