

Health and Human Services Commission Contract

November 11, 2014

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of Amendment One to the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement and Data Use Agreement (DUA) with Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for continuation of the Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) program. The DUA is required to more closely adhere to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) requirements.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The District has participated in the MAC program for more than 15 years. MAC is federal Medicaid reimbursement for the costs of administrative activities performed in the school setting, such as, linking students to appropriate Medicaid/health-related services. MAC is separate from, but complimentary to, the School Health and Related Services (SHARS) program.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The purpose of this DUA is to clarify the Districts obligations related to confidential information and remedies in the event of noncompliance. The DUA will be incorporated into the 'Base Contract'.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

MAC generates approximately \$100,000 in revenue per year that supports 2 special education salaries. The annual SHARS cost report, that began with 2006-2007, is contingent on MAC participation. In the first 5 years, the SHARS cost report generated revenue totaling \$8,487,778.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The current MAC contract will expire December 1, 2014. Approval of Amendment One and the DUA allows the District to continue with the MAC program and the annual SHARS cost report with a termination date of August 31, 2019.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

No alternative actions are proposed.

OTHER COMMENTS:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve the HHSC Data Use Agreement and Amendment One to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Debbie Roybal, Executive Director Special Education
Bob Gorton, Special Education Related Services Supervisor
Debbie Monschke, Assistant Superintendent Administrative Services
Karen Almon, Director Risk Management
Cathi Robbins, Grants Accountant

ATTACHMENT:

HHSC Data Use Agreement
Amendment One to the Intergovernmental

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____