



City and County of San Francisco
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ADDENDUM

Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of

May 21, 2013

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco

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Governor's Revised May Budget Provides Additional Detail on California's ACA Implementation

On Tuesday, May 14, Governor Brown issued his Revised State Budget Proposal ("May Revise"). In his May Revise, the Governor proposes to move ahead with the state-based approach to the optional Medi-Cal expansion population, abandoning the county-based approach he proposed as an option in January. He is committed to a January 1, 2014 start date for the expansion. Under this state-based system, newly eligible enrollees would receive the same benefits package that current Medi-Cal enrollees receive. Long-term care benefits would be provided to the extent the federal government allows for retention of the asset test for these services.

The May Revise proposes to use county savings on indigent health services to support human service programs. Each county's savings would be determined using actual county costs for providing services to Medi-Cal and uninsured patients and revenues received for services, including patient care revenue, federal funds, health realignment, and net county contributions to health care services. County health care savings will be determined based on actual experience, with the state working with counties to support a viable patient base for county safety net providers and adequate rates for services to the new population. The Governor estimates county savings statewide in FY 2013-14 at \$300 million (\$600 million annualized due to the January 1, 2014 start date), \$900 million in FY 2014-15, and \$1.3 billion in FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17. County savings would be redirected to support local human services, including "greater financial responsibility for CalWORKs, CalWORKs-related child care, and CalFresh administration costs."

The remaining uninsured population would continue to be a county responsibility with services required to be consistent with current levels of service.

DPH has been actively engaged with our public hospital association and with San Francisco's state elected officials on the Medi-Cal expansion and the Governor's proposed return of health care cost savings. I will keep the Health Commission updated on any developments.

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