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Healthy Families Program Rural Health Demonstration Projects Recommendations for Funding FY 2008-09

At the September 19, 2007 meeting, the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) approved funding for twenty-four (24) Rural Health Demonstration Projects (RHDP) from six plans. Seventy-three (73) of the remaining proposals were rated as excellent, but they could not be funded.

The Governor's Budget for FY 2008-09 provides \$2.1 million for the RHDP and the Legislative Budget Conference Committee provides \$6.3 million. The amount of funding available for projects for FY 2008-09 will not be known until the budget is enacted.

At the August 7, 2008 meeting, the Board approved staff's recommendation to fund some of the remaining 73 proposals instead of administering a new solicitation for 2008-09.

Proposal Review Process

Benefits and Quality Monitoring Division staff evaluated the 73 RHDP proposals using criteria established in the solicitation package. Priority was given to projects that were proposing innovative services in new project areas. The geographic location of the project is another factor that influenced a recommendation for funding. Geographic location is of particular importance to achieve a fair distribution of projects throughout rural California and avoid duplication of services in any county. Staff contacted plans to assure that the projects are still viable.

Timeframe for Implementation of Projects

Staff anticipates that the term for projects funded in 2008-09 will be November 1, 2008, through June 30, 2010. However, timing for executing contract amendments with the plans depends on when the budget is signed by the Governor.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board fund projects over a 20-month period (rather than an 8-month period) so that projects have sufficient time to start-up and provide services to meet the objectives of the projects.

Staff requests approval to fund up to 24 new RHDP projects listed in Attachment 1. Because the total amount available for RHDP projects is uncertain, staff ranked the projects in priority order. When the final amount is known, MRMIB will approve projects in this order until the funds are depleted.

Attachment I

**Rural Health Demonstration Projects
FY 2008-09**

Priority Plan Partner	Plan Project ID	County	FUNDS FY 08-09	FUNDS FY 09-10	TOTAL FUNDS
1 American Indian Health & Services Corp	Premier Access GA-04	Santa Barbara	\$52,423	\$94,154	\$146,577
<p>Clinic on Wheels (COWS) Dental Program to provide health screening, developmental evaluations, dental and mental health assessments and immunizations to Native American children through increased clinic hours on evenings and weekends. Funding will support a dentist, dental director, dental assistant, driver/outreach coordinator, mobile van operation and supplies.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 300</p>					
2 North Merced Access Project/ Golden Valley Health Center (GVHC)	Health Net SP-09	Merced	\$105,815	\$158,288	\$264,103
<p>Expand access to primary health care services through the use of a family practitioner, internist, pediatrician and a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW). Providers on staff will double the hours of service available to patients both during traditional and non-traditional hours (evening and Saturdays). Funding will provide an additional LCSW at the site, an additional 8 hours a week for a bilingual/bicultural health educator's time and 12 hours a week for program eligibility assistance staff.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 600</p>					

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3 Community Health Systems, Inc. (CHSI)	Anthem Blue Cross SP-03	San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino	\$75,625	\$113,438	\$189,063
<p>Four clinics will provide well-baby exams, immunizations and medical homes to children of migrant/farm workers in rural areas. Funding will be for a pediatrician.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 1,072</p>					
4 Health Mobile, A Mobile Medical, Dental Care Provider	Anthem Blue Cross GA-14	Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Lake, Trinity	\$96,794	\$96,794	\$193,588
<p>Mobile health van will provide comprehensive health services including primary health care, diabetic and obesity awareness and nutritional education in five counties. There will be 11 trips with 5 service days and visits to 20-24 sites. Funding will be for a physician assistant, registered nurse, two medical assistants, driver/site manager and mobile van operational expenses, travel, and per diem.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 3,500</p>					
5 Valley Health Team, Inc.	Anthem Blue Cross SP-05	Fresno	\$101,719	\$137,678	\$239,397
<p>The Gift of Sight provides a mobile van that will travel to elementary schools to provide optometric services, and assist with annual vision screenings at the schools in an effort to identify children with neurodevelopmental delays. A vision clinic will expand its service by adding 3-4 comprehensive eye exam appointment slots per day, exclusively for children. Funding will include optometrists, optician, assistant/driver, mobile van operation and eye glasses.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 1,336</p>					
6 Consolidated Tribal Health	Delta Dental SP-05	Mendocino	\$136,080	\$136,080	\$272,160
<p>Expand access to dental care for Native American children. Funding will be for a pediatric dentist to perform 2-3 hospital-based cases/month to treat early childhood caries in Native American children 0-6 years of age. Currently there is no pediatric dentist in Mendocino County.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 12-36</p>					

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7 Family Health Care Network	Health Net SP-11	Tulare	\$43,153	\$66,846	\$109,999
<p>The Porterville Obesity Prevention Project (POP) is a partnership between Family HealthCare Network and community service providers including local hospitals, Head Start and Healthy Start programs and the local school district. Funding will support a Health Educator, Behavioral Health Consultant, and Promotora who will work with children at risk for developing lifelong chronic diseases as a result of their weight and nutritional habits.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 200</p>					
8 North Coast Clinics Network	Anthem Blue Cross GA-16	Humboldt	\$90,683	\$136,024	\$226,707
<p>Two mobile vans will provide medical services, substance abuse counseling and diabetes education in seven communities, for a total of 40 hours/week. Funding will include Personnel, mobile van operation, and laboratory and pharmaceutical costs.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 300</p>					
9 Mammoth Hospital Sierra Park Family Dental Clinic	Premier Access GA-19	Mono, Inyo	\$69,163	\$99,695	\$168,858
<p>Enhance existing hospital dentistry program to include 2 additional days per month and serve 5 patients a day to reduce the wait list. The clinic presently has a waiting list of more than 40 patients who need sedation. Funding will include a pediatric dentist two days a month, a dental anesthesiologist, and a registered dental assistant.</p> <p>Estimated Number of HFP children to be served: 617</p>					
10 Mobile Dental Partnership with Butte, Tehama and Glenn County Children's Agencies	Access Dental GA-01	Butte, Glenn, Tehama	\$78,192	\$113,994	\$192,186
<p>Mobile dental partnership that will provide restorative dental services to children. The partnership will utilize a two operator, self-sustaining mobile dental unit to provide screenings, sealants, dental examinations, x-rays, cleanings, fillings, and extractions as well as fluoride and varnish treatment. Funding will include two dental assistants, dentist, driver, mobile van operation, and oral health and prevention education material.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 300</p>					

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11 El Dorado County Dept. of Public Health	Health Net SP-02	El Dorado	\$38,975	\$63,074	\$102,049
<p>“Smile El Dorado”. A community health worker will provide family education on oral health care and make referrals to the community dental clinic which will provide dental screenings, varnishing services and treatment; linkages to “dental homes,” and tracking and follow up with children who frequently miss appointments.</p> <p>Estimated Number of HFP children to be served: 400</p>					
12 Happy Smiles Mobile Dental Clinic	Premier Access SP-10	Riverside, San Bernardino	\$94,988	\$119,712	\$214,700
<p>Mobile dental program that partners with a variety of organizations to identify communities and target children and adolescents most in critical need of dental treatment. Funding will allow Happy Smiles to expand services to additional low-income locations and increase the days of operation from one to three days a week. Funding will include two dental assistants, dentist, driver, mobile van operation , and oral health and prevention education and material.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP Children to be served: 500</p>					
13 Mobile Dental Partnership with Sutter County	Access Dental SP-04	Sutter	\$50,652	\$100,224	\$150,876
<p>Partnership with five school districts in Sutter County that will provide 54 days of service at four locations. The mobile van will provide restorative dental services to children utilizing a two operatory, self-sustaining mobile dental unit and will provide dental screenings, sealants, dental examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fillings, and extractions as well as fluoride and varnish treatment. Funding includes a dentist, two registered dental assistants, driver, and mobile van operational expenses.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 640</p>					
14 Del Norte Clinics, Urgent / Specialty Care Program	Health Net GA-01	Colusa Yuba	\$159,331	\$244,496	\$403,827
<p>Increase access to care through an Urgent Care Program that will operate weekday evenings and Saturdays, as well as a Specialty Care Program that will operate Saturdays. Funding will be for a family practitioner, medical assistant, pharmaceuticals and supplies.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 500</p>					

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15 Healthy Smiles Mobile Dental	Premier Access GA-02	Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Lake, Trinity	\$148,500	\$148,500	\$297,000
<p>A mobile dental van will provide restorative dental services in 5 counties, making 11 trips to 20-25 different site locations. Programs will provide comprehensive oral health services including diagnostic, preventive and restorative dental treatment in five counties. Funding will include dentist, two registered dental assistants, a driver/maintenance and "escort" that walks patients back and forth to the van for their appointments. Services are provided during and after school, on school grounds.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 1,650</p>					
16 Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County	Premier Access SP-11	Orange	\$197,195	\$295,201	\$492,396
<p>Mobile dental vans that will provide two 8-hour community based clinic sessions per week to farm worker children. Funding will include a pediatric dentist, registered dental assistant, patient care coordinator, community oral health outreach coordinator, driver and mobile van operation expenses.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 930</p>					
17 Bloss Memorial Hospital/ Central California Dental Surgicenter	Delta Dental SP 01	Calaveras, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne	\$276,782	\$276,782	\$553,564
<p>Free standing ambulatory surgery center that will provide full mouth dental treatment under general anesthesia for 10-12 additional children (including special needs and developmentally disabled children) per week by being open an additional 32-40 hours per week. Funding will be for a dentist, anesthesiologist, two registered dental assistants and 2 registered nurses.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 410</p>					
18 Kingsburg District Hospital	Anthem Blue Cross GA-09	Fresno Tulare	\$29,720	\$37,906	\$67,626
<p>Project Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies will serve 30 patients per month through the use of telemedicine to provide psychiatry and nutrition counseling services. Funding will include a nurse practitioner, medical assistant, marketing materials and laboratory supplies.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 540</p>					

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19 Mobile Dental Partnership with Colusa County Children's Agencies	Access Dental GA-02	Colusa	\$56,160	\$105,732	\$161,892
<p>Mobile dental partnership that will utilize a two operatory self sustaining mobile dental unit to provide screenings, sealants, dental examinations, x rays, cleaning, fillings, extractions, fluoride and varnish treatment. The mobile van will provide 58 days of service at 20-24 different locations. Funding is for dentists, registered dental assistants, registered dental hygienist, driver/receptionist and mobile operational expenses.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 1,650</p>					
20 Pathways Health Care	Health Net GA-10	Stanislaus	\$122,657	\$193,036	\$315,693
<p>Oakdale Access and Oral Health Project. Extended clinic hours for an additional 30 hours per week, including Saturday and evening care, to provide oral health screenings, fluoride varnishes and oral health education. Funding will be for a bilingual, bicultural dental health assistant, physician assistant and medical assistant.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 650</p>					
21 Vista Community Clinic	Anthem Blue Cross SP-01	San Diego	\$139,634	\$259,451	\$399,085
<p>The clinic will provide primary pediatric services and obesity prevention and healthy lifestyle education to children, ages 0-19, of migrant workers. Funding will include a nurse practitioner, medical assistant, outreach worker, case manager, and bilingual nutritionist.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 1,000</p>					
22 Alexander Valley Regional Medical Center	Anthem Blue Cross SP-12	Sonoma	\$57,658	\$86,486	\$144,144
<p>The medical center will provide increased access to comprehensive primary health care and mental health services. Funding will include a family practice physician and a psychologist.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 300</p>					

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23 Community Oral Health Services(COHS)	Premier Access GA-13	Monterey, San Benito	\$215,843	\$321,157	\$537,000
<p>Mobile dental van will provide emergency dental care, basic restorative services, fillings, crowns, root canals and prevention treatment including cleanings, sealants, fluoride varnishes and screenings. Funding will be for dentist, 2 registered dental assistants, and mobile operational costs.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 500</p>					
24 United Health Centers	Delta Dental SP 17	Fresno	\$145,173	\$216,675	\$361,848
<p>Dental clinic will expand access to dental services for low-income medically underserved children by remaining open after work and on Saturdays. Clinic will provide outpatient dental services including preventive and restorative dental care, comprehensive screening and oral health promotion. Funding will be for a dentist and registered dental assistant.</p> <p>Estimated number of HFP children to be served: 2,480</p>					
TOTALS			FY 08-09 \$2,582,915	FY 09-10 \$3,621,423	TOTAL FUNDS \$6,204,337