

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

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For the Agenda of:
June 15, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Health and Human Services

Supervisory
District: All

Subject: Report Back On Whether An Analysis Was Done Related To The Effect Of Cases Shifting From PCSP (Federal) To Residual (Non – Federal) In The In Home Supportive Services Program (IHSS)

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BACKGROUND

During the June 11, 2009 Budget Hearing, the Department of Health and Human Services was requested to report back on whether an analysis was performed to determine the impact of cases shifting from PCSP (Federal Cases) to Residual (Non-Federal) Cases in IHSS.

DISCUSSION

A workgroup was established in Fiscal Year 2008/09 to review the county cost increase in the IHSS program and to make recommendations for cost containment/reduction. One of the first efforts of the workgroup was to establish the reasons costs were increasing so significantly in the IHSS program. As part of this effort the effect of the residual caseload was reviewed to determine if that was one of the factors causing the increased cost. Since 2005/2006 the residual caseload hours have been between 6% and 8% of the total provider hours. We calculated a 1% shift in residual hours either up or down resulted in a net increase or decrease in net county cost of \$40,542. If the residual caseload hours doubled to 16% the increased net county cost would be \$324,336. The Department of Human Assistance (DHA) is responsible for the original MediCal eligibility determination and the MediCal re-determination of eligibility. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), IHSS Division is responsible for the original determination and re-determination of eligible service hours for the IHSS recipient.

DHHS will monitor the residual hours on a monthly basis and if we notice a significant increase in residual hours we will work with DHA to insure that re-determinations of MediCal eligibility for IHSS recipients are a priority.

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