

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA

For the Agenda of:
September 11, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority

Subject: Report Back On The Possibility Of Pursuing SB 90 Claims To The State For Mandated Screenings and Training

Supervisory
District: All

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BACKGROUND

During the budget hearings on September 8, 2009, the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority was asked to report back about SB 90 claiming for activities associated with newly mandated screening and training of IHSS providers.

DISCUSSION

The recently enacted State of California budget calls for a number of new activities associated with IHSS administration, including:

- Mandatory new provider IHSS orientations (ABX4 19 Section 3)
- Mandatory current IHSS provider orientations (ABX4 19 Section 3)
- Mandatory revised Provider Enrollment Form completion and enhanced documentation requirements received by and witnessed by county staff (ABX4 4, Section 27)
- Home Visits may be added as a monitoring tool to verify receipt of IHSS services (ABX4 19 Section 7)
- Fraud investigation allowed by counties per standards developed by Department of Social Services in conjunction with County Welfare Directors and IHSS stakeholders (ABX419 Section 9)
- Mandatory Department of Justice (DOJ) Background Checks for all IHSS providers (ABX4 19 Section 5). (Note: Cost of DOJ checks are borne by provider, but administration of DOJ results will have a local cost.)

The State Budget language requires the Department of Health Care Services and Department of Social Services to submit a revised budget to the legislature “to the extent that implementation responsibilities any new costs are required of county welfare departments for new local activities” (ABX4 1, Section 576). Therefore, the state budget appears to anticipate claiming of the costs associated with local activities required because of the new IHSS mandates.

The SB 90 consultants to the County of Sacramento (Maximus) are reviewing the question of making a claim for these newly mandated activities. An opinion from the consultants is pending. To the degree that these expenses are not reimbursed via the standard claiming process, an SB 90 test claim can be created seeking reimbursement.

Respectfully submitted,

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