

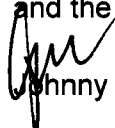


Interoffice Memorandum **APPROVED**
BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 1, 2015

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TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
and the Board of County Commissioners

FROM:  Johnny Richardson, Manager, Procurement Division

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SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment No. 2, Contract Y14-1049-DG
Funding for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Premiums, Co-Pays
and Deductibles

ACTION REQUESTED

On April 8, 2014 the Board approved Contract Y14-1049-DG to provide funding for the Affordable Care Act. This federal funding provided health insurance premiums for Ryan White clients. Included in this approval was the authorization to provide an advance payment of \$82,000 to Hope and Help Center of Central Florida Inc. to initiate this coverage. However, the initial advance of \$82,000 is not sufficient to fully address program requirements. Therefore, staff is requesting that the advance be increased to \$125,000 to meet the increased demands of the program.

PROCUREMENT

Funding for the administration and payments of Affordable Care Act premiums, co-pays and deductibles for Ryan White Part A.

FUNDING

Funding is available in account numbers 7015-060-7302-8610.

APPROVALS

The Health Services Department concurs with this recommendation.

REMARKS

The Hope and Help Center of Central Florida Inc. (Hope and Help) is the current provider and also provided insurance premiums payments and cost sharing assistance for the AIDS Insurance and Continuation Program (AICP) from 2003 - 2015. This agency has experience working with the Ryan White population in providing insurance premium assistance in Orange, Osceola, Lake, Brevard and Volusia counties.

The existing program for the health insurance premiums and cost sharing which is funded by Ryan White Part A must be expanded to accommodate the ACA HRSA mandate to vigorously enroll consumers when it is determined to be the most cost efficient alternate way to obtain coverage. Orange County, as the Grantee, is required to have a policy in place to guide this process and to ensure that documentation is available to support the ongoing decision making process of enrollment.

Case managers are responsible for discussing the insurance options and consequences with consumers and subsequently refer them to a navigator. Once enrolled, the consumer obtains a print out of their coverage and deductibles. In coordination with their respective case managers, the consumer provides this document as well as their Notice of Eligibility for Ryan White service to Hope and Help who then arranges to ensure the insurance premiums, co-pays and deductibles are paid.

The requested advance payment is based on anticipated need for the upcoming month and would be replenished as the need arose for future months. Consumers are not officially insured until premiums are paid after the initial enrollment process has been completed.

The following are the previous amendments to the contract:

Amendment No. 1 – Renewal of contract for the period of March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016.