

MEMO

TO: Commissioners
FROM: Kathi Walker, MA, Assistant Director
DATE: September 8, 2011
RE: Shingle Springs Tribal Health Program Contract Amendment

BACKGROUND: In September 2010, the Commission approved a reimbursable contract with the Shingle Springs Tribal Health Program (SSTHP) to support the operating costs of the El Dorado Children's Dental Van from October 2010 through December 2010 in the amount of \$125,000. This agreement provided funding for the operating costs (staff and supplies) of the El Dorado Children's Dental Van (CDV) until such a time that SSTHP would receive reimbursement through Medi-Cal billings for services provided to children during that time period. The agreement specifies that SSTHP will reimburse the Commission all Commission funds received within 30 days of receipt of payment from the State of California for Medi-Cal claims for oral health services provided by the El Dorado Children's Dental Van staff to children 0-5 from October through December 2010. This contract was extended in January 2011 to August 31, 2011 to support the CDV while awaiting licensure.

DISCUSSION: The CDV was licensed in March 2011 to provide services for eligible children. Since that time, El Dorado County Health Services Staff and Dental Staff have worked at seven sites providing services to over 100 children each month through July 21, 2011. The number of children seen were increasing monthly, but may be impacted by two issues in services delivery, staffing and licensing.

In June 2011, the CDV dentist resigned her position, causing a lapse in full time services for the month of August. In late August, a new dentist was hired and full time services have resumed. On October 3, 2011, Shingle Springs Tribal Health Program will move into their new clinic on tribal property. According to CA Health Services Department, the license will be invalidated when the clinic moves to tribal land. Partners are working to address the license status to avoid losing services for children in the community.

CONCLUSION: Given the turnover in staff and potential licensing issues, staff recommends amending the El Dorado Children's Dental Van Operations contract with SSTHP to extend the Contract performance time through January, 2011 and requests a partial payment in the amount of \$50,000 by September 30, 2011. This contract extension will allow the El Dorado Children's Dental Van enough time to generate the remaining \$75,000 in billable services to Medi-Cal. SSTHP will provide the Commission with monthly updates on the number of children seen on the Children's Dental Van, the amount to be billed to Medi-Cal for the services delivered to children 0-5, and will reimburse the Commission the \$75,000 within 30 days of receipt of payment from the State of California for Medi-Cal claims for those oral health services.