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Subject: [External] PRELIMINARY REPORT INCREASING MEDI-CAL REIMBURSEMENT RATES
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Hi Supervisors,

The recommendations sound like you want to give out more money for kicking the can down the road for at least 4-1/2 months.

Kind of a short report and I'd rather have a real report than a draft, as is the attachment. Maybe it's good that it's a draft. It needs correcting.

P. 1 – How can you convene a department? Was it a meeting, and of the entire department?

P. 3 – The report says “The County’s 2024 Legislative Program has been updated to include support for legislation and administrative actions that will lead to increased Medicaid reimbursement rates for California.” Yet on p. 2, the report says you hired experts who are “researching what is being done in other California jurisdictions and nationally to optimize Medicaid revenue and reimbursement for services provided by counties.” Which suggests that they wasted time updating a program when the entire program is still in flux.

The report is short on actual details on increasing Medi-Cal reimbursements, but I think that after 6 months, there would be some pretty specific ideas that could be mentioned.

Regards,

Paul Henkin