

Attachment 2 - Key Contracts and Payment Areas Requiring Additional Delegated Authority

Key contract and payment areas requiring additional delegated authority for FY 2024-2025 include:

1. **Specialty Mental Health Outpatient Treatment Services:** The County is mandated by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to provide Specialty Mental Health Services through a State-approved MHP at the County level. Due to an increase in service utilization, the following contracts require an increase in maximum payment obligation.
 - Community Support Network - DHS is requesting the delegated authority to increase the Community Support Network Specialty Mental Health outpatient treatment services contract by \$200,000 for FY 2024-2025 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$786,447, with a term ending on 6/30/25, subject to review and approval as to form by counsel. The funding sources for this agreement are 1991 Realignment, Federal Financial Participation funds, and the County Board of Supervisors General Fund.
 - Psynergy Programs - DHS is requesting the delegated authority to increase the Psynergy Programs Specialty Mental Health outpatient treatment services contract by \$220,000 for FY 2024-2025 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$659,000, with a term ending on 6/30/25, subject to review and approval as to form by counsel. The funding sources for this agreement are 1991 Realignment, Federal Financial Participation funds, and the County Board of Supervisors General Fund.
2. **Drug Medi-Cal Outpatient Treatment Services:** The Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System mandates that DHS will provide access to a full network and continuum of medically necessary services to all eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the county. Due to an increase in service utilization, the following contract requires an increase in maximum payment obligation.
 - Drug Abuse Alternatives Center - DHS is requesting the delegated authority to increase the Drug Abuse Alternatives Center Drug Medi-Cal outpatient treatment services contract by \$235,000 for FY 2024-2025 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$3,017,000, with a term ending on 6/30/25, subject to review and approval as to form by counsel. The funding sources for this agreement are 2011 Realignment, Federal Financial Participation funds, and State General Fund.
3. **Drug Medi-Cal Residential Treatment Services:** The Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System mandates that DHS will provide access to a full network and continuum of medically necessary services to all eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the county, including necessary Substance Use Disorder residential treatment services. Due to an increase in service utilization, the following contract requires an increase in maximum payment obligation.
 - Drug Abuse Alternatives Center - DHS is requesting the delegated authority to increase the Drug Abuse Alternatives Center Drug Medi-Cal residential treatment services contract by \$400,000 for FY 2024-2025 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1,810,132, with a term ending on 6/30/25, subject to review and approval as to form by counsel. The funding sources for this agreement are 2011 Realignment, Measure O, Federal Financial Participation funds, and State General Fund.
4. **Medical Staffing Agency:** DHS contracts with Medical Staffing Agencies to maintain a pool of psychiatrists and other psychiatric professionals to provide services in the event the County is unable to recruit and retain staff, or to provide for the specialized needs of Mental Health Plan patients. DHS works with County Human Resources to recruit and retain qualified medical staffing. However, DHS will continue to need medical staffing agencies to provide psychiatric and clinical services to fill the operational needs resulting from vacant county medical positions.
 - Siyan Clinical Corporation - DHS is requesting the delegated authority to increase the Siyan Clinical Corporation temporary medical staffing services contract by \$15,000 for FY 2024-2025 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$400,152, with a term ending on 6/30/25, subject

to review and approval as to form by counsel. The funding sources for this agreement are 1991 Realignment, 2011 Realignment, Measure O, and Federal Financial Participation funds.

5. **Acute Psychiatric Hospitalization Services:** As the Mental Health Plan, DHS is required to provide medically necessary Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services to beneficiaries who meet access criteria for receiving specialty mental health services. Due to an increase in service utilization, the following contract requires an increase in maximum payment obligation.
 - Santa Rosa Behavioral Healthcare Hospital - DHS is requesting the delegated authority to increase the Santa Rosa Behavioral Healthcare Hospital inpatient hospitalization services contract by \$1,300,000 for FY 2024-2025 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$5,100,000, with a term ending on 6/30/25, subject to review and approval as to form by counsel. The funding sources for this agreement are 1991 Realignment, 2011 Realignment, and Measure O.
6. **Administrative Hearing Officer Services:** Individuals who are a danger to themselves or others and/or who are gravely disabled can be detained against their will for up to 72 hours pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) sections [5150](#) and [5585](#) (minors). When individuals require extended involuntary mental health care beyond 72 hours, the [Lanterman-Petris-Short \(LPS\) Act](#) mandates a hearing for all persons certified for an additional period of involuntary mental health treatment pursuant to WIC [5250](#) and WIC [5270.15](#). The County of Sonoma uses the services of California Hearing Officers as a qualified Certification Review Hearing Officer as defined by WIC section [5256.1](#). Due to an increase in the volume of required hearings, the following contract requires an increase in maximum payment obligation.
 - California Hearing Officers - DHS is requesting the delegated authority to increase the California Hearing Officers contract by \$35,000 for FY 2024-2025 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$651,000, with a term ending on 6/30/25, subject to review and approval as to form by counsel. The funding sources for this agreement are 1991 Realignment and a revenue Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Santa Rosa Behavioral Healthcare Hospital.
7. **Long Term Care Services:** DHS contracts with Long Term Care Facilities to meet particular clients' needs for specialized, longer-term care. A long-term care facility is a place where people who can't fully care for themselves can live and receive help with daily activities like eating, bathing, and getting dressed. These facilities provide ongoing care for individuals who have chronic illnesses, disabilities, or are elderly and need assistance for a long period of time. These facilities can be a nursing home or an assisted living community, depending on the level of care needed by the client. Due to an increase in service utilization, the following contract requires an increase in maximum payment obligation.
 - Canyon Manor - DHS is requesting the delegated authority to increase the Canyon Manor contract by \$20,000 for FY 2024-2025 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2,019,589, with a term ending on 6/30/27, subject to review and approval as to form by counsel. The funding sources for this agreement are 1991 Realignment and 2011 Realignment.

Key contract and payment areas requiring additional delegated authority for FY 2025-2026 include:

1. **Patient Rights Advocate Services:** Pursuant to California WIC section [5520](#), each local mental health director shall appoint, or contract for the services of, one or more county patient rights advocates. DHS currently contracts with the Mental Health Association of Alameda County to provide these services. Due to an increase in service utilization both currently and expected with the implementation of changes to the LPS Act taking effect on January 1, 2026, the following contract requires an increase in maximum payment obligation. The LPS changes include an expansion of the "gravely disabled" criteria that is expected to increase the number of individuals eligible for involuntary holds and conservatorships which will increase the utilization of these services.
 - **Mental Health Association of Alameda County** - DHS is requesting the delegated authority to increase the Mental Health Association of Alameda County patient rights advocate

services contract by a total of \$104,000 (\$52,000 for FY 2025-2026, and \$52,000 for FY 2026-2027) for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1,133,840, with a term ending on 6/30/27, subject to review and approval as to form by counsel. The funding sources for this agreement are 1991 Realignment and a revenue MOU with Santa Rosa Behavioral Healthcare Hospital.

2. **Psychiatric Inpatient Concurrent Review Services:** Per the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) [Behavioral Health Information Notice \(BHIN\) 19-026](#) and [BHIN 22-017](#), MHPs are required to conduct concurrent review and authorization for all psychiatric inpatient hospital services and psychiatric health facility services. DHS contracts with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) to provide these services.

A rate adjustment was included in the FY 2025-2026 agreement, which supports increased staffing at Acentra, CalMHSA's subcontractor, which will enhance their ability to meet timeliness expectations consistent with State guidelines. This investment is essential to maintaining the level of quality and responsiveness expected of this work. Although this is an increased cost to the county, it is necessitated to keep pace with market rates. Due to these reasons, the following contract requires an increase in maximum payment obligation.

- **California Mental Health Services Authority** - DHS is requesting the delegated authority to increase the California Mental Health Services Authority psychiatric inpatient concurrent review services contract by a total of \$169,120 for FY 2025-2026 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$325,920, with a term ending on 6/30/26, subject to review and approval as to form by counsel. The funding source for this agreement is Proposition 30.

3. **Adult Mental Health Residential Treatment Services:** The County is mandated by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to provide Specialty Mental Health Services through a State-approved MHP at the County level, including adult residential treatment services. Due to an increase in the cost of providing these services, the following contract requires an increase in maximum payment obligation.

- **Progress Foundation** - DHS is requesting the delegated authority to increase the Progress Foundation adult mental health residential treatment services contract by a total of \$54,985 for FY 2025-2026 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1,263,017, with a term ending on 6/30/26, subject to review and approval as to form by counsel. The funding sources for this agreement are 1991 Realignment and Federal Financial Participation funds.

4. **Crisis Residential Treatment Services:** The County is mandated by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to provide Specialty Mental Health Services through a State-approved MHP at the County level, including crisis residential treatment services. Due to an increase in the cost of providing these services, the following contract requires an increase in maximum payment obligation.

- **Progress Foundation** - DHS is requesting the delegated authority to increase the Progress Foundation Progress Sonoma crisis residential treatment services contract by a total of \$35,150 for FY 2025-2026 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$777,551, with a term ending on 12/31/25, subject to review and approval as to form by counsel. The funding sources for this agreement are Measure O and Federal Financial Participation funds.
- **Progress Foundation** - DHS is requesting the delegated authority to increase the Progress Foundation Harstad House crisis residential treatment services contract by a total of \$65,761 for FY 2025-2026 and \$131,522 for future fiscal years for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$4,428,372, with a term ending on 6/30/28, subject to review and approval as to form by counsel. The funding sources for this agreement are Measure O and Federal Financial Participation funds.