



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

June 11, 2020

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
-AND-  
Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Yolanda G. Martinez, EdPhD., PhD., Director  
Health Services Department

FROM: John Goodrich, Deputy Director  
Health Services Department  
**(407) 836-7689**

SUBJECT: Medicaid Match SFY 2020-2021  
**Consent Agenda – June 23, 2020**

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The State of Florida requires every county to contribute funds to help offset the state's portion of Medicaid. In the past, the state billed counties for services used by their residents. In 2013, the legislature changed the way counties are billed for their share of cost by instituting a formula-based contribution in lieu of the former billing system. Each counties' contribution is based on their share of the state's Medicaid population. Orange County's contribution for the state's 2020-21 fiscal year is \$20,295,481. The County has budgeted \$21 million to cover Medicaid costs this year. This amount is broken down into equal monthly payments, which the County remits to the state. If a county does not submit the required monthly payment, the state will deduct the appropriate amount from their monthly sales tax distribution.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval to pay Orange County's Medicaid share of cost in accordance with Florida Statute 409.915 for state fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$20,295,481. **(Health Services Department)**

Attachment

C: Claudia Yabrudy, Manager, Fiscal and Operational Support, HSD  
Kurt Petersen, Manager, Office of Management and Budget  
Sandy Sanders, Manager, Accounts Payable, Comptroller's Office

**Medicaid Program**  
**Remittance of County Share of Matching Funds**  
**Effective July 1, 2020**

Per Section 409.915, Florida Statutes, the Department of Revenue is responsible for collecting the county share of costs for Medicaid recipients. Although the State is responsible for the full portion of the state share of the matching funds required for the Medicaid program, the state is required to charge the counties an annual contribution in order to acquire a certain portion of these funds.

The annual contribution amounts and county percentages are calculated each year by the Social Services Estimating Conference. The conference usually meets in April of each year and provides the amounts to the Department of Revenue. The Social Services Estimating Conference did not meet in April of this year. The last estimates the Department received were estimated by the conference during the winter of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. The annual contribution amount and the county percentage are provided in this letter. Please note that the Social Services Estimating Conference may meet after issuance of this letter and adjust the amounts. If that occurs, you will receive another letter providing the adjusted amounts. (See s. 409.915, F.S.)

For the 2020/21 state fiscal year, the total amount of the counties annual contribution is \$306,900,000. Orange County's annual contribution is \$20,295,481.00 , with a monthly allocation of \$1,691,290.08 , which is due to the Department of Revenue by the 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month. Please use the new monthly amount beginning July 2020.

If the county fails to remit the payment, the Department will reduce the monthly distribution to the county pursuant to Section 218.61, Florida Statutes, (Half-Cent); and if necessary, the distribution to the county pursuant to Section 218.26, Florida Statutes, (Revenue Sharing).

Payments should be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m., ET, on the business day prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. A calendar of remittance dates containing deadlines will be provided as soon as it is available. Please immediately report any problems with the remittance system to Marsha Revell at [Marsha.Revell@FloridaRevenue.com](mailto:Marsha.Revell@FloridaRevenue.com) or (850) 717-7254.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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