



# AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001143

**MEETING DATE:** 05/05/2026

**LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION:** Board of Supervisors

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S):** All Districts

**SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** Health Care Agency

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S):** Veronica Kelley, 714-834-7024  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve Community Supports Services Agreement

<b>CEO CONCUR</b> Concur	<b>COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW</b> Approve agreement to form	<b>CLERK OF THE BOARD</b> CONSENT CALENDAR 3 Votes Board Majority
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<b>Budgeted:</b> N/A	<b>Current Year Cost:</b> N/A	<b>Annual Cost:</b> N/A
<b>Staffing Impact:</b> No		<b>Sole Source:</b> No
<b>Current Fiscal Year Revenue:</b> See Financial Impact Section	<b>Funding Source:</b> N/A	<b>County Audit in Last 3 years:</b> No
<b>Levine Act Review Completed?</b> N/A		
<b>Prior Board Action:</b> N/A		

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

1. Approve Agreement with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. for Community Supports Services, effective upon Board approval, through December 31, 2026.
2. Authorize the Health Care Agency Director or designee to execute Agreement with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. as referenced in the Recommended Action above.

**SUMMARY:**

Approval of Agreement will establish a new contract whereby County provides the Transitional Rent Community Support Services required benefit covered by Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This Agreement outlines the terms under which the Health Care Agency (HCA) will provide the Transitional Rent Community Supports benefit for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. (KFHP) Medi-Cal members. Transitional Rent is one of the fifteen Community Supports benefits under the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Initiative and has been mandatory for Managed Care Plans (MCPs) to implement since January 1, 2026.

The benefit provides up to six months (182 days) of short-term rental assistance for Medi-Cal members who meet the Behavioral Health Population of Focus criteria, including those with qualifying behavioral health needs and housing instability. Its purpose is to support members who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness during major care

transitions, allowing them to stabilize their housing so they can continue treatment, connect with services, and improve health outcomes. DHCS defines the required parameters for this benefit such as eligibility criteria, reimbursement limits, and allowable administrative fees under the CalAIM Community Supports framework. MCPs, including KFHP, must operate within these established guidelines. Funding is structured and capped, covering actual rent costs only up to specified limits such as Small Area Fair Market Rent (SAFMR), and is not an unlimited resource.

HCA will provide Transitional Rent in alignment with all Medi-Cal requirements, including the Population of Focus criteria for Specialty Mental Health Services, Drug Medi-Cal, and the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System, for Medi-Cal members enrolled in KFHP's Managed Care Plan who meet DHCS-defined eligibility standards. Referrals may come directly from KFHP or be identified by HCA, depending on whether the member is already engaged with KFHP or receiving services through HCA behavioral health programs.

As the Transitional Rent provider, HCA is responsible for authorizing and administering short-term rental assistance and coordinating closely with Managed Care Plans by supporting the Population of Focus determination process and ensuring eligible members can transition to BHSA housing interventions once their Transitional Rent benefit period ends.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This Agreement allows the County of Orange to collect revenues from KFHP for eligible services. Revenue for this Agreement is included in Budget Control 042 for FY 2025-26 and will be included in the budgeting process for future years. Revenue for Community Supports Services is based on number of enrollees and cannot be estimated at this time. Claims will be submitted to KFHP for eligible services.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

N/A

**REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:**

Office of Care Coordination

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Community Supports Services Agreement