



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC004 Public Health to Recognize \$2,444 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, Epidemiology Section, Communicable Disease Branch (CDB) for HIV/STI Screening, Treatment, and Prevention Services

Background/Justification

This Agreement Addendum for Activity 575 is consolidating three former Activities: 536 HIV/STD Services; 610 STD Prevention; and 894 STD Drugs. As such, this Agreement Addendum for Activity 575 HIV/STI Prevention, Services, and Treatment:

1. Defines essential services that the Local Health Department must offer to clients seeking an STI evaluation. The goals of HIV/STI Services are to: reduce the incidence of STIs; improve integration of HIV/STI services within the clinical and community settings; increase awareness of and provision of HIV/STI services for vulnerable populations; and reduce the threat of antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea infections.
2. Supports the Local Health Department in offering comprehensive HIV/STI prevention and diagnostic services, including urine NAAT to test all male patients for chlamydia and gonorrhea, NAAT to test all patients with extragenital exposures for chlamydia and gonorrhea, Pre Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV (HIV PrEP), and Doxycycline as bacterial STI Post Exposure Prophylaxis (Doxy PEP).
3. Assists the Local Health Department's STI programs in providing patients with condoms and culturally and age-appropriate patient educational materials to reduce the spread of HIV and STIs. Correct and consistent condom usage has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV/STIs.
4. Supports the Local Health Department training for a registered nurse to complete the STD Enhanced Role Registered Nurse (ERRN) training and/or support continuing education for advanced practice providers (APP) and physicians to assure continuing competency as a provider of STI clinical services.
5. Directs the Local Health Department activities for county disease intervention services related to syphilis and HIV partner notification.
6. Assists the Local Health Department in meeting the HIV/STI service needs for its patients and provides a mechanism to award federal STD Prevention funds to the Local Health Department to ensure its 340B STD Drug eligibility. Local health departments are expected to purchase drugs at the lowest available pricing using the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) federal 340B Drug Pricing Program. The 340B Program enables covered entities to stretch scarce federal and state resources as far as possible, reaching more eligible patients and providing more comprehensive services. Local health department clinics which diagnose and treat sexually transmitted diseases and receive funding from state and local resources are 340B Program covered entities. These drugs are used to reduce the morbidity, mortality and spread of STIs in North Carolina.

Policy Impact

Recognition of these funds are in line with current Board policy and do not require an exception.

Procurement Background



Not Applicable

Fiscal Impact

Recognizing these revenues for the current fiscal year will allow for additional funding needed to rapidly establish and monitor key activities related to communicable disease detection and treatment.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No.27BCC004 Public Health to Recognize \$2,444 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, Epidemiology Section, Communicable Disease Branch (CDB) for HIV/STI Screening, Treatment, and Prevention Services