



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment 21BCC000019 to recognize funds in the amount of \$7,500 from North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS).

Background/Justification

This is a one-time opportunity to utilize Maternal Health Innovation funding to support telehealth clinical efforts. The funding can be used to purchase equipment, provide staff training, purchase gift cards to support patient internet access, etc.

Within the DCoDPH Maternal Health Clinic, funds will be used to provide home blood pressure cuffs to patients. After receiving appropriate teaching, patients will be able to monitor their own blood pressure in conjunction with telehealth visits, since they will not be physically coming to the clinic. This objective data will enhance clinical telehealth care. A process has already been set up with a local medical supply company to obtain blood pressure cuffs to provide to patients. The cost of the cuff is covered by medical insurance for insured patients, and DCoDPH is utilizing this and other funding to purchase cuffs to provide at no cost to uninsured patients.

Funds must be expended by September 29, 2020. The Agreement Addenda/Budgetary Estimate service period will be August 1– September 29, 2020.

Policy Impact

This action is consistent with past actions and does not require any exceptions or new additions to Board policy.

Procurement Background

Not applicable

Fiscal Impact

Recognition of funds will provide additional resources to allow the Department of Public Health to provide telehealth Centering pregnancy services.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve this Budget Ordinance Amendment 21BCC000019 to recognize funds in the amount of \$7,500 from North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS).