



# Health & Human Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LARRY MICARI  
District One

PETE VANDER POEL  
District Two

AMY SHUKLIAN  
District Three

EDDIE VALERO  
District Four

DENNIS TOWNSEND  
District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** April 23, 2024

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

CONTACT PERSON: Staci Chastain PHONE: 559-624-8000

**SUBJECT:** Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Public Health

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Public Health Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Branch to participate in the 340B Drug Pricing Program in the amount of zero dollars, effective upon signature by both parties through January 31, 2026.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to electronically sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

**SUMMARY:**

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Public Health Branch requests the approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Branch to support Tulare County HHSA's Public Health Branch in maximizing the benefits of participating in the 340B Drug Pricing Program. The 340B program provides eligible patients with discounted medications and related services.

Through this proposed MOU, CDPH agrees to provide in-kind support with material goods, distribution of medications, and virtual or in-person training and technical assistance that support STD control, prevention, screening, and treatment goals.

HHSA's Public Health Branch will provide eligible sexually transmitted infection preventative services while ensuring that all STD 340B related operations adhere to the

**SUBJECT:** Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Public Health

**DATE:** April 23, 2024

regulations and requirements of the 340B program and maintain certification as a STD 340B designated entity.

This MOU will be in effect upon signature by both parties and will remain in effect until January 31, 2026. The MOU is required to be reviewed on an annual basis by both the CDPH STD Control Branch and HHSA's Public Health Branch prior to April 15, in preparation for the Health and Resources Services Administration 340B recertification process and deadline.

The following term deviates substantively from the standard County boilerplate: the MOU may be terminated by either party with or without cause with as much advanced written notice possible.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no cost associated with this MOU; therefore, there is no net County cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative to support the provision of quality low-cost medical services and medication for eligible patients through the federal and state 340B program. This MOU helps fulfill this obligation as HHSA's Public Health Branch works with the CDPH STD Control Branch to utilize additional in-kind resources furthering the STD 340B program and the HHSA's Public Health Branch's objective of reaching and providing additional resources and opportunities to support and benefit eligible patients and the community's overall health.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/Karen Elliott

Karen Elliott

Director of Public Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Memorandum of Understanding