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Re: Amphitheater School District, Immunization Program
Board of Supervisors Meeting: January 06, 2015
Consent Calendar: Health, Item 10: Amphitheater Unified School District, Amendment No. 4, to provide for childhood immunization services and extends contract term to 9/10/15, no cost (CTN-HD-12-83)

Introduction or Background

Pima County Health Department (PCHD) is mandated, pursuant to A.R.S. §36-673, to provide students with immunizations required for school attendance at no cost. PCHD has worked with the Amphitheater Unified School District (AUSD) for many years to ensure enrolled children are up-to-date with vaccinations, and to facilitate our compliance with this statute.

Discussion

AUSD is not a Vaccine for Children (VFC) site and as such does not provide vaccination directly to students. Instead they collaborate with PCHD Public Health Nurses to assist their school health personnel to promote immunization of school age children, particularly low-income children and those living in the more remote areas of the school district. This amendment extends this collaboration into the next school year.

Financial Impact

There are no direct costs to the County General Fund associated with this agreement. This IGA allows PCHD to use ADHS/CDC contract resources to provide technical support and assistance to AUSD and facilitate the state required audit of student immunization records.

Recommendation

I recommend approval of this amendment to ensure continued compliance with the State's childhood immunization requirements. The AUSD Board only recently approved this amendment on November 18, 2014. We therefore seek retroactive approval for this agreement to September 11, 2014.