



# LASSEN COUNTY

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**Date:** July 23, 2024

**To:** Aaron Albaugh, Chairman  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

**From:** Barbara Longo, Agency Director  
Health & Social Services Agency

**Subject:** Proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 7.32 of Title 7  
Health and Sanitation of the Lassen County Code.

**Background:**

Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission (“Commission”) is a multi-county commission that has created a Medi-Cal managed health care plan for Medi-Cal recipients. The purpose of this chapter is to update the terms of the County of Lassen participation in the Commission. This chapter allows the implementation of a county organized health system in Lassen County, as authorized by Welfare and Institutions Code § 14087.54. The Commission has a proven record of improving health care access to its members, who are Medi-Cal recipients, and improving Medi-Cal reimbursement rates to health care providers. The commission links each member with a primary care provider and has been successful in reducing inappropriate use of emergency rooms, providing appropriate levels of inpatient care for its members, developing innovative case management programs and arranging for the provision of an enhanced level of local health care services.

The Commission negotiated a contract with the California Department of Health Care Services, as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14087.5, to arrange for the provision of health care services provided under Welfare and Institutions Code Chapter 7, Part 3, Division 9. The Commission is authorized to negotiate a contract with the California Department of Health Care Services to expand the Commission into additional member counties. This expansion is expected to occur on or about January 1, 2024.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Action Requested:**

1) Waive the second reading; and 2) adopt ordinance; and/or 3) provide direction to staff.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LASSEN REGARDING THE PARTNERSHIP HEALTHPLAN OF CALIFORNIA COMMISSION**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, ordains as follows:

**SECTION I:** This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage, a summary shall be published with the names of the members voting for and against the same once in a local newspaper within the State of California.

**SECTION II:** Chapter 7.32 of Title 7 Health and Sanitation of the Lassen County Code is amended to read as follows:

**7.32.020 Intent.**

Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission (“**Commission**”) is a multi-county commission that has created a Medi-Cal managed health care plan for Medi-Cal recipients. The purpose of this chapter is to update the terms of the County of Lassen participation in the Commission. This chapter allows the implementation of a county organized health system in Lassen County, as authorized by Welfare and Institutions Code § 14087.54.

The Commission has a proven record of improving health care access to its members, who are Medi-Cal recipients, and improving Medi-Cal reimbursement rates to health care providers. The commission links each member with a primary care provider and has been successful in reducing inappropriate use of emergency rooms, providing appropriate levels of inpatient care for its members, developing innovative case management programs and arranging for the provision of an enhanced level of local health care services.

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**7.32.030 Authorization to join Commission.**

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code § 14087.54, the Lassen County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County of Lassen to continue participation in the Commission under the terms set forth in this Ordinance.

**7.32.040 Membership of Commission.**

The Commission shall be comprised of Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors of each member county. Unless and until the Commission, by formal action, establishes a different formula or system of membership, Commission representation for each

member county shall be based on the number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries enrolled in the Commission's health plan in each county according to the following formula:

- (1) 0-45,000 Medi-Cal beneficiaries within the county equals one Commission seat.
- (2) 45,001-60,000 Medi-Cal beneficiaries within the county equals two Commission seats.
- (3) 60,001+ Medi-Cal beneficiaries within the county equals three Commission seats.

Persons appointed to the Commission by the Lassen County Board of Supervisors shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors shall follow its own Commissioner selection criteria set forth in this section but also acknowledges that the Commission encourages member counties to consider selecting Commissioners from the following settings: safety net providers (including providers at federally qualified health centers), behavioral health providers, regional center providers, local education authorities, dental providers, Indian Health Service facility providers, and hospital providers with special efforts to select candidates, as opportunity allows, who reflect the diversity of the community and regions (including, but not limited to race, ethnicity, language, and disability status).

#### **7.32.050 Term of Office.**

The term for the Commissioners shall be for four (4)-year periods. Nothing herein shall prohibit a person from serving more than one term. Each Commission member shall remain in office at the conclusion of that member's term until a successor member has been selected and installed into office. An office shall become vacant if a Commissioner ceases functioning in the area from which appointed, or fails to attend three (3) Commission meetings in a row.

#### **7.32.060 Powers and duties of commission.**

Pursuant to the provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code § 14087.54 as it exists on the date of adoption of this ordinance, the Commission shall:

- A. Have the power to negotiate the exclusive contract with the California State Department of Health Care Services as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code § 14087.5, and to arrange for the provision of health care services provided under Chapter 7, Part 3, Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code;
- B. Be considered an entity separate from the County of Lassen;
- C. File the statement required by Government Code § 53051;
- D. Have the power to acquire, possess, and dispose of real or personal property, including creating and/or acquiring affiliated or supporting entities, as may be necessary for the performance of its functions; to employ personnel, including health care providers in accordance with California law; to contract for services required to meet its obligations; and to sue or be sued; and

E. Have all the rights, powers, duties, privileges, and immunities conferred by Article 2.8 of Chapter 7, Part 3, Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code in addition to those previously specified in this section.

**7.32.070 Obligations of commission.**

Pursuant to the provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code § 14087.54(d) as it exists on the date of adoption of the ordinance codified in this chapter, any obligations of the Commission, statutory, contractual, or otherwise, shall be the obligations solely of the Commission and shall not be the obligations of the County of Lassen. The Commission shall do business as Partnership HealthPlan of California.

**7.32.080 Committees.**

The Commission may establish advisory committees from time to time for any purpose that will be beneficial in accomplishing the work of the Commission.

**7.32.090 Termination of membership.**

The Commission shall continue to represent the County of Lassen until such time as the Lassen County Board of Supervisors terminates the representation. To terminate the representation, the Lassen County Board of Supervisors or its designee shall provide ninety (90)-days' notice to other member counties and the California Department of Health Care Services, as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code § 14087.54(g).

**7.32.100 Severability. Is there supposed to be a paragraph for the severability section?**

**SECTION III:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of the ordinance. The Lassen County Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

**SECTION IV:** All former ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, and passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:  
JULIE BUSTAMANTE  
Clerk of the Board

I, MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

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Deputy Clerk of the County of Lassen  
Board of Supervisors