



INVESTMENT PLAN TEMPLATE

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

September 30, 2022

Amador County



MCP INFORMATION

Provide the name and contact information for the MCP submitting this IP response.

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PART I: INVESTMENTS

Investment Activity	Gap or Need Addressed	Description (2 – 3 sentences for each activity)	Dollar Amount or Range	Recipient(s) or Recipient Type(s)	Timeline	HHIP Measure(s) Impacted	Domain Targeted
1. CoC Infrastructure	The Central Sierra CoC (CSCoC) infrastructure needs additional support to work with MPC's on HHIP implementation. The CSCoC is in the process of enhancing HMIS systems, trainings, and policies.	Funds will support CSCoC staffing to engage with MCP's, data sharing, HMIS access/user fees, CES, HMIS training for CoC staff, and equity activities.	\$46,654 (Note: \$200,000 total for the for CoC across all MCP's. Estimated 30% of total based on Amador County PIT Count)	Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency (ATCAA)	10/1/22-10/31/23	1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 2.2, 3.3, 3.4	Provider/ Partner Infrastructure
2. Street Medicine Capacity Building	Currently there are no street medicine services provided in Amador County.	Funds will support the development and implementation of a new regional	\$19,947	Street Medicine Providers	4/1/23	2.1, 3.3, 3.4	Provider/ Partner Infrastructure

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		street medicine program in Amador County. Funds will support new staffing and program costs to start the program.					
3. Increased Street Outreach, Shelter Beds, and Housing/services	Street outreach, shelter beds, and housing and services are in limited capacity in Amador County. Organizations in Amador requested HHAP 3 funds that exceeded the availability of funds through the CoC.	Funds will cover the gap in CoC HHAP 3 requests for street outreach, shelter beds, and services and allow all of the requested projects to move forward. Street outreach and shelter programs will support ECM and CS enrollment and members being housed. The funds will not duplicate HHAP 3 funding but rather align and allow all projects to move forward	\$167,607	CSCoC with distribution to ATCAA, City of Jackson, and Victory Village	10/1/22-9/30/22	1.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6	Direct Member Interventions

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<p>4. Internal Infrastructure to Engage Community Partners and Support Internal Housing and Homelessness Strategies and Operations</p>	<p>HHIP represents an incredible opportunity as well as a significant undertaking to truly engage community partners and implement local strategies to address homelessness among our members. While Anthem developed a housing and homelessness strategy in 2018 and has implemented various housing pilots to support learnings for CalAIM, it is not staffed appropriately to take on a new MCP role as a critical local partner in addressing homelessness.</p>	<p>Funds will support Anthem to increase capacity with housing/homeless strategy staff and/or with consultants that will engage with local communities on addressing homelessness. Funds will also support internal operations to manage HHIP activities and reporting.</p>	<p>\$8,602</p>	<p>Anthem Blue Cross</p>	<p>10/1/22-10/31/23</p>	<p>1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 1.7, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2</p>	<p>MCP Infrastructure</p>

PART II: RISK ANALYSIS

Description of Anticipated Contingencies (500 - 1000 word limit)

To achieve the HHIP goals and broader MCP goals of preventing and ending homelessness in Amador County, Anthem anticipates the following challenges:

- Certain measures, specifically measures related to data sharing, will take extensive discussions, significant funding, and a long timeframe to accomplish. Most likely not within the HHIP timeframes. There are some data sharing strategies that can most likely be accomplished but the long-term vision will take resources and time.
- Like many CoC leads, the Central Sierra CoC and lead agency ATCAA is challenged by staff capacity/bandwidth to take on new activities that fall outside of required federal and state requirements. Engagement with MCP's while extremely important poses a challenge for CoC's to take on in the near-term and be sustained over the long-term. Many of the HHIP metrics related to data sharing/Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), Coordinated Entry, and equity strategies will require significant bandwidth from ATCAA to accomplish.
- Currently there are no street medicine programs operating in Amador County. Developing a street medicine program from the ground up will require extensive funding and time. Equally potential providers may be hesitant to start a new program without a long-term sustainable funding source. It may also take significant time to execute a contract or MOU with a street medicine provider within the time frame of the first measurement period so as Anthem is able to report on members who received services.
- Anthem is challenged by internal bandwidth to meet the expectations of HHIP and truly engage with the homeless system of care. Anthem views HHIP as a significant opportunity to build partnerships to address homelessness among members, but will need to enhance internal housing/homelessness infrastructure to meet the opportunity.
- Majority of HHIP funds do not come until the end of the program after all metrics reported, making it challenging to really use the HHIP funds to impact measures. The investments outlined in the Investment Plan are contingent on meeting metrics which require collaboration with external housing and homeless system partners. Additionally HHIP incentive funds in Amador are relatively small to be used to impact measures, even if all funds were allocated from the beginning.
- Like the rest of the state, Amador County does not have enough housing that is affordable making it challenging to achieve the measure related to housing placements and retention.

While the above outlines specific challenges, the following identifies steps Anthem intends to take with the Investment Plan and HHIP activities to address those challenges and which aspects above might be affected by those challenges:

- Make investments in ATCAA to support enhanced CoC infrastructure to engage with Anthem, meet HHIP metrics, and align with community strategies. Develop HHIP project plan with ATCAA to ensure agreed upon activities. However, increasing staff bandwidth and understanding of MCP and efforts (ie CalAIM) may take time which is limited given HHIP measurement

periods.

- Make investments in street outreach and street medicine capacity building and work with provider on sustainability plan from the beginning. Developing a new MOU/contract with a new provider who has never provided street medicine services in the county may not happen by the first measurement period.
- Make investments in strategic housing activities such as new shelter beds that will specifically support homeless members to access housing and remain housed.
- Make investments in Anthem staff capacity to engage with community partners to ensure HHIP metrics are met to be able to receive incentive funds to reinvest in community gaps and needs.
- Anthem intends to use resources targeted to people experiencing homelessness under CalAIM, specifically Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports housing services, to align with and leverage new community housing investments. While Anthem is limited in using funds to address actual housing resources, we intend to work with the community to determine ways to partner on the use of services in CalAIM to create more housing with supportive services.

PART III: CoC LETTER OF SUPPORT

See CoC letter of support in Appendix.

Part IV: Attestation

See signed attestation as appendix.



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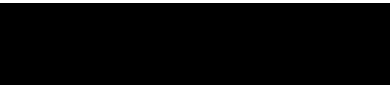
To: California Department of Health Care Services

Re: Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) Investment Plan Letter of Support

The Central Sierra Continuum of Care, CA-526 (CoC) is supportive of the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Housing and Homeless Incentive Program Investment Plan(s) (IP) being submitted by Anthem Blue Cross, California Health and Wellness, and Kaiser Permanente in Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne Counties. The Central Sierra CoC had the opportunity to engage and collaborate with the Managed Care Plans (MCP), provide input on the IP, and were able to review the IP prior to the submission. The Central Sierra CoC understands that the IP reflects a non-binding general direction for investments the MCPs are willing to initially make to meet DHCS' HHIP program metrics independent of how the MCPs plan to invest HHIP incentive funds once earned. The Central Sierra CoC also understands that the MCPs' HHIP investments are contingent on the MCPs meeting HHIP measures over the two-year HHIP program. To this end the CoC is committed to collaborating with the MCPs as they engage locally to meet HHIP program metrics.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out directly.

Thank you,



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