



**Agenda 03-10  
March 3, 2010**

**Agenda Item 3**

<b>Subject</b>	Healthy Families
<b>Recommendations</b>	Discuss local support of the Healthy Families program (Affected Districts: All) (Presenter: Karen Scott, Executive Director, 387-1502)
<b>Background Information</b>	<p>MRMIB, the overseer of the Healthy Families program continues to receive their share of challenges. The Governor's Budget proposes to reduce eligibility for the Healthy Families Program (HFP) from the current 250 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) to 200 percent FPL, effective May 2010. This change will result in termination of eligibility of approximately 203,000 current subscribers. It will reduce state costs by \$10.5 million in the current year (09-10) and \$63.9 million in the budget year (10-11). The budget proposes to eliminate vision coverage for HFP and to increase monthly premiums for families with incomes above 150 percent FPL. Monthly premiums for families with incomes from 151 percent to 200 percent FPL would increase from \$16 to \$30 per child. The family maximum would increase from \$48 to \$90. The vision and premium changes would reduce state costs by \$21.7 million in the budget year (10-11). <i>(See attachment – January 21, 2010 MRMIB meeting minutes)</i></p> <p>The HFP budget presumes that the state First 5 Commission will once again provide up to \$81.4 million in the budget year to pay for health care service for HFP enrollees up to age of five. This is the same amount the Commission provided to MRMIB in the current year.</p> <p>In December 2008, First 5 San Bernardino committed to supporting new enrollments and avoiding “wait listing” of children by investing approximately \$1.2 Million to cover the period December 17, 2008 – June 30, 2009. The investment by First 5 San Bernardino also helps continue our ability to leverage a matching of \$2:1 Federal SCHIP dollars for each of our dollars.</p> <p>Once again, MRMIB/HF is proposing cuts to programs and services. For San Bernardino County, we average continued enrollment of about 15,500 children per month at a cost of \$1.2 million and anticipate approximately 700 new enrollees each month.</p> <p>Preliminary discussion indicates that the State First 5 Commission may be positioning to assist MRMIB/Healthy Families in fiscal years 2010-2011. Due to supplantation and other issues, many County Commissions are refusing to consider investment to MRMIB and are instead exploring other options to ensure Health Care Access for our local children.</p>
<b>Financial Impact</b>	Unknown
<b>Review</b>	Regina Coleman, Commission Counsel

**Attachment: Minutes from the January 21, 2010 Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) Meeting**

<b>Report on Action as taken</b>
<b>Action:</b>
<b>Moved:</b> _____ <b>Second:</b> _____
<b>In Favor:</b>
<b>Opposed:</b>
<b>Abstained:</b>
<b>Comments:</b> _____
<b>Witnessed:</b>