

CALOPTIMA HEALTH BOARD ACTION AGENDA REFERRAL

Action To Be Taken August 6, 2026

Regular Meeting of the CalOptima Health Board of Directors

Report Item

15. Approve Actions Related to the Street Medicine Program City Collaborative Expansion

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Recommended Actions

1. Approve the Notice of Interest Opportunity Evaluation Committee's recommendation of Coastal Communities Continuum as the new city collaborative for the expansion of CalOptima Health's Street Medicine Program.
2. Approve the updated Street Medicine Program's scope of work for the solicitation to identify a new street medicine provider to implement the Street Medicine Program in the newly selected city collaborative.
3. Appropriate up to \$4.3 million from the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Incentive Payment Program, Program Years 1 and 2, for the Delivery System Infrastructure priority area to support the two-year grant agreement with the street medicine provider selected through the solicitation process.
4. Make a finding that such expenditures are for a public purpose and in furtherance of CalOptima Health's mission and purpose.

Background

On March 17, 2022, CalOptima Health's Board of Directors (Board) committed \$8 million from the Homeless Health Initiatives Reserve for purposes of street medicine. On May 5, 2022, the Board approved the Street Medicine Program scope of work (SOW). On November 3, 2022, the Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute a contract with Healthcare in Action to provide street medicine canvassing-based services. The pilot launched in Garden Grove on April 1, 2023. Based on the success of the program in Garden Grove, on October 5, 2023, the Board unanimously voted to:

1. Authorize CalOptima Health staff to expand CalOptima Health's Street Medicine Program into two additional cities;
2. Approve the notice of interest opportunity process that CalOptima Health would release to cities, including commitments from CalOptima Health and evaluation criteria; and
3. Approve the SOW for the request for qualifications (RFQu) to identify providers capable of implementing the Street Medicine Program.

CalOptima Health launched the RFQu for street medicine providers on November 9, 2023. On December 7, 2023, the Board authorized CalOptima Health to expand its Street Medicine Program to the cities of Anaheim and Costa Mesa. On March 7, 2024, the Board approved (i) Celebrating Life Community Health Center to provide street medicine services in Costa Mesa and Healthcare in Action to provide street medicine services in Anaheim and (ii) an allotment of an additional \$1.8 million in existing reserves to help fund the street medicine provider grant agreements. The programs launched on August 12, 2024, and September 3, 2024, respectively.

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In accordance with CalOptima Health's strategic priority of overcoming health disparities and based on the success of the Street Medicine Program, on December 5, 2024, the Board unanimously voted to approve a notice of interest opportunity to identify one additional host-city for the expansion of CalOptima Health's Street Medicine Program. On December 6, 2024, the notice of interest opportunity launched, and it was closed on January 17, 2025. On March 6, 2025, the Board authorized CalOptima Health to expand its Street Medicine Program to the city of Santa Ana and approved the SOW for the request for proposals to identify providers capable of implementing the program. On June 5, 2025, the Board approved AltaMed to provide street medicine services in Santa Ana and the program launched on March 9, 2026.

In continued support of CalOptima Health's strategic priority of overcoming health disparities, and based on the success of the program, on February 5, 2026, the Board unanimously voted to approve a Notice of Interest Opportunity to identify a city collaborative for the expansion of CalOptima Health's Street Medicine Program.

Discussion

City Collaborative Expansion

To expand CalOptima Health's existing Street Medicine Program, CalOptima Health's Notice of Interest Opportunity Evaluation Committee (Committee) reviewed and scored the two applications received for the Street Medicine Program Notice of Interest Opportunity. Scores for both applications are as follows:

City Collaborative	Score
Coastal Communities Continuum (Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, and Westminster)	88.25
North Service Planning Area (N SPA) Homeless Collaborative (Brea, Buena Park, Cypress, Fullerton, La Habra, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Placentia, and Yorba Linda)	75

Using the evaluation criteria below, the Committee recommends awarding the Street Medicine Program expansion to the highest scoring city collaborative. With Board approval, CalOptima Health staff will begin collaborating with Coastal Communities Continuum to ensure seamless integration of its Street Medicine Program with consideration of the city collaborative's broader endeavors to address homelessness.

	Criterion	Maximum Points	Basis for Assigning Points
1.	Program sustainability	20	Collaborative's sustainability, including geographic coverage, Point-in-Time count density per square mile and the number of participating cities.

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2.	Resource sharing	15	Collaborative's willingness to share resources across the collaborative (e.g., shelters).
3.	CalOptima Health core value alignment, including commitment to treat individuals with dignity and respect	10	Collaborative's demonstrated commitment to trauma-informed, inclusive, person-centered programs and those that align with harm-reduction principles.
4.	Collective, aligned, comprehensive, existing efforts and strategies to address homelessness	15	Collaborative must demonstrate commitment and shared value alignment to addressing the homelessness crisis.
5.	Existing partnerships and community involvement	15	Collaborative must describe existing partnerships that will positively contribute to the Street Medicine Program.
6.	Collaborative readiness and governance	15	Collaborative must demonstrate readiness and governance capacity, including documented experience working together to address homelessness, evidence of prior agreements or coordinated initiatives, and the ability to make joint decisions that prioritize the goals of the collaborative.
7.	Uploaded letters of interest	5	Application portal includes a letter of interest that the city manager or County CEO must sign/upload for each participating city.
8.	All attestations complete	5	Application portal includes attestations that the collaborate must make regarding the Street Medicine Program.
Total Earnable Points		100	

Provider Solicitation Process

Based on the city collaborative expansion to the Street Medicine Program (as opposed to operating in a single city) and the need for an additional street medicine provider, CalOptima Health staff updated the SOW by adding (i) language related to CalOptima Health's Care Traffic Control and (ii) the definition of a city collaborative. These additions will assist CalOptima Health staff in soliciting and identifying an additional street medicine provider. CalOptima Health staff requests that the Board approve the updated SOW included as Attachment 1. With the Board's approval, CalOptima Health staff will launch the solicitation on August 10,

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2026. At closing on October 2, 2026, a committee of evaluators from CalOptima Health will review and score the submissions. Based on this scoring, CalOptima Health staff will request the Board's approval of the selected street medicine provider and approval to enter into a grant agreement with the selected provider at the Board's December 2026 meeting.

CalAIM Grant Agreement

Similar to existing Street Medicine Program, CalOptima Health staff will ensure financial sustainability of the Coastal Communities Continuum city collaborative expansion by implementing CalAIM services. CalOptima Health staff determined that it takes approximately two years of operations to achieve financial sustainability. Therefore, CalOptima Health staff will develop a two-year grant agreement. To fund the grant agreement, CalOptima Health staff requests an appropriation of up to \$4.3 million from Incentive Payment Program (IPP) funds to cover the remaining grant cost. As of June 30, 2026, IPP funds available for new initiatives is \$52.8 million.

Fiscal Impact

The recommended action will have a fiscal impact of up to \$4.3 million for the two-year grant agreement with the selected street medicine provider for the city collaborative. These funds derive from the unallocated balance of CalAIM IPP Program Years 1 and 2 and has no additional net fiscal impact.

Rationale for Recommendation

In order to engage CalOptima Health members experiencing homelessness where they are and on their own terms and to reduce or eliminate barriers to medical and social care, CalOptima Health staff recommends that the Board expand the Street Medicine Program to include the Coastal Communities Continuum city collaborative in the third quarter of 2027.

Concurrence

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Attachments

1. CalOptima Health Street Medicine Program Scope of Work

| /s/ Michael Hunn
Authorized Signature

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Date