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July 26, 2023

VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Re: Calendar Year 2021 Voluntary Rate Range Program Intergovernmental Transfer

Dear Mr. Jackson:

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 18, 2023, requesting a refund of the Mendocino Coast Health Care District's (District) Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) amount collected as a participating funding entity of the Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Voluntary Rate Range Program (VRRP). The Letter of Interest that the District completed and returned to Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) outlines the voluntary nature of the District's IGT. The District was eligible to fund the IGT under Welfare and Institutions Code section 14164 subdivision (a). In addition, Welfare and Institutions Code section 14164 subdivision (b)(1) reiterates the voluntary nature of the IGT.

DHCS has no obligation to return the funds voluntarily transferred by the District. However, we are working with Partnership Health Plan to secure a commitment from another allowable governmental funding entity to fund a replacement contribution equal to the \$1,095,395 originally voluntarily transferred by the District, which should make it possible for DHCS to void the District's CY 2021 VRRP contract and refund \$1,095,395 to the District. DHCS cannot void the District's CY 2021 VRRP contract unless it receives the full amount of the replacement IGT from the new governmental funding entity, and no refund will issue until such funds are received. DHCS anticipates the refund to occur, if at all, in March 2024.

**State of California** Gavin Newsom, Governor



To expedite the refund, should one occur, DHCS' accounting department needs the attached form (GOVT TIN Form) filled out and returned prior to issuing any payment.

Sincerely,

-DocuSigned by: David Bishop

July 26, 2023

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