



Under this contract, the City of Pasadena Health Department agrees to provide follow-up activities and case management services including home visits and case coordination with the health care provider for all identified lead poisoned children who meet the lead poisoned case definition. Case management services will consist of assessment of clients' needs; service plan development based on assessed needs; linkage and consultation with service providers; interagency coordination to support client referral; follow-up to ensure services are received; assistance in accessing services; crisis assistance in medical emergencies; and periodic review and evaluation of progress in meeting the clients' service plan objectives. Home visits and home investigations appropriate to blood concentration levels are to be conducted by Public Health Nurses and Environmental Health Specialists. Outreach, education, and training are made available to the general public, high risk target groups, health care providers and other health and human services professionals.

During the first two quarters of FY 1998, a total of 1,922 children from ages 1 - 6 were tested for lead poisoning. These children and their parents or guardians received lead-poisoning prevention education and literature. Ninety-three percent (1,787) showed low lead levels, five percent (96) showed moderate lead levels and two percent (38) showed high lead levels.

All children with laboratory test results indicating a moderate or high lead level (134 children) are monitored by a Public Health Nurse with a case management procedure that typically runs for a year. In addition, investigations are performed by an Environmental Health Specialist (EHS) to find the source of the lead burden. The nurses and the EHS educate parents and landlords concerning removal or containment of lead, and the children are re-tested periodically until the levels fall within a safe range.

The increased Medi-Cal funding will allow the Public Health Nurses (PHN) and the Environmental Health Specialist to do more outreach and education to private health providers in the community to ensure that these providers are consistently performing lead poisoning testing for all children ages 1- 6 treated in their practice.

As a result of the Childhood Lead Program restructuring, more PHN case management activities will be reimbursable under the lead funding. Consequently, these case management activities will not be eligible for reimbursement under Medi-Cal Administrative Activities claiming (MAA), and estimated MAA revenues are reduced.

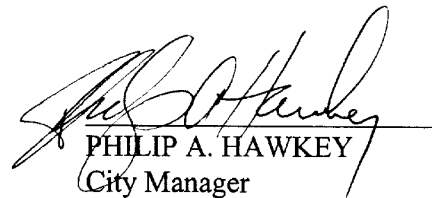
### **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

This contract is exempt from the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance pursuant to Section 4.09.060(a) which exempts contracts with other governmental entities for labor, material, supplies and services.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This action by the City Council has no fiscal impact on the FY 1998 budget since these revenues and appropriations have been recognized in the Public Health Department's Disease Prevention and Control Division budget account #563100 and the net effect of revenue changes is zero.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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