

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2008

SUBJECT: Attestation Letter for Medicare Billing

ATTACHMENTS: Attestation Letter

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Due to an address change for the Health Department, a new application of 45+ pages is required to be completed in order to bill Medicare for Influenza vaccination services. During Medicare's edit of submitted form #855, all but three items were accepted. A letter attesting the relationship between the Henderson County Department of Public Health and the County of Henderson needs to be submitted on official County letterhead, rather than the letterhead of the Health Department. This letter is critical as partial fulfillment to get authorization for payment of services already rendered and for future reimbursement of Medicare approved services. For example, this year \$ 62,000 is an outstanding bill owed Henderson County by Medicare to cover the cost of Influenza vaccine.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the attached letter.

Suggested Motion:

I make the motion to approve a letter attesting the relationship between the Henderson County Department of Public Health and the County of Henderson, and that the letter be signed by the Chair of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners and the County Manager, and that it will be included in the application process needed for Medicare reimbursement for services.

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RE: Attestation of a Government Agency

The Health Director of the Henderson County Department of Public Health as sanctioned by the N.C. General Statute 130A-41 (13), "Powers and duties of local health director, To enter contracts, in accordance with The Local Government Finance Act, G.S. Chapter 159, on behalf of the local health department," has the authority to enter into an agreement between the Henderson County Department of Public Health and CMS/CIGNA.

I attest the County of Henderson as the supplier, is legally and financially responsible in the event that there is any outstanding debt owed to CMS/CIGNA.

Steve Wyatt, County Manager

William Moyer, Chair
Board of County Commissioners