



**Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission (VCMCC)
dba Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP)**

**Executive Finance Committee
AGENDA**

Special Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 –3:00 p.m.

Members of the public can participate using the Conference Call Number below.

Conference Call Number: 805-324-7279

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Persons wishing to address VCMCC are limited to three (3) minutes unless the Chair of the Commission extends time for good cause shown. Comments regarding items not on the agenda must be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person, call in, using the numbers above, or can submit public comments to the Committee via email by sending an email to ask@goldchp.org. If members of the public want to speak on a particular agenda item, please identify the agenda item number. Public comments submitted by email should be under 300 words.

FORMAL ACTION

1. Advance Payment Agreement to County

Staff: Felix L. Nunez, M.D., Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Executive Finance Committee recommend the Commission approve the Advance Payment to the Ventura County Health Care Agency.

ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

TO: Executive Finance Committee
FROM: Felix Nunez, Chief Executive Officer
DATE: May 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Advance Payment Agreement to County of Ventura

Summary and Background

Gold Coast Health GCHP (GCHP) management seeks a recommendation from the Executive Finance Committee that the Commission approve an advance payment to the Ventura County Health Care Agency (VCHCA). This Advance Payment Agreement (APA) would be effective June 26, 2026. The APA would specify terms for a payment in the amount of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000.00) made by GCHP to the County of Ventura as a payment made in advance of VCHCA services to be performed pursuant to the primary care provider, specialist, and hospital Provider Agreements and GCHP's complete processing of applicable claims. This funding is allowable for reasons stated below, including that it is to a governmental entity for the public purpose of supporting the continued operation and viability of a Safety Net Provider, which is essential to the ability of GCHP to provide an adequate network for its members.

The APA details an Advance Payment that would be repaid by September 30, 2026. The Advance Payment would support VCHCA's critical operational expenses and is necessary due to a cash flow strain impacted by delays in supplemental funding reimbursement from the State of California.

Both the Executive Finance Committee and Commission discussed this request at their April meetings and it was the direction of both to discuss additional terms with the County and bring the request back to the Executive Finance Committee and Commission in May.

GCHP staff and the VCHCA staff meet on May 7 to discuss the Advance Agreement and have agreed in principle to the following:

Major terms of the APA are as follows:

- An Advance Payment would be made on June 26, 2026.
- The funds will be repaid by September 30, 2026.
- If the advance payment has not been fully repaid by September 30, 2026, GCHP may offset any unpaid amount against capitation payments, fee-for-service payments relating to claims submitted or processed for payment, or any other amounts due to VCHCA for subsequent months at the rate of \$10,000,000 a month.

- The parties agreed to collaborate on strategic planning activities with the goal of improving and advancing health in the County of Ventura, including the Santa Clara River Valley.
- The parties agree on good standing language which generally, with some exceptions, provides that the County would be in good standing with federal and California legal requirements that relate to the County as a network provider and not engage in litigation against the Plan during the term of the Advance Payment Agreement. GCHP staff is not recommending requiring an administrative fee to reimburse GCHP for the additional costs of administering this Advance Payment to demonstrate its partnership with the County. Should Executive Finance Committee recommend, and the Commission decide to impose such a fee, a fee in the amount \$189,440 is what GCHP staff recommends imposing.

This Advance Payment Funding Agreement does not constitute a gift of public funds because (1) the funds advanced will be fully recouped within five months as described above, and (2) the advance payment would allow the County to continue to deliver medical care without disruption, promotes the long-term viability of the provider network and will help maintain member satisfaction. (Cal Const art XVI, Section 6, *City and County of San Francisco* (1932) 216 C 187, 193), and further such funding further serves a purpose of GCHP, the donor agency. (*Golden Gate Bridge & Hwy. Dist. v. Luehring*, 4 Cal.App.3d 204 (1970).)

This request for an advance on capitation and claims payments is specifically within the authority and purpose of the Commission. The statutory purpose of the Commission is to “meet the problems of the delivery of publicly assisted medical care in the county and to demonstrate ways of promoting quality care and cost efficiency.” (Welf. & Inst. Code §14087.53.) The County Board of Supervisors ordinance establishing the Commission requires the Commission to, among other things, implement “reimbursement mechanisms which promote the long-term viability of a locally operated Medi-Cal managed care system and the existing participating provider networks inclusive of ‘Safety Net’ providers herein defined as Medi-Cal disproportionate share hospitals, county clinics, federally qualified health centers, and licensed rural health clinics” (Ord. 4613, Art. 6, 1380-4(c)). GCHP’s bylaws provide that the Commission shall deliver “medical care via a contracted provider network that will improve access to primary, specialty and ancillary services, ...[incorporate] a plan of service delivery and [implement] reimbursement mechanisms which promote the long-term viability of a locally operated Medi-Cal managed care system [and]...implement programs and procedures to ensure a high level of member satisfaction.”

Financial Impact

The Advance Payment will result in a temporary reduction in GCHP’s reserves.

Recommendation

GCHP staff recommend that the Executive Finance Committee recommend that Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission authorize the CEO to execute an Advance Payment Agreement in the amount of \$30,000,000 with the County of Ventura.