

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

June 23, 2009

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**Subject:** Approval of Agreement with Medical Billing Technologies, Inc. (MBT) and the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District to Participate In the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) Program

**Background:** As permitted by the Social Security Act and federal regulations, the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) through its Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) program, reimburses school districts and county offices of education for administrative activities that support the Medicaid program such as outreach, eligibility intake, information and referrals, coordination and monitoring of Medicaid-covered services, interagency coordination, and arranging transportation to medical services. Though CMS has never issued regulations to govern this program. It provides guidance through its 2003 School-Based administrative Claiming Guide (MAC Guide).

Through participation in this program, the colleges can connect students already being served with low and no-cost health insurance programs and services. Faculty and staff who work in roles where they are advising low-income students can be a part of the program by simply informing students about Medi-Cal and Healthy Families health insurance programs and services, providing brochures and application forms, and promoting the insurance programs that serve low-income students under age 21, children of students who do not have health insurance, pregnant women, and students with disabilities.

By each college entering into an agreement with Medical Billing Technologies, Inc. (MBT) to participate in the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) Program, significant reimbursements can be earned for time spent in the course of performing regular job duties, outreaching to, and informing students about California's State Health Insurance Programs, Medi-Cal and Healthy Families. The program simultaneously generates revenue and addresses an often unmet student need in regards to health care. The colleges are also reimbursed for administrative time spent on activities such as making application copies, posting informational fliers, staffing an outreach table, and discussing promotion strategies in a staff meeting. The funds earned are unrestricted discretionary funds to further support student success.

**Recommended Action:** That the Board of Trustees approve the agreement with Medical Billing Technologies, Inc. for both Chabot College and Las Positas College to participate in the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) as per the MAA Service Contract. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the agreement and any future augmentation and amendments to this agreement on behalf of the District.

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