


INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
MEMORANDUM

TO: Jason Brown
County Administrator

FROM: Suzanne Boyll 
Human Resources Director

DATE: November 28, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of the Amendment to the Administrative Services Agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida and Ratification of all Prior Amendments to the Original October 1, 1996 Agreement

BACKGROUND:

The Board of County Commissioners approved an agreement effective October 1, 1996 with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Inc. to provide administrative services with respect to the Group Health Plan. The agreement was amended on the following dates:

October 1, 1998	October 1, 2008	October 1, 2015
October 1, 2001	July 1, 2010	
October 1, 2003	May 1, 2013	

The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association is updating existing Inter-Plan disclosure language in all of its ASO Agreements across the country to provide consistency and address changes in governmental regulations, the evolving health benefits marketplace, and technical procedures. Florida Blue as an independent licensee of BCBS is required to update its ASO Agreements to incorporate this mandate that includes the following changes effective January 1, 2017:

- Revisions to Inter-Plan Programs policies and provisions that better align them with Licensee practices.
- Information regarding the BlueCard Worldwide Program[®].
- State surcharge regulations issued by state health departments or state insurance departments to fund an ever expanding list of state-based healthcare services.
- The inclusion of various provider care delivery reimbursement arrangements, generally known as value-based programs, to the health benefits marketplace.

The County's ASO fee will not be modified as a result of these changes.

ANALYSIS:

There is no additional cost associated with this amendment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve the amendment to the Administrative Services Agreement with Blue Cross effective January 1, 2017 and ratify all prior amendments to the original October 1, 1996 Agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

January 1, 2017 Amendment
October 1, 1996 Original Agreement
October 1, 1998 Amendment
October 1, 2001 Amendment
October 1, 2003 Amendment
October 1, 2008 Amendment
July 1, 2010 Amendment
May 1, 2013 Amendment
October 1, 2015 Amendment