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**DECEMBER 18, 2025**

**AGENDA ITEM 8  
ACTION ITEM**

**SCHOLARSHARE INVESTMENT BOARD**

*Resolution to Approve Amendment to Agreement with Covered California for Incentives to Eligible California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program Accounts*

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***Recommendation***

ScholarShare Investment Board (SIB or Board) staff recommend that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2025-12 approving an amendment to the SIB's existing agreement with Covered California (CCA), which extends the current data sharing project with CCA through the end of 2027.

***Background***

Last year, SIB and CCA initiated a pilot project approved by the Board which offers CCA-covered children under the age of two (2) additional incentives in their California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS or Program) Account for completing healthcare milestones.

According to CCA findings, California's ranking is among the lowest in the nation for children's healthcare. CCA aims to address this through its new Population Health Investments (PopHI) project, which is funded by contractual health plan issuer payments through CCA's Quality Transformation Initiative. The Quality Transformation Initiative requires health plan issuers that fail to meet certain quality thresholds to make payments to support PopHI, which directly support CCA enrollees as an additional benefit included in their health care coverage. In reviewing research, CCA recognizes how incentive-based approaches have been important in promoting vaccinations and pediatric visits.

For these reasons, CCA and SIB would like to partner through December 31, 2027 to continue incentive public health initiatives through CalKIDS. As of early-December 2025, SIB has been able to deposit \$181,550 in additional CalKIDS money for 441 children as a result of this initiative.

***Presenter***

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**SCHOLARSHARE INVESTMENT BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOLARSHARE INVESTMENT BOARD  
TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH  
COVERED CALIFORNIA FOR INCENTIVES TO THE  
CALIFORNIA KIDS INVESTMENT  
AND DEVELOPMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (“CalKIDS” or the “Program”) and CalKIDS fund are established pursuant to Education Code sections 69996.1 and 69996.9, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, the ScholarShare Investment Board (the “SIB” or “Board”) was created under Education Code section 69980 et seq. (the “Golden State ScholarShare Trust Act” or “Act”);

**WHEREAS**, Section 69996.4(e) of the Education Code provides that the Board shall have the powers and authority to accept any grants, gifts, appropriations, and other moneys from any unit of federal, state, or local government or any other person, firm, partnership, or corporation for deposit to the fund;

**WHEREAS**, Covered California (“CCA”) was established as an independent public entity pursuant to Government Code section 100500, to increase the number of insured Californians, improve health care quality, lower costs, and reduce health disparities through an innovative, competitive marketplace that empowers consumers to choose the health plan and providers that give them the best value;

**WHEREAS**, CCA receives private funds through its Quality Transformation Initiative from health insurance plans which fail to meet contractual quality targets, which monies shall be used for Population Health Investments (“PopHI”) designed by CCA to support health initiatives for underrepresented CCA enrollee populations such as promoting well-child visits and vaccinations;

**WHEREAS**, CCA believes CalKIDS is an important state resource driven by evidence-based research in supporting family outcomes and can be used as a tool in incentivizing community-health initiatives;

**WHEREAS**, SIB and CCA have agreed to a partnership whereby SIB will add Quality Transformation Initiative funds into CalKIDS accounts for newborns and children under 2 years of age as an incentive when families meet goals tied to well-child visits and recommended vaccinations;

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Director of SIB (“Executive Director”) is authorized to enter into a financial and data-receiving agreement with CCA to implement this partnership, and the Board approved an agreement (the “Agreement”) pursuant to SIB’s Resolution No. 2024-09 adopted by the Board at its October 2024 meeting;

**WHEREAS**, the Board’s existing financial and data-receiving agreement with CCA expires on March 31, 2026, and there continues to be benefits in continuing the Agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to approve an amendment to the Agreement with CCA for the purposes described herein, which include the following partnership guidelines for CCA to add non-state funds as incentives into eligible CalKIDS accounts:

1. CCA will provide final information to SIB on eligible newborns and children under 2 years of age who have completed recommended health milestones, as determined by CCA, and therefore are eligible to receive an incentive towards their CalKIDS account.
2. As a condition of receiving the incentive, CCA will collect and verify enrollment consent forms from the legal guardian of the child to transfer the necessary data to SIB to facilitate deposits into eligible CalKIDS accounts.
3. CCA, through its selected third-party vendor, will provide an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000 now through December 31, 2027, to CalKIDS for children identified as eligible by CCA under the incentive program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution becomes effective upon its adoption by the Board.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

Date of Adoption: \_\_\_\_\_