

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Departmental Correspondence

DATE: **AUG 0 5 2001**
HEARING DATE: **AUG 2 1 2001**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Timothy B. McMurdo, Director, Hospital & Clinics Division
SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Controller to Make Payments to University of California in San Francisco (UCSF) Medical Center

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Controller to make payments at 50% of billed charges to University of California in San Francisco (UCSF) Medical Center for services provided to medically indigent adult (MIA) patients referred by San Mateo County General Hospital.

Background

Occasionally, it is necessary to send San Mateo County General Hospital (SMCGH) patients to the UCSF Medical Center for specialized procedures because these procedures are not available on site or at any other local medical center that San Mateo County contracts with. Examples of these services are specialty care procedures such as percutaneous nephrolithotomy, ileal pouch, gated MRI, and melanoma treatment.

San Mateo County is responsible for providing necessary medical care to its medically indigent (MIA) population. If an MIA patient needs services or procedures not offered at SMCGH, the patient is referred to another facility. Patients are referred to UCSF only when there is no other local contracting facility able to provide the required procedure.

All referrals to UCSF are authorized by the attending physicians at SMCGH and utilization review is provided by the Case Management Department at the hospital.

Discussion

SMCGH has been referring MIA patients to UCSF Medical Center for over a decade. Until last year, UCSF and Stanford were merged and UCSF was paid for services provided through an agreement between Health Services and UCSF/Stanford. Since the split of UCSF and Stanford, UCSF has established a new financial reimbursement policy, which requires referring hospitals to pay 50% of billed charges for Medically Indigent Adult services. This rate differs from the rate at which SMCGH pays other non-contract medical providers, which is at the prevailing Medicare participating fee schedule for all Part "B" services that can be reimbursed per Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) guidelines or the Medicare Labor Adjusted Ambulatory Surgery Classification (ASC); and 40% of billed charges for all services not found on the Part "B" Medicare Fee Schedule or the ASC. Because of the difference in the rate of pay and the location of the Medical Center, SMCGH will refer MIA patients to

UCSF only as a last resort.

Term and Fiscal Impact

Effective January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2002, this resolution will allow the Controller to reimburse UCSF for services provided at 50% of billed charges. The average annual cost of services paid for under this new resolution will be approximately \$83,000. The maximum amount over the term of this agreement will not exceed \$250,000.

Funds for these services were included in Hospital and Clinics FY1999-00, FY2000-01 and FY2001-02 budgets.

RECOMMENDED


HEALTH SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTROLLER
TO MAKE PAYMENTS AT 50% OF BILLED CHARGES TO
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN SAN FRANCISCO (UCSF) MEDICAL CENTER
FOR MEDICALLY INDIGENT PATIENT REFERRED BY
SAN MATEO COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of
California, that;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to refer San Mateo County General Hospital patients to the
University of California in San Francisco for the services or procedures they require that are not
available on site or at any other medical center on contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that
the Controller make payments at 50% of billed charges to University of California in San Francisco for
and on behalf of the County of San Mateo in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the period
January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2002 for and on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and the
Clerk of this Board shall attest the President's signature thereto.