

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: County Counsel
Subject: Health Plan of San Mateo
Date: October 18, 2001

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt an ordinance amending the limitation on terms for San Mateo Health Commissioners.

BACKGROUND

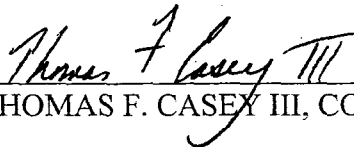
In 1986, your board adopted an ordinance creating the San Mateo Commission on Publicly Assisted Medical Care, usually known as the Health Plan of San Mateo. The commissioners include two members of the board of supervisors, the County Manager and eight commissioners who are appointed by the board of supervisors. Since 1986, the ordinance has contained a ten-year limitation for appointed commissioners.

Recently, it came to our attention that the ordinance contains a shorter term limitation for health commissioners than for other members of county boards and commissions. In 1997, your board adopted a resolution setting the term limit for members of county boards and commissions at three full terms, unless an exception is made by the board of supervisors. This amendment will bring the term limit for appointed health commissioners into line with the term limit of other persons who serve on county boards and commissions. As well, we have deleted some language relating to staggering of the commissioners' original terms in 1994, 1995 and 1996.

At its October 10, 2001 meeting, the Health Commission voted unanimously to recommend that your board enact the amendment to the ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.



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cc: John Maltbie, County Manager
Mike Murray, Health Plan of San Mateo

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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

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**AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE TERM LIMITS OF MEMBERS OF THE
SAN MATEO COMMISSION ON PUBLICLY ASSISTED MEDICAL CARE**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, ORDAINS as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.68.020 of Chapter 2.68 of Title 2 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“2.68.020 Membership of commission.

(a) The Commission shall consist of eleven (11) voting members, who shall either be legal residents of the County of San Mateo, or shall work for an employer whose primary place of business is located in the County of San Mateo.

(b) Members of the Commission should have an abiding commitment to, and interest in quality publicly assisted health care delivery systems.

(c) The eleven voting members shall include:

1. Two members of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors;
2. The County Manager or his designee;
3. A physician;
4. A hospital administrator;
5. Three public members:

- a. A beneficiary or representative of beneficiaries served by the Commission; and
- b. A representative of the senior and/or minority communities in San Mateo County;

- c. A nurse;
- 6. A representative of San Mateo County General Hospital physicians;
- 7. A pharmacist;
- 8. A representative of hospitals located in San Mateo County;

(d) Commissioners shall be appointed by majority vote of the Board of Supervisors and shall serve at the pleasure thereof.

(e) Except as provided in subsection (f), all Commissioners appointed by the Board shall serve terms of office of four (4) years. At the conclusion of a term, a member may be reappointed to another term. Unless specific exception is made by the Board of Supervisors or state law, no appointed member appointed by the board of supervisors may serve more than three complete terms.”

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days from the date of passage thereof.

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