



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Health Services Agency

DATE: July 2, 2002

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 23, 2002

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Margaret Taylor, Director of Health Services *MT*
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SUBJECT: Amendment to the Agreement with Mills-Peninsula Hospitals

Recommendation

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Supervisors to execute an Amendment to the Agreement with Mills-Peninsula Hospitals adding adolescent Intensive Day Treatment Services (IDTS).

Background

In March 1995, your Board approved the acceptance of State and Federal funds to implement the San Mateo County Managed Care Mental Health Plan (MHP). As part of the plan the Mental Health Services Division offered contracts for the provision of mental health services to San Mateo County Medi-Cal clients to all the major hospitals within the Bay area. Mills-Peninsula was one of the facilities that agreed to provide these services. They have continued to be a service provider without interruption. On September 25, 2001, your Board approved our current agreement for these services, which collectively includes Mills-Peninsula Hospitals, Sequoia Hospital and Medical Center, Mt. Diablo Medical Pavilion, and St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center as providers. The term of the current collective hospital agreement is July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

Discussion

This amendment will add adolescent IDTS to the agreement with Mills-Peninsula Hospitals. The Mental Health Services Division's Deputy Director for Children's Services will authorize these services. Mills-Peninsula Hospitals will be reimbursed at a rate of \$280 per day of program attendance for IDTS. These services are provided within a structured multi-

disciplinary treatment program as an alternative to hospitalization, as a means to avoid placement in a more restrictive setting, and/or a way to maintain the client in a community setting. Services include, but are not limited to: services with a child psychiatrist, group psychotherapy, health education, stress management, and substance abuse and eating disorder groups.

This Amendment is delayed due to the time required to develop a new procedure code and define the service as it would be used from this provider, as well as the time necessary to obtain approval and signatures from the contractor.

Vision Alignment

This amended agreement with Mills-Peninsula Hospitals keeps the commitment to Ensure Basic Health and Safety for All and goal number 8: Help vulnerable people – the aged, disabled, mentally ill, at risk youth, and others – achieve a better quality of life. The amended agreement contributes to this commitment by providing mental health services for San Mateo County MHP clients.

Fiscal Impact

The amendment is effective February 4, 2002. The term of the amended agreement remains July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. The amended agreement has been approved by County Counsel and Risk Management has approved the provider's insurance. The collective hospital agreement for FY 2002-03 is expected to come before the Board for approval in early September 2002.

This agreement is structured on the basis of fee-for-service negotiated rates. The maximum obligation of the County for the collective hospital amended agreement remains \$1,430,000. Fees for all other services remain unchanged. Only services authorized by the San Mateo County Mental Health Services Division will be paid. It is not anticipated that actual payments will reach the combined agreement maximum payment limit. There is no net County cost to this amendment, which is 100% funded with realignment revenues.