



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Health System



**DATE:** August 12, 2010  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** August 24, 2010  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System  
Lisa Mancini, Director, Aging and Adult Services

**SUBJECT:** In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority Hourly Rate

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Acting as the Governing Board of the San Mateo County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority, adopt a Resolution authorizing an increase in the Public Authority rate and authorizing submission of the Resolution to the California Department of Social Services.

**BACKGROUND:**

In September 1993 by ordinance of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, a Public Authority (PA) was established to administer the provider components of the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program. The ordinance designated the Board of Supervisors as the Governing Board of the PA.

The PA rate is made up of several components, including the cost of the Independent Provider (IP) wages, payroll taxes, health benefits, non-health related benefits, and administrative costs. The current PA rate for San Mateo County is \$13.72 per hour and includes an IP wage of \$11.50, payroll taxes of \$1.15, health benefits of \$0.60, non-health related benefits of \$0.28 and administrative costs of \$0.19.

The State will participate in funding the health benefits component of the PA rate up to \$0.60 per IP hour. The federal government and the County also participate in funding the health benefits component of the PA rate.

At the time that the health benefits component of the PA rate was set at \$0.60 per hour, staff understood that the maximum rate allowed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for IP health benefits was \$0.60 per hour. Current costs of the IP health benefits exceed \$0.60 per hour. The PA has learned that it can request a higher hourly rate for IP health benefits and, notwithstanding that the State will not participate in

funding any part of the health benefits component that exceeds \$0.60 per hour, the federal government will. The PA is requesting a rate of \$0.70 per hour for IP health benefits as it has determined that this is the cost per IP hour. With this increase, the new combined PA rate for all components will be \$13.82 per hour.

**DISCUSSION:**

In order to approve this new PA rate, CDSS requires certification from the County that the Governing Board has approved the new rate and the submission of this new rate to CDSS. In addition, CDSS requires certification that the County is committed to paying the County’s share of the cost of the IHSS program on the current sharing ratio. Final approval of the PA rate increase is pending the State’s receipt of the required Resolution. The effective date of the new PA rate is contingent on the State’s timeframe in processing this required documentation.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

This PA rate increase contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing services throughout the County designed to assist individuals with the greatest need to maintain their independence and dignity within the least restrictive setting possible. It is anticipated that at least 96% will indicate the quality of living situation has improved as a result of IHSS services.

**Performance Measure:**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2009-10 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2010-11 Projected</b>
Percentage of consumers indicating their quality of living situation has improved as a result of services received through the Public Authority.	99%*	96%

\*FY 2009-10 target was 96%; this measure demonstrates program’s success.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Adoption of this Resolution will result in \$110,000 additional federal funds for health benefits for the Independent Providers in FY 2010-11. The estimated total County share of the IHSS PA is \$10,982,494, which is 16.83% of the total cost of the program. There is no Net County Cost to this Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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**ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY, ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY RATE AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, acting as the Governing Board of the San Mateo County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority (PA), that

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County has designated itself as the Governing Board of the PA to carry out programs pursuant to the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been presented to this Governing Board for its consideration and acceptance an increase to the PA rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board has determined that it is appropriate to increase the rate for Independent Provider (IP) health benefits by \$.10 per IP hour worked, from \$0.60 to \$0.70 per hour, because PA staff has determined that the PA's cost in providing such IP health benefits is \$0.70 per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, the new PA rate will be \$13.82 per hour.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Public Authority rate is hereby increased by \$0.10 per hour, to \$13.82 per hour, effective October 1, 2010, contingent on the State's processing of this documentation that the Governing Board hereby certifies that it is committed to paying the County share of the IHSS program, and that this Governing Board hereby approves submission of this Resolution to the State Department of Social Services for and on behalf of the County of San Mateo.

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