

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE (GA) PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD ALLOW OTHER TYPES OF LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, SPECIFICALLY PHYSICIAN’S ASSISTANTS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AND LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS TO PROVIDE WRITTEN STATEMENTS OR TO COMPLETE THE GA MEDICAL REPORT (FORM C-442) REGARDING AN INDIVIDUAL’S DISABILITY AND EMPLOYABILITY AS IT RELATES TO THE GA PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the current General Assistance (GA) Program rules and regulations require an individual to provide a written statement from a licensed physician, certified psychologist, or psychiatric Social Worker when they are claiming that they are not able to work due to a disability. The current rules also specifically state that statements from chiropractors are not acceptable; and

WHEREAS, due to the limited number of physicians on staff in the County’s Public Health Department, it is difficult for the Human Services Agency (HSA)’s entire GA population to have their medical statements or medical reports completed by these physicians within GA processing timeframe requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County could serve more clients and make timely determinations of employability by including Physician’s Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Licensed Clinical Social Workers who are licensed

to diagnose and treat and therefore qualified to make determination of employability for GA purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.30.050 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, the Director of HSA shall be responsible for the formulating of rules and regulations concerning policies and procedures for GA Program administration, which rules and regulations shall be presented for review to the Board of Supervisors through the County Manager; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of licensed medical professionals to provide written statements or to complete the GA Medical Report (Form C-442) is in the best interest of unemployable individuals as it will help ensure that GA benefits are not delayed; and

WHEREAS, HSA recommends that the Board approve modification to the rules and regulations of the GA Program to allow Physician's Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Licensed Clinical Social Workers to provide written statements or to complete the GA Medical Report (Form C-442) regarding an individual's disability and employability as it relates to the GA Program; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Board of Supervisors for its consideration and acceptance of modifications, reference to which is hereby made for further particulars.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that President of this Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized and directed to approve modification to the General Assistance (GA) Program Rules and Regulations on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and the Clerk of this Board shall attest the President's signature thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the General Assistance Rules and Regulations shall be adjusted as follows:

- A. Authorizing a modification to the rules and regulations of the General Assistance (GA) Program, which would allow other types of licensed health care providers, specifically Physician's Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Marriage, and Family Therapists and Licensed Clinical Social Workers to provide written statements or to complete the GA Medical Report (Form C-442) regarding an individual's disability and employability as it relates to the GA program.

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