

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING: A) AN INCREASE IN THE DAILY ROOM RATES FOR INPATIENT SERVICES AT SMMC; B) AN INCREASE IN THE EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT RATES FOR THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT SMMC; C) THE CHIEF OF SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH OR HER DESIGNEE TO IMPLEMENT INCREASES TO THE CHARGE DESCRIPTION MASTER UP TO SIX PERCENT ANNUALLY; AND D) THE CHIEF OF SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH OR HER DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE DISCOUNTS WITH NON-FEDERAL, NON-STATE, NON-CONTRACTED THIRD-PARTY HEALTH CARE INSURANCE CARRIERS AND SELF-PAY INDIVIDUALS

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

WHEREAS, the Charge Description Master (CDM) is a fee schedule that contains the prices of all services, supplies, and procedures for all medical services provided at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC). Pursuant to government regulations and SMMC's commitment to price transparency, SMMC posts its CDM on its website and with the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development; and

WHEREAS, SMMC charges the same price to all patients regardless of insurance program or coverage. The charges, however, do not reflect the actual amounts SMMC receives because each insurance program (e.g. Medicare, Medi-Cal, Blue Cross, etc.) has established or negotiated rates they will pay for services; and

WHEREAS, SMMC conducted a charge analysis and found that SMMC's current room rates are 45% lower as compared with the average room rate for three County public hospitals in the area; and

WHEREAS, this Board concludes that rates listed in SMMC's CDM should be increased for this fiscal year and going forward; and

WHEREAS, this Board further concludes that the Chief of San Mateo County Health should be vested with the authority to approve additional increases in rates as she may determine are appropriate; and

WHEREAS, this Board further concludes that the Chief of San Mateo County Health also should be vested with the authority to negotiate discounts with non-state, non-federal, non-contracted third-party insurance carriers and self-pay individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the CDM rates for SMMC be hereby increased for this fiscal year and going forward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of San Mateo County Health or her designee is hereby authorized to increase rates on the SMMC CDM by up to six percent annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of San Mateo County Health or her designee is hereby authorized to negotiate discounts with non-federal, non-state, non-contracted third-party health care insurance carriers and self-pay individuals.

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