



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



**Date:** February 1, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** February 26, 2013  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors, acting as the Governing Board of the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority of the County of San Mateo  
**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 In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority adopt a Resolution authorizing an increase in the Public Authority rate and 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 to 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 \$13.82 per hour and includes an IP wage of \$11.50, payroll taxes of \$1.15, health benefits of \$0.70, non-health related benefits of \$0.28 and administrative costs of \$0.19.

On November 6, 2012, your Board approved Resolution 72245 authorizing an amendment to the group agreement with the Health Plan of San Mateo increasing the individual monthly health insurance premium from \$195.31 to \$303.00 effective July 1, 2012. Due to this increase, the PA is requesting a rate of \$0.97 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 \$14.09.

**DISCUSSION:**

In order to approve this new PA rate, California Department of Social Services (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.

The PA rate increase contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Health 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 their living situation has improved as a result of IHSS services.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2011-12 Actual	FY 2012-13 Projected
Percentage of consumers indicating their quality of living situation has improved as a result of services received through the Public Authority	98%	96%

The FY 2011-12 performance exceeded the division's expectations.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Adoption of this Resolution will allow the PA to continue to receive State and federal reimbursements for all aspects of the PA for IHSS. The estimated total County share of the IHSS PA for FY 2012-13 is \$11,736,103; which is 18.67% of the total cost of the program. That amount is included in the IHSS Public Authority FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget. There is no additional Net County Cost as a result of the approval of this Resolution.