

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 BY: A)
INCREASING THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE GRANT TO THE SAME LEVEL AS THE
CALWORKS GRANT, CONSISTENT WITH THE STATUTORY FORMULA; AND B)
AUTHORIZING THE MAXIMUM GRANT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY
INCOME (SSI) BOARD AND CARE RATE FOR THOSE GENERAL ASSISTANCE
RECIPIENTS WHO RESIDE IN BOARD AND CARE FACILITIES PENDING SSI
APPROVAL**

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

WHEREAS, state law requires counties to provide support for indigent county residents who do not qualify for other financial assistance, and counties meet this requirement by providing financial assistance through the General Assistance (GA) program; and

WHEREAS, the County's GA program provides financial assistance to individuals who have no minor children and whose income and property do not exceed certain limits by providing such individuals with vouchers for essential services and a minimal cash grant; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, the County of San Mateo adopted a GA standard of aid pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 17000.5 based on a statutory formula that is tied to the State CalWORKs grant levels; and

WHEREAS, since 1993, the maximum grant level of the current California SSI board and care rate has been provided to those GA recipients that meet the criteria according to the GA guidelines and whose applications for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are pending; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.30.050 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, the Human Services Agency is responsible for proposing changes to the rules and regulations concerning policies and procedures for GA program administration to the Board of Supervisors for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Agency recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve modifications to the County's rules and regulations for General Assistance program administration by: A) increasing the General Assistance grant to the same level as the CalWORKs grant, consistent with the statutory formula; and B) authorizing the maximum grant of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) board and care rate for those General Assistance recipients who reside in board and care facilities pending SSI approval.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the President of this Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized and directed to approve the following modifications to the rules and regulations concerning General Assistance administration:

- A. Increasing the General Assistance grant to the same level as the CalWORKs grant, consistent with the statutory formula; and
- B. Authorizing the maximum grant of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) board and care rate for those General Assistance recipients who reside in board and care facilities pending SSI approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the President of this Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized and directed to approve the General Assistance standard of aid to be adjusted as follows:

Retroactively effective October 1, 2016:

- From \$350 to \$355 for individuals who live alone, in shared housing, or who are homeless.
- From \$306 to \$310 for individuals residing in a Drug & Alcohol treatment

facility.

- From \$413 to \$419 for individuals residing in a Board & Care facility.

Retroactively effective January 1, 2017:

- From \$1,145 to \$1,158 for individuals residing in a Board & Care facility pending SSI approval.

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