



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: February 10, 2017
Board Meeting Date: April 11, 2017
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise F. Rogers, Chief, Health System
Cassius Lockett, Director, Public Health, Policy and Planning

Subject: Public Health, Policy and Planning Fee Schedule Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution updating the Public Health, Policy and Planning Fee Schedule effective November 16, 2016.

BACKGROUND:

The San Mateo County Public Health, Policy and Planning Fee Schedule (Fee Schedule) includes fee-based services for Medical Marijuana Identification Cards (MMICs) charged by the Office of Vital Statistics (VS).

On June 21, 2016, your Board approved Public Health, Policy and Planning's (PHPP) request to adopt the updated Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2016.

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) established the statewide MMIC registry program for qualified patients and their primary caregivers in response to California Senate Bill 420. Applicants apply for the card through the health department in the county where they reside. VS began participating in the MMIC program in 2006. Historically, the fees charged have been determined by the California Department of Health's Medical Marijuana Program, as well as costs incurred by the County for administering the program.

DISCUSSION:

CDPH recently informed PHPP of changes to the Medical Marijuana Program. The passage of Proposition 64, also known as the "Adult Use of Marijuana Act," removed language authorizing CDPH to collect fees from counties to support program operational costs. However, California Health and Safety Code Section 11362.755 states that each county health department may still charge a fee for all costs incurred by the county for administering the MMIC program, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).

VS' existing MMIC fee is \$154 for patient or caregiver and \$77 for Medi-Cal patients. PHPP is requesting to amend the existing fees to \$100 for an MMIC for patient or caregiver and \$50 for Medi-Cal patients to cover costs incurred by the county. Although PHPP expects a decrease in the number of MMICs requested by persons age 21 and over due to passage of Proposition 64, MMICs will still be needed by residents under the age of 21, since Proposition 64 does not apply to these individuals. In addition, persons over the age of 21 may still choose to use MMICs, since medical marijuana is not subject to local sales tax.

As a result of these changes, effective November 2016, it is anticipated that approximately 56 people will need to be refunded because they were charged the previous amount.

There are no other changes to PHPP's fee schedule.

The resolution has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. This request to your Board is late due to delayed notification from CDPH.

Approval of this resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by ensuring that people under the age of 21 will continue to have access to an MMIC. It is anticipated that 30 cards will be issued in the next fiscal year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2016-17 Estimated	FY 2017-18 Projected
Number of MMIC cards issued	170	30

FISCAL IMPACT:

The changes to the PHPP fees are expected to generate refunds amounting up to \$4,000. PHPP has planned for this change and will accommodate it within their FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget. There is no Net County Cost associated with the approval of this revised fee schedule.