

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO MODIFY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE (GA) PROGRAM BY INCREASING: A) THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE GRANT TO THE SAME LEVEL AS THE CALWORKS GRANT, CONSISTENT WITH THE STATUTORY FORMULA, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2019; AND B) 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 FROM \$1,173 PER MONTH TO \$1,194 PER MONTH, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

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 residents who do not qualify for other financial assistance, and such support requirement is satisfied by counties through the provision of a 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, since 1993, the County has chosen to set GA grant levels according to a statutory formula which requires GA to be based on and subject to the same annual adjustments as CalWORKs grant levels; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Social Services (DSS) has advised counties that effective April 1, 2019, the maximum aid payment to CalWORKs families will increase by approximately ten percent (10%); and

WHEREAS, since 1993 for those recipients who meet the criteria according to the GA guidelines, the maximum grant level of the current California Supplemental Security Income (SSI) board and care rate has been allowed in order to provide recipients with the living situation which best suits their needs; and

WHEREAS, DSS has advised counties that effective January 1, 2019, the SSI board and care rate increased from \$1,173 per month to \$1,194 per month; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.30.050 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, the Director of the Human Services Agency (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; and

WHEREAS, HSA recommends that the Board approve modifications to the County's rules and regulations to the GA program by increasing: A) the GA standard of aid grant to the same level as the CalWORKs grant, consistent with the statutory formula, effective April 1, 2019; and B) the maximum grant of the SSI board and care rate for those GA recipients who reside in board and care facilities pending SSI approval from \$1,173 per month to \$1,194 per month, effective January 1, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the GA standard of aid shall be adjusted as follows:

Effective April 1, 2019

- From \$355 to \$391 for individuals who live alone, in shared housing, or who are homeless.
- From \$310 to \$341 for individuals residing in a Drug & Alcohol treatment facility.
- From \$419 to \$461 for individuals residing in a Board & Care facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the GA SSI board and care rate be adjusted as follows:

Effective January 1, 2019

- From \$1,173 to \$1,194 for individuals residing in a board and care facility pending SSI approval.

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