

**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NO. 15-8**

**DETERMINING THAT THE CLOSURE OF 32 SKILLED NURSING FACILITY BEDS AT ST. MARY'S
MEDICAL CENTER WILL/WILL NOT HAVE A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON HEALTH CARE SERVICES
IN THE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, St. Mary's Medical Center, a non-profit hospital and member of Dignity Health, is an acute care hospital in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's is currently licensed to operate 32 skilled nursing facility (SNF) beds though currently maintains approximately 6 staffed beds; and

WHEREAS, on March 16th, 2015, in compliance with the Community Health Care Planning Ordinance (Proposition Q), St. Mary's notified the Health Commission that it plans to close its Skilled Nursing Unit, eliminating all SNF services on the campus; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's has cited shifts in health care reimbursement for hospital-based programs, and substantial and prolonged financial losses of the Skilled Nursing Unit as reasons for closure; and

WHEREAS, The number of hospital-based SNF beds in San Francisco has fallen by 27 percent since 2002; and

WHEREAS, Data from the Health Care Services Master Plan indicates that despite a focus on increasing community-based options for long-term care, there may be an increased need for SNF beds in San Francisco in the future, specifically:

- Population trends show that San Francisco residents are older than California residents overall and that the population over 75 is expected to increase by almost two-thirds over the next two decades;
- San Francisco's ratio of long-term care beds to the population is lower than that of the state while the long-term care bed occupancy rate is higher;
- The 2012 Assessment of the Needs of San Francisco Seniors and Adults with Disabilities conducted by the Department of Aging and Adult Services notes that the current trend in SNF care is the conversion of long-term care to short-term rehabilitation, reducing the availability of long-term care beds; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Proposition Q, the San Francisco Health Commission held a public hearing on May 5, 2015, regarding the closure of SNF beds at St. Mary's Medical Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the closure of 32 skilled nursing facility beds at St. Mary's Medical Center will/will not have a detrimental impact on the health care services in the community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission encourages St. Mary's to work with SFPDH and other stakeholders to address the citywide need for SNF beds in San Francisco.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of May 19, 2015 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission