

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 033-85

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CALSTAR TO TRANSPORT CRITICALLY ILL AND INJURED PATIENTS TO SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL BY HELICOPTER.

WHEREAS, The CALSTAR (California Shock/Trauma Air Rescue) program is a non-profit benefit corporation providing advanced life support helicopter medical services to the greater Bay Area community; and

WHEREAS, CALSTAR'S purpose is to significantly decrease the time between injury and admission of critically ill patients to appropriate medical care institutions, and

WHEREAS, The CALSTAR Program is affiliated with the University of California, a top medical research institution, and has been operational since September, 1984 with participation from other Bay Area Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the CALSTAR helicopter now lands on a pier which is owned by the San Francisco Port and which is in close proximity to San Francisco General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco General Hospital's trauma center is recognized as one of the best medical centers in the State which serves severe trauma patients from all parts of California; and

WHEREAS, Participation in the CALSTAR program would benefit residents of San Francisco in providing them with access to such services when traveling out of the county; and

WHEREAS, Participation in the Calstar Program would not result in any additional cost to the Department because nearly all patients who receive helicopter transportation have third party payment of their medical care; and

WHEREAS, No membership fee would be charged for participation in the program, and

WHEREAS, Participation in the Calstar Program would be contingent on an inter-county agreement to receive funding for all uncompensated cases who are residents of another county; now be it

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission authorizes the Department of Health to participate in the CALSTAR Program to provide patients with quicker access to the trauma center at San Francisco General Hospital; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Health Commission requests that the Director of Health secure an inter-county agreement to receive reimbursement for medical services provided to uncompensated out-of-county residents, and that participation in the program be contingent on such an agreement.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission
at its meeting of August 6, 1985*


Secretary