

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 61-86

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO APPLY FOR STATE LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION TO PROVIDE AND RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the department now does not directly provide home health care services to its patients; and

WHEREAS, some patients of San Francisco General Hospital remain in the hospital longer than necessary or are discharged without necessary follow-up care because home health care is not available through existing resources; and

WHEREAS, public health nurses within the Health Department have the capability to provide such care through the existing pool of nurses now assigned to public health nursing; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed program, patients from San Francisco General Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital would be referred to public health nurses to provide nursing care and to determine the amount of health care services needed including home health aide services, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, and medical social work services; and

WHEREAS, The department could be reimbursed for providing home health care services from the State if the department was licensed and certified to provide this service; and

WHEREAS, the department requests authorization to apply for licensure and certification from the State in order to provide home care services to patients discharged from San Francisco General Hospital; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Health Commission authorizes the Department of Health to apply for and accept licensure and certification as a home health agency; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That it is the Commission's policy that no new on-going costs other than start-up costs be incurred in providing home health care unless specifically presented and approved by the Health Commission.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission
at its meeting of February 4, 1986*


Secretary