

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 073-86

RESOLUTION OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION DECLARING ITS OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO MEDI-CAL REGULATIONS DEFINING SUB-ACUTE LEVEL OF MEDI-CAL REIMBURSED SERVICES.

Whereas, the State Department of Health has proposed changes in the State regulations governing the Medi-Cal reimbursement which would create a sub-acute level of patient care; and

Whereas, the proposed changes to the regulations define sub-acute care in terms of specific clinical protocols and specific staffing requirements; and

Whereas, the staff of San Francisco General have surveyed the patients based on the proposed definitions and found that the proposed State definition of sub-acute care would lower the classification of some patients who are now classified as acute care patients; and

Whereas, if the proposed changes to the definition of sub-acute are enacted, approximately fifteen percent of the acute patients would be classified as sub-acute which would significantly reduce the Medi-Cal reimbursement provided given the level of care required for the patient; and

Whereas, the proposed regulations fail to provide for reimbursement for extended care services which was discontinued pending the revision of the Medi-Cal regulations because the staffing levels set forth in the proposed regulations are greater than the reimbursement scheduled will cover; and

Whereas, the proposed clinic protocols used to define sub-acute care are not appropriate given the type of care required for the patients seen by the City and County of San Francisco institutions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Health Commission declares its opposition to the clinical definition of sub-acute care and related staffing requirements as proposed by the State Medi-Cal guideline amendments; and be it further

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Health Commission will notify the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors of the Health Commission's opposition to the clinical definitions to sub-acute care and of the department's intent to request reconsideration to the proposed definition.

PRESIDENT

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of August 19th, 1986


Secretary