

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
079-87
RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION DECLARING IT THE INTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ACCEPT ALL PATIENTS AT SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TO END THE PRACTICE OF DIVERTING PATIENTS TO OTHER HOSPITALS.

Whereas, the mission of the Department of Public Health is to provide health services to the citizens of San Francisco, particularly those unable to pay; and

Whereas, the increasing burden of acute inpatient care, including care of Medically Indigent Adults, medical beneficiaries and individuals without any source of payment at San Francisco General Hospital coupled with the shortages of nurses in intensive care units, have at times resulted in the unavailability of beds at the Hospital and thus necessitated the diversion of ambulance transported patients to private hospitals in San Francisco; and

Whereas, when SFGH is on diversion, patients are brought to other hospitals for emergency care; and

Whereas, it is the policy that San Francisco General will accept all stable MIA patient transfers from other hospitals; and

RESOLVED: That it is the policy of the Health Commission that San Francisco General Hospital will immediately reduce and strive to eliminate the diversion of patients to other hospitals in 1987 and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED That the Health Commission instructs the Department to present a plan within 60 days to guide the transfer of patients during periods of diversion on the part of all hospitals participating in the Ambulance Destination Policy.

PRESIDENT

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission
at its meeting of _____*

Secretary