

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 080-87

RESOLUTION OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION DECLARING IT THE POLICY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH THAT STATE FUNDING FOR THE CARE OF MEDICALLY INDIGENT ADULTS (MIAS) BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ITS CONTRACT AGENCIES.

Whereas, in 1983, the State shifted responsibility for providing medical services to medically indigent adults from the State to the counties and allocated funding to the counties at 70% of the projected State cost to provide these services; and

Whereas, Section 17000 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code mandates that county governments are legally and financially responsible for the health care needs of indigent residents; and

Whereas, San Francisco General Hospital received \$25.6 million in State MIA funds for FY 1985-86, while spending \$34 million to provide care to the medically indigent resulting in a deficit of \$8.4 million that was covered by County general funds; and

Whereas, \$28.6 million of the MIA expenditures in FY 1984-85 were for services provided at San Francisco General Hospital incurring a deficit of \$7 million in inpatient services; and

Whereas, in 1984, County Hospitals accounted for 11% of hospital beds in California and provided 61% of all uncompensated care provided by hospitals in San Francisco County; and

Whereas, during Fiscal Year 1983-84, San Francisco General Hospital provided 62% of all bad debt/charity care in San Francisco and the number of MIA inpatient days at SFGH has increased by 64% since Fiscal Year 1983-84; and

Whereas, several agencies under contract with the Department of Health provide services to Medically Indigent Adults; and

Whereas, it is the mission of the Department of Public Health to serve as the provider of last resort for those San Francisco residents who cannot afford health care and State funding for such health care is inadequate to meet the needs; and

Whereas, the Health Department will develop an educational campaign to instruct indigent patients in the proper use of the County's M.I.A. health care delivery system; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Health Commission declares it the policy that all State funding for the care of Medically Indigent Adults continue to be allocated to the Department of Public Health and, at the discretion of the Department of Public Health, to other agencies designated by the Department of Health for tertiary care services not available at San Francisco General Hospital, for Medical/Surgical patient overflow from San Francisco General Hospital, for mental health services, and for primary care services to reduce the need for expensive inpatient or emergency room care.

PRESIDENT

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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

Secretary