

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

138-89

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING A SLIDING SCALE AND BILLING FEE POLICY
FOR SFGH AND DISTRICT HEATH CENTERS**

WHEREAS, changes in Federal and State regulations have made it possible for the Department of Health to standardize department policies on determining appropriate sources of revenues; and,

WHEREAS, there are a number of patients currently receiving free medical care based on questionable statements of income; and,

WHEREAS, the considerations that have shaped this policy include equity for all groups of patients, access to care, need to improve collections, community concerns, ability to control inappropriate utilization, policies of neighboring counties, consideration of current billing systems, and ease of implementation; and,

WHEREAS, the sliding scale fee structure includes Inpatient/Come-and-Go procedures and Outpatient and Emergency Room visits using specific criteria, such as San Francisco residency, assets and property within Medi-Cal/MIA limits, income verification, and cooperation in obtaining third-party reimbursement; and,

WHEREAS, eligible patients include MIA patients, patients on Medi-Cal with a share of cost, newly-legalized aliens and aliens permanently residing under color of law, undocumented aliens, patients with insurance or other coverage that does not cover the entire bill, and patients who might be linked to Medi-Cal but would have a share of cost exceeding estimated charges resulting in no reimbursement from Medi-Cal; and

WHEREAS, there will be exclusions from the sliding scale, such as persons on valid tourist or business visas, Maternity Package patients, therapeutic abortions, patients receiving psychiatric services, and non-medically necessary covered and cosmetic procedures; and,

WHEREAS, advantages of this fee policy includes encouragement for patient payment, considers access to care, and is compatible with existing billing; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission approve the attached sliding scale and billing fee policy for San Francisco General Hospital and the District Health Centers to be effective immediately for Fiscal Year 1988-89.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of February 21, 1989.



Sandy Ouye Mori

Secretary to the Health Commission