

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 16-93

RESOLUTION ON SLIDING FEE SCALE POLICY

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Health Commission approved a "Sliding Fee Scale" policy for San Francisco General Hospital in 1988 that established guidelines for a program for patients who, after thorough eligibility screening, are found to have no sponsorship and are indigent, or have limited income and would, otherwise, be unable to pay the full costs for their medical services; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health is developing procedures to standardize eligibility policies at the Community Public Health Clinics and San Francisco General Hospital; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health has developed updated and revised sliding fee scales based upon income and family size for San Francisco Hospital's Outpatient Clinic Services, Emergency Department Services, Ambulatory Surgery, Special Procedures, Scheduled Inpatient Admissions; and Community Public Health Clinics; and,


WHEREAS, any and all fees may be waived upon a determination of severe financial hardship and that no urgent/emergency services will be denied because of inability to pay; and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed that only residents of the City and County of San Francisco are eligible for sliding scale programs; and,

WHEREAS, patients who are eligible for Medi-Cal, sponsored by other third party or any other coverage are required to utilize these benefit programs before being considered for sliding fee scale programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission adopts and approves the revised sliding fee scales and program guidelines and authorizes the Director of Public Health to direct responsible staff to ensure that the programs are uniformly applied at all appropriate service sites.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, May 4, 1993.



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Executive Secretary to
the Health Commission