

**HEALTH COMMISSION**

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 17-93

**RESOLUTION ON THE POLICY OF UNSPONSORED,  
NONRESIDENT PATIENTS OF SAN FRANCISCO**

WHEREAS, it is recognized that many nonresidents of the City and County of San Francisco voluntarily seek medical care of an elective nature at Department of Health clinics and frequently expect and demand care be rendered at reduces fees or no fees; and,

WHEREAS, members of health maintenance organizations and contracted health plans also, voluntarily, seek nonemergency medical services at these clinics, even though their plans will not reimburse the clinics for "out of plan" services without prior authorization; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health is charged with the responsibility of providing care to all residents of the City and County of San Francisco without regard for the ability to pay for these services; and,

WHEREAS, the diminishing availability of funds to render care to the residents of the City and County of San Francisco requires the Department of Public Health to establish policies which allow for the referral of un-sponsored, nonresidents back to their own counties, states, countries and contracted health facilities for nonemergency medical treatment; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health has developed a policy and guidelines to facilitate the referral of nonemergency, un-sponsored residents of other counties, states, countries and enrollees of selected health maintenance organizations and insurance plans, and;

WHEREAS, all patients seeking care will be afforded a clinical evaluation of the immediate or urgent need for care prior to a referral being made. Additionally, all patients will be financially screened for any potential sponsorship or ability to pay for services prior to a referral being made; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission adopts the policy of un-sponsored, nonresidents and authorizes the Department of Public Health to implement this policy and establish guidelines at all Department of Public Health service sites as appropriate and authorizes the Director of Public Health to direct all responsible staff to ensure that the policy is uniformly applied.

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