

HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NO. 52-94

**ENDORING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INPATIENT COMPONENT OF A MEDI-CAL
MANAGED MENTAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN SAN FRANCISCO**

WHEREAS, The State Department of Health Services is committed to expanding managed care within the Medi-Cal program as a means of improving beneficiary access to quality, cost effective preventive and primary health care services, consistent with directions from the Legislature and the Governor, as embodied in Senate Bill 485 and Assembly Bill 757; and,

WHEREAS, The State's plan specifies that the most effective system of the delivery of Medi-Cal mental health services will be through mental health programs administered by county mental health departments, thus carving these services out of the models for physical health care, and consolidating the two existing Medi-Cal funding streams into a single county-run system; and,

WHEREAS, The State's plan will be implemented in phases, beginning with the consolidation of the State funding for inpatient Medi-Cal mental health services at the county level January 1, 1995, and ending with the implementation of full capitated funding for mental health services through managed care contracts with the counties by July 1, 1997; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Health Commission adopted Resolution #15-94 on March 15, 1994, and the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #551-94 on July 7, 1994, Endorsing the Development of a Managed Mental Health Care System in San Francisco, stating the County's willingness to assume responsibility for the provision of Medi-Cal Managed Care Mental Health Services and accept the transfer of funding from the State for the provision of those services; and,

WHEREAS, The State has set the formula for the amount of counties' allocations for fiscal year 1994-95 in Assembly Bill 757 amending the Welfare and Institutions Code, and San Francisco will receive 3.2 percent of the total funds or \$1,835,119 State General Fund for the period between January 1, 1995 and June 30, 1995; and,

WHEREAS, This allocation will be used to match an additional \$1,835,119 in Federal Medi-Cal dollars for services provided to the Medi-Cal population for a maximum projected funding availability of \$3,670,238; and,

WHEREAS, The State's methodology for determining future payment methodologies and capitation rates will include actual utilization of total Medi-Cal dollars, will be determined in consultation with a statewide organization representing counties; and,

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WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to protecting public mental health services and safety net services for the indigent mentally ill in San Francisco County; and,

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is at risk for the many high cost services used by individuals with mental illness if timely, effective and coordinated treatment is not provided; and,

WHEREAS, The County Department of Public Health, Division of Mental Health Services, is committed to building partnerships with traditional, safety net, and private providers in order to establish a comprehensive system of care; and,

WHEREAS, The County would assume even greater risk if it did not elect to become the provider of all Medi-Cal mental health services as it would lose the ability to manage the resources and services directly; now, therefore; be it

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission supports the efforts of the Department of Public Health Division of Mental Health Services to participate in Medi-Cal Managed Mental Health Care; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission urges the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to adopt a resolution indicating the following:

1. The City and County of San Francisco authorizes the Department of Public Health, Division of Mental Health, to assume the administration of Medi-Cal mental health services for authorization and payment of the State Medi-Cal match for all medically necessary psychiatric inpatient hospital services for eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries from San Francisco; and,
2. The allocation of State funds is payment in full from the State for these services except for small counties as described in the State's Emergency Regulations, and;
3. The City and County of San Francisco has a public planning process which includes traditional hospital providers and safety net providers, consumers and other stakeholders; and,
4. The City and County of San Francisco agrees to submit an addendum to the Quality Management Plan in compliance with standards in the State's Emergency Regulations; and,

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5. The mental health plan for the City and County of San Francisco shall continue in operation unless either party cancels after giving 180 days notice or the department terminates immediately in response to a threat to the health and safety of Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, November 15, 1994.



Sandy Ouye Mori
Executive Secretary to
the Health Commission