

HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NO. 1-95

**SUPPORTING A POLICY TO INCREASE FEES
FOR HEALTH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health provides primary care and dental services to uninsured patients at ten community-based clinics, and dental services at six community-based clinics; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health provides primary and in-patient care at the San Francisco General Hospital; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health's mission is to ensure that unsponsored patients have access to medical services; and,

WHEREAS, current billing is based on a sliding scale fee schedule ranging from \$0 to a bottom rate of \$5 for General Assistance and other populations who are unable to pay at the community clinics for medical and dental care; \$20 for out-patient at San Francisco; and \$100 for inpatient, ambulatory and special procedures at San Francisco General Hospital, for those patients who are able to pay a portion of their bill; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fee increase would add \$5 to the bottom sliding scale rate and would add \$5 to subsequent fee schedule increments; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed fee increase would not apply to persons who currently have a zero pay liability; and,

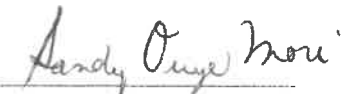
WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health is facing a projected deficit of \$35 million for fiscal year 1995-96 which it will need to find non-general funds to close; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed fee increase would bring projected additional revenues of \$200,000 at Community Health Services and \$500,000 at San Francisco General Hospital; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the Health Commission supports a policy which would allow the Department of Public Health to increase fees for primary care services which would assist the Department in closing its \$35 million budget shortfall; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission continues to support the policy that the Department would not deny medical services to anyone based on inability to pay.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, January 31, 1995



Sandy Ouye Mori
Executive Secretary to
the Health Commission