

HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NO. 13-96

**INCORPORATING DENTAL SERVICES AS A MEDICAL SPECIALTY
IN THE COUNTY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

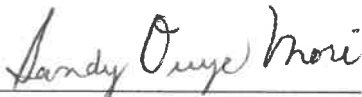
- WHEREAS, the San Francisco Health Commission has previously approved Resolutions #31-95, “Adopting a Department of Public Health Sliding Fee Scale Policy”, and #8-96, “Adopting a Department of Public Health Fee Scale for Targeted Case Management Services”, enacting sliding fee scales and program guidelines to standardize eligibility policies at Community Public Health Services and San Francisco General Hospital; and,
- WHEREAS, the County Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) scale was adopted to be used by the Community Public Health Services and San Francisco General Hospital for community-based and hospital primary care and out-patient care services; and,
- WHEREAS, the County Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) creates one uniform sliding fee scale 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 desires to create one network of community-based and hospital based primary care and outpatient services; and,
- WHEREAS, the Department proposes that dental services be incorporated within the County Medical Assistance Program as a medical specialty;
- WHEREAS, the County Medical Assistance Program scale would include and apply dental patients who fall at or above 120% of the federal poverty level, the lowest income level where patients are assessed a share of costs; and,
- WHEREAS, the Department proposes that dental patients treated in primary care clinics both within Community Public Health Services and the San Francisco General Hospital adopt a \$25.00 per month minimum share of cost for dental services that would be assessed to all patients with a share of cost liability; and,
- WHEREAS, it is deemed that only residents of the City and County of San Francisco are eligible for sliding fee scale participation; and,
- WHEREAS, any and all fees may be waived upon determination of severe financial hardships, and that no medically necessary services will be denied because of inability to pay; and,

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WHEREAS, dental patients who are eligible for Denti-Cal, sponsored by other third party or any other coverage are required to utilize these benefits programs before being considered by CMAP Sliding Fee Scales, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission adopts and approves the incorporation of dental services as a medical specialty in the County Medical Assistance Program and authorizes the Director of Health to direct responsible staff to ensure that the County Medical Assistance Program scale is uniformly applied at all dental service sites.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 1996.



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Executive Secretary to
the Health Commission