

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. _____

**APPROVING THE HEALTHY SAN FRANCISCO
PARTICIPANT FEE AND POINT-OF-SERVICE FEE STRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, in August 2006, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted the Health Care Security Ordinance (No. 218-06; Chapter 14 of the San Francisco Administrative Code) creating the Health Access Program and in April 2007 the name of the Health Access Program was changed to “*Healthy San Francisco: Our Health Access Program*” (HSF); and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (Department) is responsible for the design, planning, development, implementation and ongoing oversight of HSF and the Medical Reimbursement Account provision; and,

WHEREAS, the Department has developed a fee structure for HSF that encompasses a participation fee and a point-of-service fee; and,

WHEREAS, the participation fee is a quarterly amount that participants in HSF must pay to remain eligible for care under the program and the point-of-service fees are amount(s) a participant must pay for specific services at the time services are obtained; and,

WHEREAS, the fee structure recognizes that affordability impacts access and thus takes a participant’s annual income (based on the Federal Poverty Level) into account; and,

WHEREAS, the fee structure provides a subsidy to eligible participants seeking care such that the program participant is not responsible for paying the full cost of the care received;

WHEREAS, while the fee structure would replace the current Sliding Scale Fee Schedule for services offered under HSF, the Department would maintain the Sliding Scale Fee Schedule for those not participating in HSF and for services provided by the Department, but not under the program (e.g., dental); and,

WHEREAS, the point-of-services fees assessed by San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium member clinics participating in HSF may differ from the point-of-service fees outlined in the Healthy San Francisco Participant Fee and Point-of-Service Fee Structure; and,

WHEREAS, independent analysis found that, on average, HSF participants would pay 2.2% of their income on fees (both participant and point-of-service); and,

WHEREAS, the Department will periodically review the fee structure to ensure that it is not an impediment to receiving services and seek adjustments if it is determined to limit access to care; and,

WHEREAS, the fee structure, once adopted, will be made available to the public in program materials, and on both the Department’s and HSF websites; and therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission approves adoption of the Healthy San Francisco Participant Fee and Point-of-Service Fee Structure.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of July 17, 2007 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Michele Seaton
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission