

HEALTH COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution No. 12-12

**APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING HEALTHY
SAN FRANCISCO AND MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT PROVISIONS OF THE
SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH CARE SECURITY ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, in August 2006, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted the Health Care Security Ordinance (No. 218-06) creating the Health Access Program and in April 2007 approved amended the Ordinance by authorizing establishment and maintenance of Medical Reimbursement Accounts (No. 69-07); and,

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 14, Section 14.4 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, the Department is responsible for developing regulations to govern the Healthy San Francisco and Medical Reimbursement Account provision authorized in the San Francisco Health Care Security Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Health Commission adopted regulations (Resolution No. 12-07) that cover program definitions, eligibility, fee structure, services, service provision, delivery network, covered employer participation, public information, administration and reporting; and,

WHEREAS, the regulations provide a non-exclusive list of health services that are not provided by Healthy San Francisco and this list includes sexual reassignment surgery which a transgender person may request; and,

WHEREAS, transgender individuals participating in Healthy San Francisco, with the exception of sexual reassignment and gender affirming surgeries, receive access to a range of services, including, but not limited to: patient education, prevention (communicable disease and HIV), primary care, hormone replacement therapy, behavioral health services (mental health and substance abuse) and inpatient services; and,

WHEREAS, the Department has been working with community partners to provide sexual reassignment and gender affirming surgeries to uninsured transgender persons; and,

WHEREAS, in July 2012, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution (No. 288-12) calling on the San Francisco Department of Public Health to provide medically necessary transition-related care for transgender people and to remove exclusions under the San Francisco Health Care Security Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Department is committed to providing sexual reassignment and gender affirming surgeries to transgender adult residents through the creation of a new separate program separate and apart from Healthy San Francisco that will serve this population and other eligibility uninsured adult residents; and,

WHEREAS, sexual reassignment and gender affirming surgeries for eligibility uninsured adult residents will be available through this new program and not through Healthy San Francisco, and that this will be communicated to clients;

WHEREAS, San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center will work to develop the clinical capacity and expertise to provide some sexual reassignment and gender affirming surgeries on its campus and to have gender identity dysphoria as a clinical indication for surgical procedures, it will couple this with a research component to assess the effectiveness of these surgeries and their clinical outcomes; and, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Health Commission approves amending the Regulations Implementing Healthy San Francisco and Medical Reimbursement Account Provisions of the San Francisco Health Care Security Ordinance to remove sexual reassignment surgery from the list of excluded services and modifying program materials to reflect this change; and let it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission approves the development of a new separate program to provide sexual reassignment and gender affirming surgery to eligible uninsured transgender adult residents that will not require provision of said surgeries through the Healthy San Francisco program.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of November 6, 2012 adopted the foregoing resolution.



Mark Morewitz, Executive Secretary to the Health Commission