

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING: June 14, 2011 – Consent	AGENDA NO.: 43
SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution amending Article I.d. of the Monterey County Master Fee Resolution effective July 1, 2011, to adjust certain fees related to the Health Department's Clinic Services Bureau pursuant to the attached Fee Schedule.	
DEPARTMENT: Health – Clinic Services Bureau	

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:
Adopt a Resolution amending Article I.d. of the Monterey County Master Fee Resolution effective July 1, 2011, to adjust certain fees related to the Health Department's Clinic Services Bureau.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

Periodically, the Health Department Clinic Services Bureau reviews its fee schedule to ensure its appropriateness, and to ensure that it accurately reflects the costs of services provided. On April 14, 2009, your Board approved the Health Department's recommendation to amend specific fees and charges applicable to the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) clinics. The Clinic Services Bureau has updated its schedule to be in synchronization with either the Medicare or Medi-Cal fee schedules applicable to Federally Qualified Health Care Center (FQHC) clinics as appropriate.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

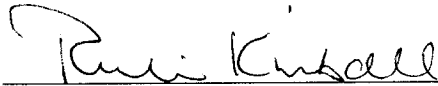
County Counsel has reviewed the proposed schedule of fees and charges. A copy of the fee schedule is on file with Clerk of the Board showing current and proposed fees, along with additional calculations documenting the recommended fees.

FINANCING

The recommended fee adjustments are intended to capture no more than the reasonable costs associated with the provision of services, and do not exceed the actual costs of providing these services. All patients under the 200% Federal Poverty Level can apply for reduced service costs as approved by FQHC regulations. The reduction in income to fully cover medical service costs are paid via FQHC prospective payment rates and general fund contributions, and do not result in increased costs to other payors. Currently, all patients visiting the Clinic Services Bureau's clinics are pre-screened for eligibility into State and Federal programs to ensure that all patients eligible for a third party payor source are enrolled in appropriate programs in an effort to reduce General Fund Contribution.

The fee schedule adjustment is needed to ensure that fees accurately represent, but not exceed, the cost to the County for the services and benefits provided to Clinic Services Bureau patrons. The proposed fees help assure that the Health Department remains within budgeted General Fund Contribution, while still not exceeding the actual cost of services. It is estimated that the fee schedule adjustments will realize increased revenues for FY 2011-12 of approximately \$12,000.

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6-2-11

Date

Approved by:



Ray Bullick, Director of Health

6/2/11

Date

Attachments:

A copy of the proposed Article I.d. fee schedule is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

A copy of the Clinic Services fee schedule calculations is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

cc: County Counsel
Auditor-Controller