



DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.

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Marin County Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Division of Mental Health and Substance Use Services request to adopt a Resolution to revise the Schedule of Charge Rates for community mental health system of care services for FY 12/13

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Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize President to adopt a Resolution revising the rate/charge schedule for the community mental health system of care treatment services for FY 2012-2013 provided by the Division of Mental Health and Substance Use Services (MHSUS).

SUMMARY: A fee study was conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services MHSUS, which indicates that the current charge rates for mental health services system of care are below the projected cost of services. The current rate schedule for the Division of Mental Health and Substance Use Services was approved on September 11, 2012. The proposed rate revision ensures that the Department maximizes its Medi-Cal revenues.

Note that while the average proposed increase is 26%, very few clients will actually pay these rates. The State requires that clients who are not on Medi-Cal or another insurance program be charged on a State-established sliding fee schedule, based on income, family size, and other factors which determine a client's ability to pay. We base our rates on the latest mental health cost report, adjusted by 3% increase each fiscal year.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: This increase will allow us to maximize potential revenue from third party payers. There is no increase in net county cost associated with this request.

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Sincerely,

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