

June 24, 2008

Marin County Board of Supervisors  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**SUBJECT:** Division of Community Mental Health Services request to adopt a Resolution revising the Rate/Charge Schedule for FY 2008-2009 for an increase of 3%.

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize President to adopt a Resolution revising the rate/charge schedule for the Division of Community Mental Health Services treatment services for FY 2008-2009.

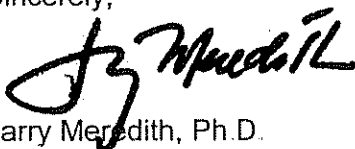
**SUMMARY:** A fee study was conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Community Mental Health (CMH) which indicates that the current rates charged for CMH services is below the actual cost of services. The current rate schedule for the Division of Community Mental Health Services was approved July 24, 2007. It is necessary to revise our rates to permit the CMH to recover its costs up to the maximum amount permitted by and consistent with authorized State reimbursement. The increase is 3% but very few payers will be asked to pay these rates. The actual financial liability for most patients is much lower than these rates. The State requires that clients be charged on a sliding fee schedule established by the State of California, Department of Mental Health, based on income, family size, and other factors which determine a client's ability to pay. We base our rates on the maximum reimbursement rates allowed for Medi-Cal mental health services as published by the State Department of Mental Health. The fee study conducted by the department shows that the requested fee increases are supported because our costs are consistent with or even exceed these published rates.

**FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT:** This increase will allow us to maximize potential revenue from third party payers.

**REVIEWED BY:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Auditor Controller	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Sincerely,



Larry Meredith, Ph.D.  
Director

Department of Health & Human Services

