

September 23, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Community Mental Health Services request to set hearing to consider adoption of a Resolution revising the Rate Schedule for the Representative Payee Program effective October 31, 2008.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION: Set hearing for October 7, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. to consider adoption of a Resolution revising the rate schedule for the Division of Community Mental Health Services–Office of the Public Guardian, Representative Payee Program.

SUMMARY: A review of the current rate schedule was conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Community Mental Health Services–Office of the Public Guardian and coordinated with NAMI. Approval of this recommendation will allow the office of the Public Guardian to apply a consistent method of fee determination and a basis for annual review and update each fiscal year, consistent with the guidelines established by the Social Security Administration. The current rate schedule for the Office of the Public Guardian was approved prior to May 1999, and is based upon a client's balance on the last day of the month. The Social Security Administration guidelines state "FFS [Fee For Service] organizations can collect the lesser of 10% of the combined Social Security and SSI monthly payment or \$35 from the beneficiaries." It is necessary to revise our rates to permit the Office of the Public Guardian to recover program costs up to the maximum amount permitted by and consistent with Social Security Administration guidelines.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: This increase will allow the Office of the Public Guardian to generate additional potential revenue to partially offset the cost of services. We do not anticipate a detrimental impact to the clients and their ability to access services with the increase in the fee schedule.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-_____
RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTING A RATE
SCHEDULE FOR REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE PROGRAM SERVICES
Effective October 31, 2008

WHEREAS, the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services has determined that the Division of Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) Office of the Public Guardian, Representative Payee Program rate schedule should be revised in order to follow the Social Security Administration guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Public Guardian's Office has conducted a review of the current rates which support the revision of the current rate schedule to accurately reflect the application of the Social Security Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, notice of time and date of the hearing was published as required by Social Security Act PL.74-271(49 Stat620) 1935 Section 206(a)(2)(A) which requires two publications with the first publication at least 10 days prior to the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors has considered all evidence, both oral and documentary, and finds that the proposed rates do not exceed the cost of providing the service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin, State of California hereby:

Authorizes the Division of Community Mental Health Services Office of the Public Guardian's Rate Schedule for the Representative Payee Program services attached hereto, as of October 31, 2008.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this 7th day of October 2008, by the following:

AYES : SUPERVISORS

NOES: SUPERVISORS

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

CLERK

RATE SCHEDULE

Resolution No. 2008-_____
Exhibit A
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Representative Payee Program Services

Account Balance:	Current Rate	Proposed Rate ((Effective October 31, 2008)
\$249.99 or less	\$0	\$0
\$250.00 - \$499.99	\$6	\$8
\$500.00 - \$749.99	\$11	\$14
\$750.00 - \$999.99	\$13	\$18
\$1000.00 - \$1249.99	\$15	\$23
\$1250.00 - \$1499.00	\$18	\$26
\$1500.00 - \$1749.99	\$21	\$29
\$1750.00 - \$1999.99	\$24	\$32
\$2000.00 or greater	\$27	\$35 maximum