

Behavioral Wellness Published Charges

June 2, 2020



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
Behavioral Wellness
A System of Care and Recovery

Background

- Published charges are fees for Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF), Crisis Stabilization, and Outpatient Mental Health Services provided to non-Medi-Cal clients.
- Almost no clients pay published charges as non-Medi-Cal clients are screened based on a State developed sliding fee schedule and pay an annual fee based on income.
- Published charges affect Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for County mental health services. Reimbursement is limited to the lowest of:
 - Actual Costs or Published Charges
- The Board of Supervisors last set Behavioral Wellness Published Charges in May 2018.



Published Charges

Service Description	Mode of Service	Service Function	Charge Rates
Hospital Inpatient: Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) General	05	10	\$2,571.47/day
PHF Administrative Day	05	19	\$2,571.47/day
Crisis Stabilization lasting less than 24 hours, to or on behalf of, a beneficiary for a condition that requires more timely response than a regularly scheduled visit. Services are delivered by providers who meet the crisis stabilization contact, site, and staffing requirements and are provided at a licensed 24-hour health care facility or hospital based outpatient program.	10	25	\$488.39/hour
Case Management Services including assisting a beneficiary to access needed medical, educational, social, prevocational, vocational, rehabilitative, or other community services.	15	01	\$6.22/minute
Mental Health Services, including individual or group therapies and interventions, designed to provide reduction of mental disability and restoration, improvement or maintenance of functioning consistent with the goals of learning, development, independent living and enhanced self-sufficiency and that are not provided as a component of adult residential services, crisis residential treatment services, crisis intervention, crisis stabilization, day rehabilitation, or day treatment intensive.	15	10-19/ 30-59	\$8.03/minute
Medication Support Services including prescribing, administering, dispensing and monitoring of psychiatric medications or biologicals that are necessary to alleviate the symptoms of mental illness.	15	60-69	\$14.81/minute
Crisis Intervention Services, such as assessment, collateral, and therapy, lasting less than 24 hours, to or on behalf of, a beneficiary for a condition that requires more timely response than a regularly scheduled visit and can be provided anywhere in the community	15	70-79	\$11.92/minute



Recommendations

On June 2, 2020:

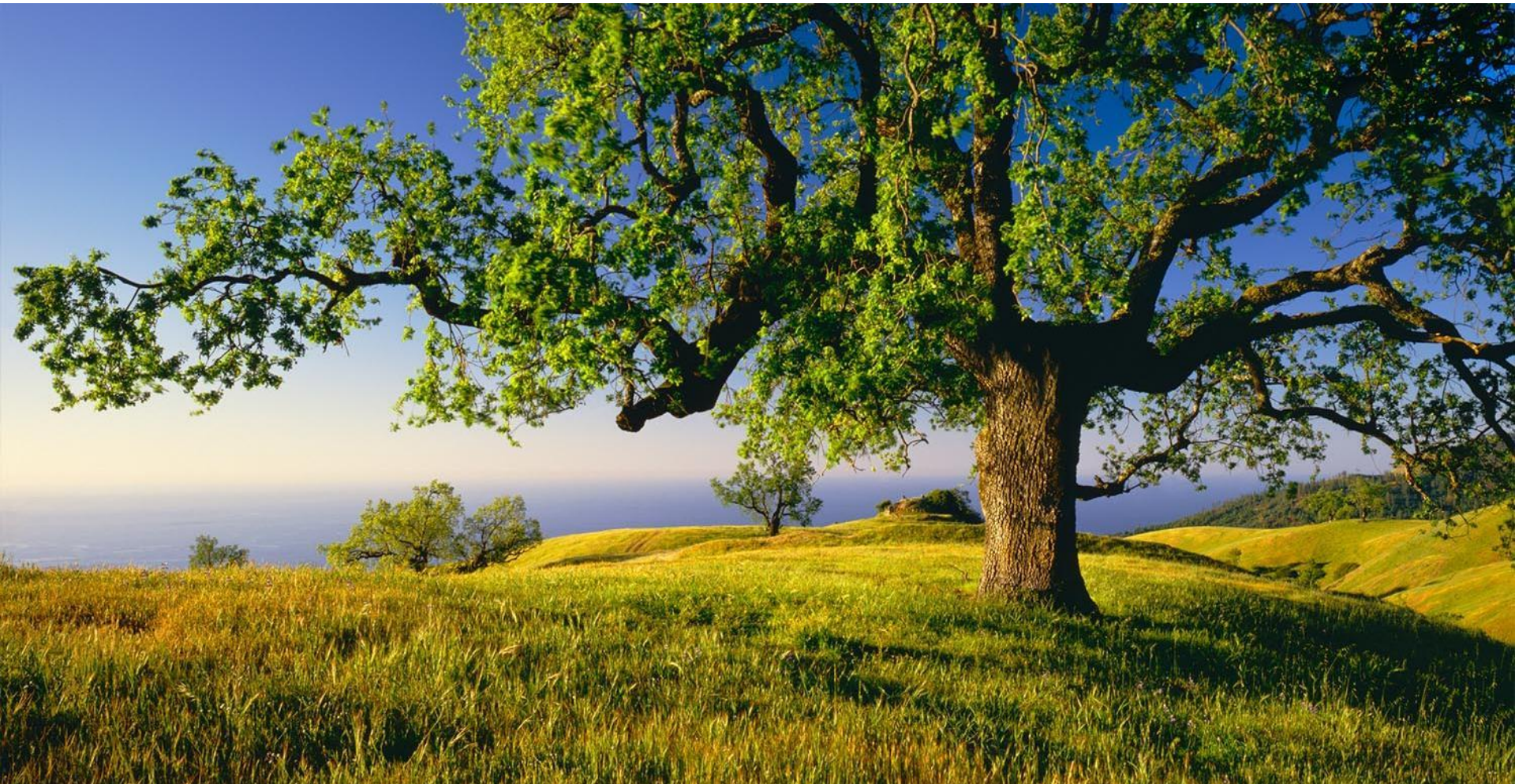
- Approve the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance to amend the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness Published Charges for inpatient and outpatient mental health services.
- Read the title and waive further reading of the Ordinance.
- Continue the item to June 16, 2020 to consider the adoption (Second Reading).

On June 16, 2020:

- Adopt the Ordinance (Second Reading) to adjust the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness Published Charges for inpatient and outpatient mental health services, effective 30 days after adoption.



Questions?



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