

Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Published Charges

July 10, 2012





Background

- Published Charges are fees for Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) and Outpatient Mental Health Services provided to non-Medi-Cal clients
- Published Charges affect Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for County mental health services; in prior years limited to lowest of:
 - Actual Costs
 - Published Charges
 - State Maximum Allowable (SMA) rates, set annually by Department of Mental Health
- Board of Supervisors last set ADMHS Published Charges in June 2010, to match SMA



Proposed Published Charges

- Effective July 2012, State of California eliminated SMA to Counties
- Medi-Cal reimbursement to be capped at lower of:
 - Actual costs or
 - Published Charges
- Proposed Published Charges reflect anticipated costs of providing services, based on 12-13 Budget and historical units of service
- Approval will allow better cost recovery for services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries



Recommendations

- Approve the Introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance adjusting the Santa Barbara County Published Charges for Psychiatric Health Facility and outpatient mental health services
- Set a Hearing for the Adoption (Second Reading) of the Ordinance on August 14, 2012