

# Behavioral Wellness Published Charges

May 1, 2018



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
  - Published Charges
- The Board of Supervisors last set Behavioral Wellness Published Charges in November 2016.



# Recommendations

## On May 1, 2018:

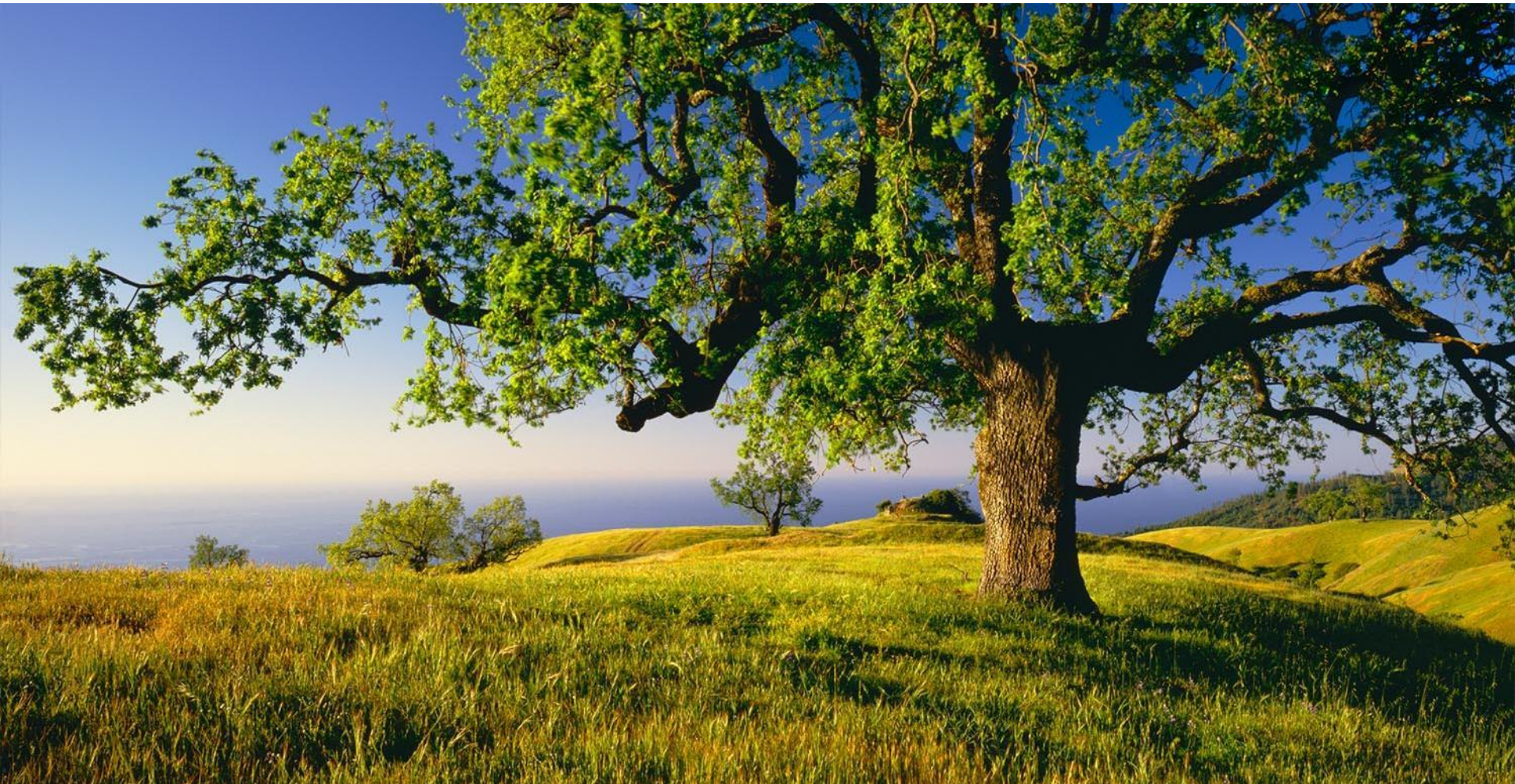
- Approve the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance to amend the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness Published Charges for inpatient and outpatient mental health services.
- Read the title and waive further reading of the Ordinance.
- Continue the item to May 15, 2018 to consider the adoption (Second Reading).

## On May 15, 2018:

- 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 45 days after adoption.



# Questions?



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