

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Approval of New State Rate for the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the new State rate of \$10.88 for the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority, and
- 2) Direct the Department of Social Services to submit the new rate request to the Department of Health Services, State of California.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The new State rate for the IHSS Public Authority is aligned with the Board of Supervisors' strategic plan goal number II.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On November 22, 2005, the Board of Directors of the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority approved a new State rate for the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority. The increased caregiver wage requires the Public Authority to submit a new rate request to the State of California, Department of Health Services. The rate itself includes the hourly wage, payroll taxes, health and dental benefits, and a reimbursement to the Public Authority for its' expenses. The Public Authority's new rate will be \$10.88 cents per hour.

Procedurally, the Board of Directors' approval of the new rate requires approval by the Board of Supervisors, who then directs the Department of Social Services to submit the rate request.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The IHSS Public Authority is mandated by the State to be, among other mandated duties, the employer of record for the IHSS caregivers for the purpose of negotiating for wages and benefits.

There is no change to the level of service.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

All costs for this change are included in the Public Authority's FY 05-06 budget.

Special Instructions:

Please send one copy of the minute order to Laura Mejia, In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority.

Attachments:

Rate request documents