



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Behavioral Wellness  
**Department No.:** 043  
**For Agenda Of:** 4/20/21  
**Placement:** Administrative (4/20/21:  
Set Hearing);  
Departmental (5/18/21:  
First Reading);  
Administrative (6/15/21:  
Second Reading)  
**Estimated Time:** 10 minutes on 5/18/21  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Behavioral Wellness  
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**SUBJECT:** Behavioral Wellness - Amendment of an Ordinance relating to Published Charges for Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Services

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form:

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

On April 20, 2021, set a hearing on the Departmental Agenda for May 18, 2021 to consider the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance amending the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness Published Charges for inpatient and outpatient mental health services, effective 30 days after adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

On May 18, 2021:

- a) Receive and file a presentation regarding amendments to the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness Published Charges for inpatient and outpatient mental health services;
- b) Consider and 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;
- c) Read the title and waive further reading of the Ordinance; and

- d) Continue the item to the Administrative Agenda of June 15, 2021 to consider the adoption (Second Reading) of an Ordinance amending the Santa Barbara County Published Charges for inpatient and outpatient mental health services.

On June 15, 2021:

- i) Consider and 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 by the Board of Supervisors; and
- ii) Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

The Board of Supervisors last approved the fee schedule for services at County mental health service locations (“Published Charges”) for the Department of Behavioral Wellness (“Department”), including rates for inpatient and outpatient mental health services, on June 16, 2020. The proposed Published Charges are consistent with the full cost recovery budget principles of Santa Barbara County. California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) § 7106 authorizes the County Board of Supervisors to establish a schedule of charges for the care, treatment, or observation of patients at County psychiatric facilities, as defined in WIC § 5600. WIC § 5710 provides that each County may collect patient fees for the care and treatment of each individual receiving treatment from the County mental health program. Approval of the recommended action to update the Published Charges will assist Behavioral Wellness in recovering the cost of providing services.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None

**Budgeted:** No

**Special Instructions:**

The Clerk of the Board to post notice and publish legal notice of the hearing pursuant to Section 6062a of the Government Code in a newspaper of general circulation in Santa Barbara County 10 days prior to the hearing and again 5 days prior to the hearing and shall make available information and provide notice to those who have requested it as required per Section 54986 of the Government Code.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Fee Ordinance FY 21-22 Notice of Public Hearing

**cc:**

Auditor-Controller  
CEO