

Behavioral Wellness Published Charges

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Background

- Published Charges are fees for Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) 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.
- In prior years, reimbursement was 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 2015.



Proposed Published Charges

- Effective July 2012, the State of California eliminated SMA to Counties
 - Exception: PHF Admin day is still limited
- Medi-Cal reimbursement is now limited to the lower of:
 - Actual Costs
 - Published Charges
- Proposed Published Charges reflect anticipated costs of providing services based on 14-15 actual costs plus a Home Health Agency Market Basket Rate Index increase of 4% and projected units of service
- Approval will allow better cost recovery for services to MediCal beneficiaries

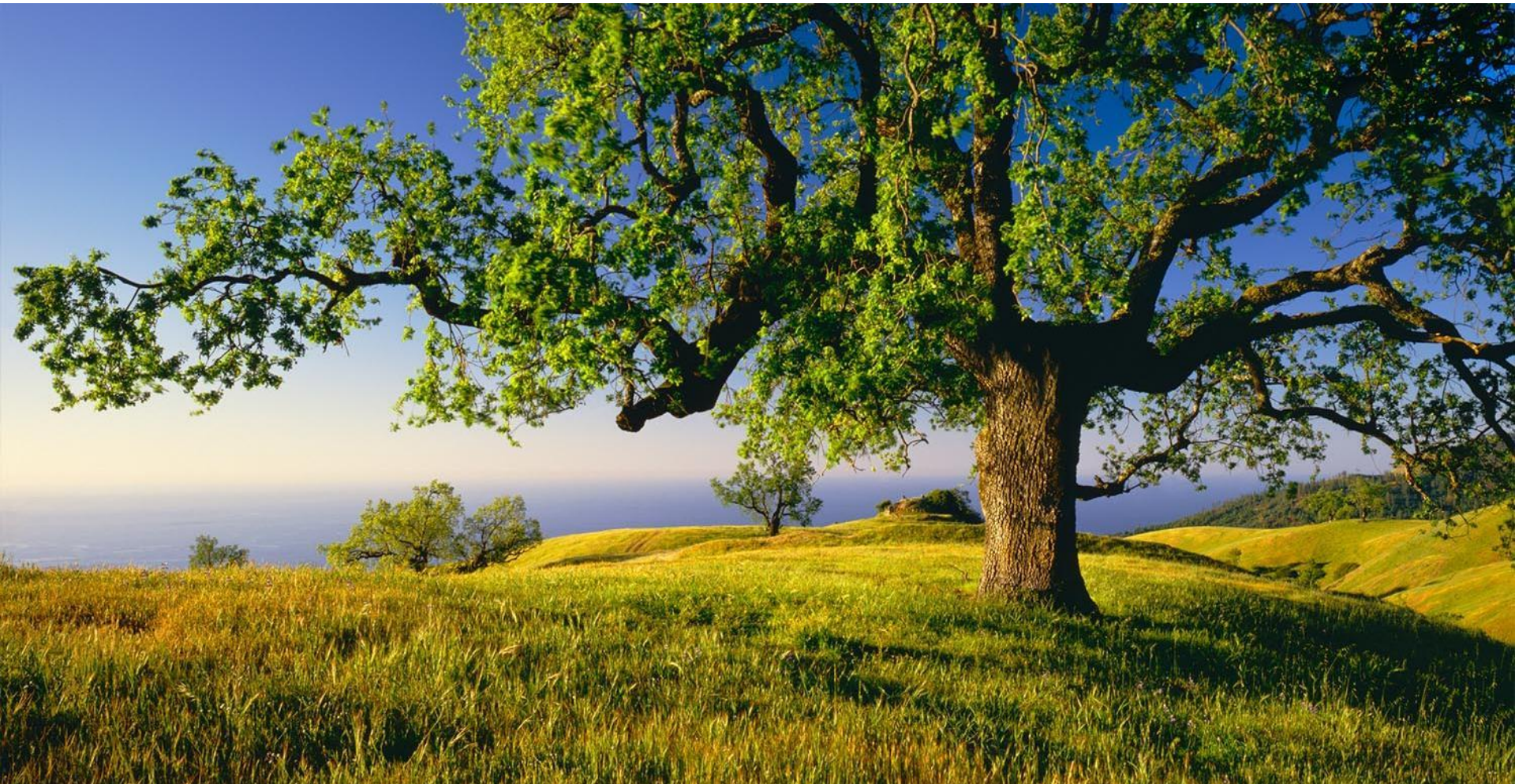


Recommendations

- 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 May 17, 2016



Questions?



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