

**ORDINANCE AMENDING
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITY AND OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
FEES**

ORDINANCE NO. ___ - _____

An Ordinance of the County of Santa Barbara amending the existing Psychiatric Health Facility and Outpatient Mental Health Services Fee Schedule to adjust for increased costs of doing business.

WHEREAS, Mental Health Services are mandated by California Welfare and Institutions Code §5600; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors is authorized by California Welfare and Institutions Code §7106 to fix and determine a schedule of fees for the care, treatment, or observation of patients at County psychiatric hospitals; and

WHEREAS, California Welfare and Institutions Code §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 within prescribed rate parameters established by the State Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, annually, the State Department of Mental Health sets Statewide Maximum Allowance rates (SMA), which are maximum reimbursement rates for services provided by county mental health programs to Medi-Cal eligible individuals; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Mental Health reimburses the County for Medi-Cal services at the lowest of either actual costs, Published Charges or the SMA and the County's current actual costs of providing mental health services are lower than the SMA rates but higher than the rates set in the existing fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the present fee schedule has remained unchanged since the adoption of Resolution 00-230 on June 27, 2000 and is not keeping with the costs of operations for psychiatric hospital services and outpatient services as directed by the Santa Barbara County Policy on Fees; and

WHEREAS, failure to update the fee schedule will result in reimbursement from Medi-Cal and third party payers that is insufficient to cover the costs of providing services; and

WHEREAS, the fees established by this Ordinance will more fully recover the costs of providing services to individuals receiving Psychiatric Health Facility services and outpatient mental health services at all County Mental Health service locations, including all adult and children's clinics and CARES facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code §54986, the County has, in connection with the proposed fees, held a public hearing as part of a regularly scheduled meeting and published notice of the meeting, including a general description of the matter to be considered, in accordance with Government Code §6062a; and

WHEREAS, the fees may be revised as needed by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, and if the revision does not occur, the existing fees shall remain in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, as follows:

That the fees set forth in the attached Schedule of Fees are hereby adopted pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code §7106 and §5710. Said fees are to become effective 30 days after the adoption of this Ordinance by the Board of Supervisors.

Resolution 00-230, adopted June 27, 2000, is hereby repealed on the date that the fees imposed by this Ordinance become effective. The repeal of Resolution 00-230 shall not affect any obligation to pay any fees incurred under said resolution, and said obligation shall continue in effect after said resolution is repealed, and the County of Santa Barbara may take any appropriate action in regard to any delinquent fees imposed pursuant to said resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

By: _____
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
State of California

Date: _____

ATTEST:
MICHAEL F. BROWN
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____
Deputy
Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS MARSHALL
COUNTY COUNSEL

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:
ROBERT W. GEIS, CPA
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By Celeste S. Anderson
Deputy County Counsel
Date: 4/28/09

By [Signature]
Deputy
Date: 4/28/09

**Santa Barbara County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services
 Fee Schedule
 FY 09-10
 Fees for Services at All County Mental Health Service Locations
 (Including Mental Health Adult Clinics, Children's Clinics, and CARES Facilities)**

| Service Description | Mode of Service | Service Function | Charge Rates |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) General | 05 | 10 | \$1,049.00/day |
| PHF Administrative Day | 05 | 19 | \$316.00/day |
| Case Management Services including assisting a beneficiary to access needed medical, educational, social, prevocational, vocational, rehabilitative, or other community services. | 15 | 01 | \$1.90/minute |
| Mental Health Services, including individual or group therapies and interventions, designed to provide reduction of mental disability and restoration, improvement or maintenance of functioning consistent with the goals of learning, development, independent living and enhanced self-sufficiency and that are not provided as a component of adult residential services, crisis residential treatment services, crisis intervention, crisis stabilization, day rehabilitation, or day treatment intensive. | 15 | 10-19/ 30-59 | \$2.45/minute |
| Medication Support Services including prescribing, administering, dispensing and monitoring of psychiatric medications or biologicals that are necessary to alleviate the symptoms of mental illness. | 15 | 60-69 | \$4.50/minute |
| Crisis Intervention Services lasting less than 24 hours, to or on behalf of a beneficiary for a condition that requires more timely response than a regularly scheduled visit. | 15 | 70-79 | \$3.65/minute |