

Behavioral Wellness Fee Ordinance Published Charges

October 18, 2016



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
Behavioral Wellness
A System of Care and Recovery

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. Reimbursement is limited to the lowest of:
 - Actual Costs
 - Published Charges
- The Board of Supervisors last set Behavioral Wellness Published Charges in May 2016. A change is required to inpatient rates to account for \$2.2M in unanticipated costs not known at the time of the May 2016 update.



Recommendations

On October 18, 2016:

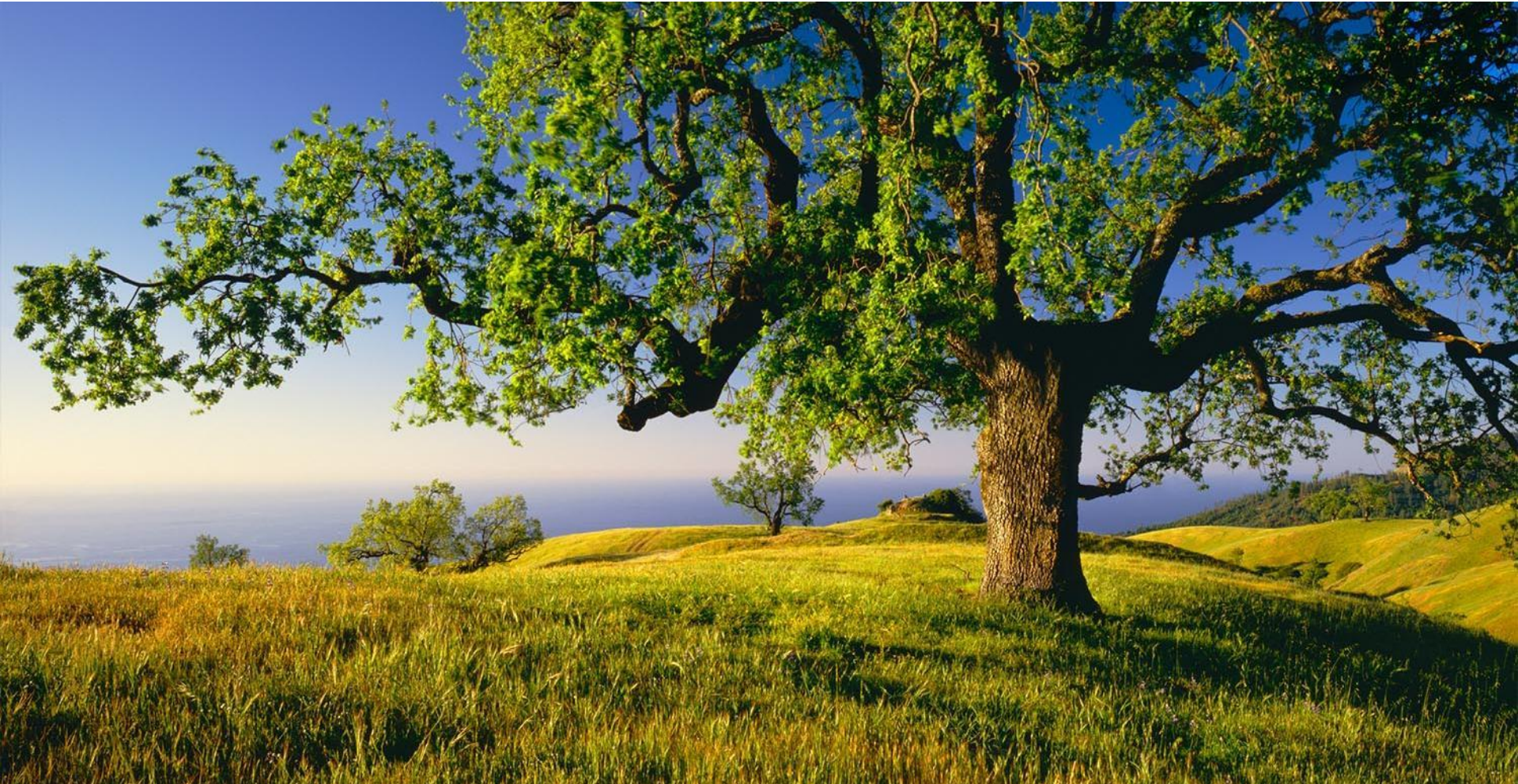
- Approve the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance to amend the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness Published Charges for inpatient and outpatient mental health services.
- Read the title and waive further reading of the Ordinance.
- Continue the item to November 1, 2016 to consider the adoption (Second Reading).

On November 1, 2016:

- 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.



Questions?



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