

# Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services 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
- Published Charges affect Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for County mental health services; in prior years 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 July 2013.



# Proposed Published Charges

- Effective July 2012, State of California eliminated SMA to Counties
- Medi-Cal reimbursement to be capped at lower of:
  - Actual costs or
  - Published Charges
- Proposed Published Charges reflect anticipated costs of providing services, based on 14-15 Recommended Budget and projected units of service
- Approval will allow better cost recovery for services to Medi-Cal 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 July 1, 2014