## **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

## **COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE SANTA	)		
BARBARA COUNTY INDEIGENT CARE	)	RESOLUTION NO.	19-58
PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES AND	)		
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**WHEREAS**, the Federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) took effect on January 1, 2014, providing health insurance options (including Medi-Cal (MAGI and Non-MAGI) and the programs offered by Covered California (private insurance) to most residents in Santa Barbara County; and

**WHEREAS**, Medi-Cal now provides health care coverage for County residents with income levels up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level; and

**WHEREAS**, Welfare and Institutions Code sections 17000 et seq. requires Santa Barbara County to provide medical services to indigent persons only "when such persons are not supported and relieved by their own means, relatives and friends, or by state hospitals or other state or private institutions": and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California has shifted previous funding provided to Santa Barbara County to support indigent care to State Medi-Cal; and

**WHEREAS**, the County wishes to amend the existing Indigent Care Program for individuals with incomes from 100% and below the Federal Poverty Level which is aligned with many other comparable counties in California and commensurate with the withdrawal of previous State support; and

**WHEREAS**, the County also wishes to simplify the guidelines and application process for eligibility and benefits associated with the Indigent Care Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that consistent with staff's recommendations the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby adopt the attached Indigent Care Program Guidelines and Standards Manual.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of the Public Health Department, or his/her designee is hereby authorized and empowered to make administrative revisions in the name of the Santa Barbara County of all future Public Health Department Indigent Care Program Guidelines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 5th day of March 2019, by the following vote: AYES: Supervisors Williams, Hart, Hartmann, and Adam NOES: None ABSENT: Supervisor Lavagnino COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA \_Steve Lavagnino Greg Hart ATTEST: Mona Miyasato COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPROVED AS TO FORM: APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM: Michael Ghizzoni Betsy M. Schaffer, CPA **COUNTY COUNSEL** AUDITOR-CONTROLLER Deputy **APPROVED** Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT Director