

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 30

SUBJECT: APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XV-B OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHARGES AND FEES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is an integrated health, housing, and social service organization with a robust service network that spans across the San Diego County region and contributes to making people's lives healthier, safer, and self-sufficient. Services provided by HHSA are delivered by eight service departments to provide vital resources and care to some of the most vulnerable San Diego County residents. Today's action requests the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approve amendments to Article XV-B of the San Diego County Administrative Code related to fees and rates established for services delivered in three HHSA departments, Public Health Services, Medical Care Services, and Behavioral Health Services. The Board last approved revisions to HHSA fees and rates on May 23, 2023 (4).

The proposed ordinance represents a comprehensive package that seeks to support the cost of providing services, while maintaining fees that are fair and reasonable for customers and the public. In accordance with Board Policy B-29 (Fees, Grants, and Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery), HHSA recently conducted a review of HHSA fees and rates, in order to ensure costs are fully recovered for services provided to agencies or individuals. A total of 93 HHSA fees and associated costs were reviewed, resulting in proposed additions, adjustments, and determinations to maintain existing fees.

Today's action requires two steps: on April 30, 2024, it is requested that the Board consider an ordinance amending sections of the San Diego County Administrative Code related to HHSA fees. If the Board takes the action as recommended, then on May 21, 2024, the proposed ordinance will be brought back to the Board for consideration and adoption.

This item supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities.

This will be accomplished by ensuring that the County has optimized its health and social services delivery system to ensure efficiency, integration and innovation while maintaining fiscal stability.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

On April 30, 2024:

Approve the introduction of the ordinance (first reading):

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ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHARGES AND
FEES**

If on April 30, 2024, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors takes action as recommended, then on May 21, 2024.

Consider and adopt (second reading):

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EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

To develop the cost recovery proposal, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) performed an analysis of all services provided to customers to examine the tasks and functions performed, including the direct and indirect costs of performing those tasks in relation to the specific services. Criteria were established to determine fair and reasonable fees for direct services provided.

The proposed ordinance represents a comprehensive package that seeks to support the cost of providing HHSA services, while maintaining fees that are fair and reasonable for customers and the public. Updates include County Public Health Services, Public Health Laboratory (PHL) fees that are either tied to environmental testing, such as testing of drinking water or foodborne illness investigations, or clinical fees such as tests for communicable disease outbreaks, among others. Additionally, County Medical Care Services will clarify language in Administrative Code XV-B, Section 239 to explicitly add the existing pharmacy dispensing fee. Lastly, the proposed ordinance includes a revision to a rate for the Edgemoor Skilled Nursing Facility to align with updated full cost recovery information.

Today's action would update fees for services provided by the County that help to promote health and safety and have an impact on the lives of Black, Indigenous, People of Color, women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, the LGBTQ+ community, and other underserved groups.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed action supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access by aligning available County resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long term solvency.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in an estimated increase in revenue of \$109,919 in FY 2024-25. There is no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

Noting for the record that this item was heard on May 1, 2024; ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on May 21, 2024.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter