

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Department of Mental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 11, 2011

SUBJECT: Initiation of Amendment to Riverside County Ordinances Nos. 722 and 724

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the initiation of amendment to Riverside County Ordinances Nos. 722 and 724, which govern the assessment of fees for the Department of Mental Health; and
2. Direct the Riverside County Department of Mental Health to prepare and process the amendment to Riverside County Ordinances Nos. 722 and 724.

BACKGROUND: In 1992, the Riverside County Department of Mental Health (RCDMH) established mental health and substance abuse service rates, and has amended its service rate schedule in accordance with the Riverside County Board of Supervisors' Policy B-4. The RCDMH amended their current service rates through a Board of Supervisors action on September 29, 2009, Agenda Item 3.62. The current, proposed ordinance amendment would modify the previously established and Board approved rates to recover costs associated with providing mental health and substance abuse services. **(Continued on page 2)**

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Jerry Wengert

Jerry Wengert, Director of Mental Health
Maria T. Mabey, Assistant Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	N/A	In Current Year Budget:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year: 2011/2012

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE
Debra Courmoyer
BY: _____
Debra Courmoyer

County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *Larisa R-Mckenna* 7/13/11
DATE: _____
LARISA R-MCKENNA
Departmental Concurrence

Policy Policy
Consent Consent

Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

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BACKGROUND: (continued)

Additionally, the proposed ordinance amendment would also add new rates that are appropriate for the applicable substance abuse services that will be rendered.

FINANCIAL DATA:

The approval of this ordinance amendment will result in no additional cost to the County.

Furthermore, any rates set by RCDMH will not prohibit any citizen of Riverside County from receiving services because the department is mandated to utilize a sliding scale to determine a patient's ability to pay. The sliding scales established by the State and County ensure that the assessment of a fee to a patient corresponds with their ability to pay, and eliminates unnecessary collection efforts for patients who are unable to pay any established Board approved rates for services received. The sliding scales take into consideration family income and number of dependents in determining a client's ability to pay.