## COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## **HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY**

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AGENDA: April 13, 1999

March 19, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Santa Cruz County 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95061

RE: APPROVAL OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY CLINIC

Dear Board Members:

The Health Services Agency requests approval to purchase a laptop computer for HSA clinics at an approximate cost of \$3,700. There are sufficient funds within the clinic budget for this purchase.

The laptop will be used for back-up access to patient medical files when HSA's computerized registration and billing system is not available. Medical files are shelved using unique medical record numbers and color coded labels to ensure confidentiality and to prevent To retrieve a patient's medical file, it is necessary to misfiling. know the medical record number. The laptop computer will store enough patient data (name, date of birth, Social Security number, and medical record number) to enable HSA staff to identify and locate a medical file should the registration and billing system be down which occurs from time to time as a result of computer and/or software failure, or a generalized power outage. No personal medical data will be stored in the laptop. This back-up system is easily updated and requires no special software. The laptop is also portable and can be used in different areas within the clinic as needed. Alternative back-up methods, such as printed reports or microfiche, are time-consuming to quickly out of date, and cumbersome to use. available within the clinic budget for this purchase.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

- 1. Approve the fixed asset purchase of a laptop computer for the Health Services Agency clinics at an approximate cost of \$3,700; and
- 2. Approve the related transfer of \$3,700 from services and supplies

to the fixed asset account (AUD 74 attached).

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Charles M. Moody, HSA Administrator

RECOMMENDED:

Susan A. Maurielle

County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office

Auditor-Controller County Counsel County Purchasing HSA Administration

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## REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OR REVISION OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS AND/OR FUNDS

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