

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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June 8, 1999 AGENDA: June 22, 1999

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

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CLAIMS FOR OUTSIDE LABORATORY SERVICES

Dear Board Members:

The Health Services Agency is requesting authorization to pay claims totaling \$11,164.50 from SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories for contract services provided in 1997 and 1998. Payment has been withheld pending verification of billing information.

SmithKline Beecham provides outside laboratory services for HSA's Santa Cruz and Watsonville medical clinics. During 1997 and 1998, some laboratory service requests submitted to SmithKline contained incomplete third party billing information, resulting in delayed claims. SmithKline has now compiled a reconciliation list of claims for the Santa Cruz clinic totaling \$11,164.50 for the period in question. HSA agrees with this reconciliation statement, and is therefore recommending payment. As contract funds from that period are no longer available, Board approval is required before the claims can be paid. HSA expects to return to your Board with recommendations regarding a similar reconciliation of claims related to the Watsonville clinic.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Authorize payment of claims totaling \$11,164.50 from SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratory for contract services provided the Santa Cruz Clinic in 1997 and 1998; and

2. Direct the Health Services Agency to work with the Auditor-Controller to pay the final reconciled amount for claims submitted under the above referenced contract.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Moody, HSA Administrator

RECOMMENDED:

Susan A. Mauriello

County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office

Auditor-Controller County Counsel HSA Administration