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July 24, 2000

AGENDA: August 1, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Deferral of Report and Recommendations regarding Implementation of a
Pharmaceutical Program and Transportation Vouchers for Seniors

Dear Board Members:

At Budget Hearings in June, your Board requested a reportback regarding
recommendations on implementation of a pharmaceutical program for seniors, as well
as a program providing transportation vouchers for seniors.

This report will include rapidly changing proposals at the Federal level for senior
pharmacy benefits for Medicare. HSA does not think that the Federal recommendations
will be finalized until the Fall. We are also exploring with various agencies senior
transportation options; therefore, it is requested that this report be scheduled for the last
meeting in September, 2000.

It is therefore recommended that your Board:

Defer consideration of the Seniors recommendations to September 26, 2000.

Sincerely

Rama Khalsa, Ph.D.
HSA Administrator

RECOMMENDED:

Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer
cc: CAO
Auditor-Controller

County Counsel
HSA Administration