



County of Santa Cruz

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October 11, 2000

AGENDA: October 24, 2000

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

SUBJECT: REFERRAL OF REPORT ON MEDI-CAL AND MEDI-CRUZ ACCESS TO LOCAL HOSPITALS

Dear Board Members:

At the June budget hearing your Board directed HSA to report in October an access to local hospitals for Medi-Cal and Medi-Cruz patients. Because the issue of access to health care services is much broader than just hospital access alone and the issues are very complex, HSA is preparing a comprehensive report on the access issue related to both government sponsored patients and those without health insurance. This report is intended to facilitate discussion with your Board as well as provide background information for use by the Grand Jury as they focus on indigent health care issues in our community. The expanded scope of the report necessitates additional preparation time. HSA is requesting that the report date be deferred to November 21, 2000.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that the report on Medi-Cal and Medi-Cruz patient access to local hospitals be deferred until November 21, 2000.

Sincerely,

Rama Khalsa
HSA Administrator

Recommended:

Susan Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
HSA Administration