



# County of Santa Cruz

## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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### MEDI-CRUZ DIVISION

November 15, 2000

AGENDA: November 21, 2000

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

**SUBJECT: DEFERRAL 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 on 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. The report was deferred to November 21. HSA is requesting that the report again be deferred to December 5, 2000 as the draft report is being circulated for comment prior to finalization.

It is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that the report on **Medi-Cal** and Medi-Cruz patient access to local hospitals be deferred until December 5, 2000.

Sincerely,

Rama Khalsa  
 HSA Administrator

Recommended:

Susan Mauriello  
 County Administrative Officer

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