

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Health Code - Patient Rates for Fiscal Years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027]

Ordinance amending the Health Code to set patient rates for services provided by the Department of Public Health (DPH), for Fiscal Years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027; and authorizing DPH to waive or reduce fees to meet the needs of low-income patients through its provision of charity care and other discounted payment programs.

Existing Law

San Francisco Health Code Section 128 sets forth the amounts to be charged for patient care provided by the Department of Public Health (“DPH”). Currently, Section 128 sets the rates for services rendered in Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would set the amounts to be charged for patient care provided by DPH in Fiscal Years 2025-2026 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) and 2026-2027 (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027). The ordinance also authorizes DPH to waive or reduce its fees charged to a patient if the patient or person legally obligated to pay the patient’s fees meets the eligibility requirements established by DPH for financial assistance programs, such as the Department’s charity care and discount payments programs.

Background Information

DPH sets and updates its rates consistent with healthcare industry standards for billing patient.

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