



File 260600: Health Code - Patient Rates **Fiscal Years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028**

BOS Budget & Appropriations Committee

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Health Code – Patient Rates



File 260600: Health Code - Patient Rates Ordinance amends the Health Code to set patient rates provided by the Department of Public Health (DPH).

- The proposed ordinance would set the amounts to be charged for patient care provided by DPH in Fiscal Years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028.
- The primary purpose of setting competitive rates is to ensure adequate compensation from **commercial insurance companies** – DPH evaluate and sets patient rates annually to ensure revenue from Medicare, Medi-Cal, and private insurance.
- To ensure patients remain protected from unexpected medical bills for services received at DPH facilities we have two coordinated policies - charity care and discount payments programs.
 - The ordinance 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, charity care and discount payments programs.

Health Code – Patient Rates



- **Analytical Rigor:** DPH partnered with the Controller's Office City Performance Unit and engaged HMA to review its patient rates - to develop a patient rates model factoring in managed care, market, and cost considerations.
- **Extension of Existing Rates:** For services where DPH rates exceed market benchmarks, extend current rates through FY 2027–28. This includes, but is not limited to, Non-ICU Inpatient Services and Trauma Services.
- **Physical Health Rates:** Apply CPI growth to all other physical health services, increases of 2.18% and 3.04% in FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28, respectively.
- **Specialty Mental Health and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System:** Apply State fee schedule increases of 3.10% to match state BHS Medi-Cal Fee Schedule
- **Revisions to the Rate Schedule for FY 2026–27 and FY 2027–28:**
 - Increase ICU by 6.00% rates to meet market benchmarks
 - Add rates for Specialty Mental Health Services related to Traditional Healer and Community In Reach and High Fidelity Wrap bundled payments.
 - Remove fees related to reproduction of documents and Medical Marijuana ID cards



File 260655: Administrative Codes - Weights and Measures Fees

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Administrative Codes – Weights and Measures Fees



- Under SF Admin Code § 1.13-5, the ordinance aligns state and local fee structure by increasing water submeter fees from \$2 to \$6, and vapor submeter fees from \$4 to \$10 per device per space or apartment.
- Authorizes annual adjustment of select device fees up to the maximum allowed under Cal. B&P Code § 12240, without further Board approval.



**File 260610: Accept and Expend Grants -
Recurring State Grant Funds -
FY2026-2027**

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Recurring State Grant Funds



- Request Board approval to authorize DPH's recurring State grants through the FY 2026-27 AAO process, consistent with SF Admin Code § 10.170-1, which allows recurring grants to be approved collectively rather than through separate A&E resolutions.
- Approval covers a recurring grant portfolio totaling \$86.5M, funded through a mix of State and federal pass-through sources that support essential ongoing public health services across DPH.
- Approval ensures DPH can meet State documentation requirements and receive funds on time, preventing delays and maintaining continuity of critical community-based services.



Conclusion

**DPH respectfully requests approval of these items.
Thank you!**