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1 [Authorizing Tax Collector to File Suit Against Responsible Relatives of Recipient of Services  
2 at City Hospitals to Recover Value of Services]

3 **Resolution authorizing Tax Collector Attorney to file suit against responsible relatives**  
4 **to recover value of services rendered at hospital facilities operated by the San**  
5 **Francisco Department of Public Health.**

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7 WHEREAS, It appears from the San Francisco Treasurer and Tax Collector's letter  
8 dated July 13, 2011, identifying those recipients of medical aid at San Francisco medical  
9 facilities who have relatives legally liable for the cost of medical treatment rendered to their  
10 minor-child, which letter is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in  
11 File No. 110390, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully  
12 herein; and,

13 WHEREAS, It further appears that the Tax Collector has determined that both of the  
14 below-named parents are jointly and severally liable and each has the financial ability to pay  
15 for the aid rendered to their minor child by the San Francisco Department of Public Health,  
16 both at the time the aid was rendered and at the present time; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Tax Collector Attorney be, and hereby is, authorized and  
18 directed to institute legal proceedings against the herein named relatives deemed responsible  
19 for the payment of said medical services, and to seek recovery in full of charges for medical  
20 aid rendered at San Francisco Department of Public Health medical facilities pursuant to  
21 Section 17300 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code.

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ACCOUNT NO.	MEDICAL AID RECIPIENT	AMOUNT	RESPONSIBLE RELATIVE
SFGH80003388172	Ivan Severinov (minor)	\$ 8,399.00	Sergei Severinov (father) Olga Tikhomova (mother)
SF Ambulance	Ivan Severinov (minor)	\$ 378.70	Sergei Severinov (father) Olga Tikhomova (mother)

APPROVED BY:

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 José Cisneros  
 Treasurer

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July 13, 2011

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

Board of Supervisors

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244

San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

Attached please find an original and four copies of proposed resolution for Board of Supervisors approval, which authorizes the Tax Collector Attorney to file suit against responsible relatives to recover value of services rendered at hospital facilities operated by the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

The following is a list of accompanying documents (five sets):

- Letter from the Treasurer-Tax Collector identifying those recipients of medical aid at San Francisco medical facilities who have relatives legally liable for the cost of medical treatment rendered to their minor-child.
- Welfare and Institutions Code 17300

The following person may be contacted regarding this matter:

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July 13, 2011

Through José Cisneros  
San Francisco Treasurer

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
City Hall, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: **Proposed Resolution Authorizing Legal Action to Recover Costs of Medical Services Rendered**

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

The Treasurer and Tax Collector Department is submitting to the Board of Supervisors a resolution authorizing the Tax Collector Attorney to file a collection action against Sergei Severinov and Olga Tikhomova to recover the amount of aid given to Ivan Severinov, their son. Ivan Severinov received services at San Francisco General Hospital. As Ivan's parents, Sergei Severinov and Olga Tikhomova are "responsible relatives" legally liable under California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 17300 to pay the charges of Ivan's care. The charges are as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>NAME OF PATIENT</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE RELATIVE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
SFGH80003388172	Ivan Severinov (minor)	Sergei Severinov (father) Olga Tikhomova (mother)	\$ 8,399.00
SF Ambulance	Ivan Severinov (minor)	Sergei Severinov (father) Olga Tikhomova (mother)	\$ 378.70

The files of the Bureau of Delinquent Revenue (BDR) disclose evidence of the responsible relatives' (parents') legal liability and financial ability to reimburse the Department of Public Health both at the time of hospitalization and at the present time for the costs of the patient's (minor child's) medical treatment.

Therefore, in order to comply with the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code Section 17300 (attached), it is requested that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Tax Collector Attorney to commence suit against the above-named responsible relatives.

A proposed resolution is attached hereto, authorizing the Tax Collector Attorney to institute legal proceedings against the above-named responsible relatives, seeking recovery in full of the amount of aid given to the above-named patient.

Very truly yours,

  
GEORGE PUTRIS  
Tax Administrator

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# WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

## SECTION 17300-17301

17300. All aid rendered by the county under this part shall be a charge against the responsible relative or relatives of the recipient thereof, and the county rendering aid shall be entitled to reimbursement therefor.

The board of supervisors of the county rendering aid shall determine if the responsible relative or relatives have financial ability to support or contribute to the support of the recipient and were pecuniarily able to support or contribute to the support of the recipient during the time aid was rendered. If in the opinion of the board of supervisors pecuniary ability existed when the aid was given, and exists when the matter comes before the board of supervisors, the board shall request the district attorney or other civil legal officer of the county granting aid to proceed against such responsible relative or relatives.

Upon such request, the district attorney or other civil legal officer shall maintain an action on behalf of the county granting aid against the relative or relatives to recover for the county the aid rendered and to secure an order requiring the payment of any sums which may become due in the future.

The board of supervisors shall, in the case of aid granted by institutional care, fix a reasonable charge therefor, which shall be the measure of reimbursement to the county, and the existence of the order fixing the charge shall constitute prima facie evidence of its reasonableness.

For the purposes of this article, property described in subdivisions (g) and (h) of Section 17409 shall not be considered in determining the financial ability of a responsible relative to support or contribute to the support of the recipient.

For the purposes of this chapter responsible relative or relatives mean the spouse of a recipient and parent of a minor child who is a recipient.

17301. In any case where a person so ordered to make such payments fails so to do, the court may by order require him to show cause for