

1 [HIV/AIDS DRUGS]
2 URGING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR DAVIS TO APPROVE
3 ASSEMBLY BILL 217 MAKING FDA-APPROVED HIV/AIDS DRUGS AVAILABLE TO
4 PARTICIPANTS IN MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PROGRAMS.

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6 WHEREAS, Over the past 18 years of the AIDS epidemic, more than
7 25,000 residents of San Francisco have been diagnosed with AIDS; and,

8 WHEREAS, The number of deaths among persons with AIDS in San
9 Francisco has been decreasing since 1994 which appears to be due in
10 part to the availability of new drug therapies; and,

11 WHEREAS, Broader access to combination drug therapies throughout
12 the HIV-infected population may help reduce the overall rate of HIV
13 transmissions; and

14 WHEREAS, Combination therapies for the treatment of HIV are
15 extremely expensive, costing between \$10,000 and \$15,000 per person
16 per year; and,

17 WHEREAS, Many people living with HIV/AIDS are either low-income
18 at the onset of their illness or become impoverished because of the
19 decreased capacity to work and/or the expense associated with
20 therapies for the treatment of HIV disease; and

21 WHEREAS, Approximately half of all Californians living with AIDS
22 rely on Medi-Cal for their health care; and,

23 WHEREAS, Approximately 40% of all Medi-Cal beneficiaries are now
24 served by managed care programs; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Under existing state law, Medi-Cal managed care program
2 participants do not have access to all the FDA approved HIV/AIDS
3 drugs available to Medi-Cal fee-for-service beneficiaries;

4 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 217, introduced by Assembly Member
5 Wildman, would require the State Department of Health Services to
6 reimburse managed care plans for the cost of HIV/AIDS drugs or to
7 renegotiate contracts with managed care providers so that FDA
8 approved HIV/AIDS drugs can be made available to participants in the
9 Medi-Cal managed care programs; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors endorses
11 Assembly bill 217 and urges the Legislature and Governor to approve
12 the legislation; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to
14 his Honor, the Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the
15 delegation from San Francisco in the State Legislature, as well as
16 Governor Davis, with a request they take all action necessary to pass
17 Assembly Bill 217 and to further the objectives of this resolution.



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Resolution urging the California State Legislature and Governor Davis to approve Assembly Bill 217 making FDA-approved HIV/AIDS drugs available to participants in Medi-Cal managed care programs.

February 22, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 22, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.