HEALTH COMMISSION RESOLUTION 13-15

RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES SAN FRANCISCO'S SELECTION OF THE SAVINGS FORMULA OPTION FOR DETERMINING PAYMENTS FROM THE HEALTH SUBACCOUNT TO THE FAMILY SUPPORTS SUBACCOUNT

WHEREAS, California Welfare and Institutions Code Section §17000 requires counties to provide access to basic emergent health care for those who are medically indigent and ineligible for care through existing programs (e.g., Medi-Cal); and

WHEREAS, Since 1991/92, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) has received Health Realignment revenues from the State to provide indigent health and public health services; and

WHEREAS, The State anticipates that counties' indigent health care expenditures will decrease due to California's response to federal Health Reform (i.e., Medi-Cal expansion and the establishment of the state's Health Benefits Exchange, Covered California), thereby reducing counties' need for Health Realignment dollars; and

WHEREAS, In response to increased access to health care under Health Reform, the State plans to redirect a portion of counties' Health Realignment dollars from the Realignment Health Subaccount to the Family Supports Subaccount; and

WHEREAS, In Fiscal Year 13/14, the State will redirect a total of \$300 million statewide, which includes an estimated \$16.9 million from San Francisco beginning in January 2014; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco may select one of two options by which the State will redirect a portion of San Francisco's Health Realignment dollars beginning in Fiscal Year 14/15 and going forward; and

WHEREAS, The two options are: the 60/40 with Maintenance of Effort Split Option, which would automatically redirect 60 percent of Health Realignment funds to the State; or the Savings Formula Option, which would redirect a portion of the county's calculated savings resulting from Health Reform; and

WHEREAS, SFDPH analysis indicates that the county and its residents would be best served by adopting the Savings Formula Option, an option that would protect San Francisco's historical Health Realignment allocation for public health services and place a cap on the amount of indigent health care funds that can be redirected to the State; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Health Care Services (CDHCS) requires counties to pass a resolution in support of their favored redirection option no later than January 22, 2014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That pursuant to CDHCS requirements, the Health Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve San Francisco's selection of the Savings Formula Option to determine the amount of redirected payments from the Health Subaccount to the Family Support Subaccount beginning in Fiscal Year 14/15 and going forward; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, pending Board of Supervisors approval, SFDPH will inform CDHCS of San Francisco's selection; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission and SFDPH will continue to serve those who remain medically indigent after Health Reform implementation in January 2014; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Commission will continue to support SFDPH's broader mission to protect and promote the health of all San Francisco residents.

I hereby certify that at the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of December 17, 2013 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz

Health Commission Executive Secretary