

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Health Code - Patient Rates - FYs 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020]

Ordinance amending the Health Code to set patient rates and rates for other services provided by the Department of Public Health, starting July 1, 2018, for FYs 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, through June 30, 2020; and to revise certain Substance Use Disorder treatment services and increase patient rates charged for those Substance Use Disorder treatment services, retroactive to July 1, 2017.

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. Currently, Section 128 sets the rates for services rendered in fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would set the amounts to be charged for patient care provided by the Department of Public Health in fiscal year 2019-2020, and would update the amounts to be charged in fiscal year 2018-2019 so that they are consistent with the rates approved by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

The proposed ordinance also would revise the categories of substance use disorder treatment services provided by the Department of Public Health so that they are consistent with the services approved by DHCS, and would set rates for those services retroactive to July 1, 2017.

Background Information

DHCS sets the parameters for the services it will cover and the rates it will pay. DHCS revises services and rates usually on an annual basis. Consistent with health care industry standards, the Department of Public Health reviews the rates charged for patient care and other services each year, and adjusts the rates as necessary and appropriate.

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