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VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS TO FEE-FOR-SERVICE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-1999 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to finalize claims payment issues related to Fee-For-Service (FFS) providers in the amount of $82,293 for Fiscal Year (FY) 1998-1999, as set forth in the Attachment. Finalization of claims payment will allow the providers to retain the payments received for services rendered, where the claims for payment were not approved by the State but would have been, had the County filed their claims timely. The payments were funded from the FY 1998-1999 State Managed Care Allocation provided by Agreement Number 97-77237 between the State Department of Mental Health (SDMH) and the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health (DMH).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

A review of the claims in question by DMH, concurred in by County Counsel, has concluded that the services were performed and that these claims would have been approved by the State, had they been submitted in a timely fashion. However, due to the difficulties involved in transitioning the FFS billing system from the State to the County, through no fault of the providers, these claims were not submitted timely. Under these circumstances, DMH believes, and County Counsel concurs, that the contractors should not be subject to recoupment of payments

provided to them at that time. Because of the unique circumstances of the transition of the FFS billing system, DMH and County Counsel agree that this is a one-time resolution of claims.

There was a timing issue during the transition period in which the local mental health plan was defining what the covered mental health services would be and at the same time requesting that Electronic Data System (EDS), the DMH claims administrator, make the necessary changes to their system so that system edits were compatible with reimbursable services. Providers submitted claims faster than EDS could change their system and claims were denied. Claims were paid by DMH, to providers, before it was determined that in fact the State had not received the claims for services. Because it was the intent of the Department to pay providers for the services, DMH is seeking approval from the Board to allow the providers of service to retain payments made to them.

The resolution of these claims is the last FFS claiming issue for FY 1998-1999 to be resolved. Other claims arising from that period of transition in systems have been either settled through Board action, through the normal settlement process, or through the Board-authorized Alternative Dispute Resolution process. These claims were not able to be resolved through these processes, and required further review as to appropriateness. DMH has concluded, and County Counsel concurs, that the timeliness issue is not through the fault of the providers, and that, accordingly, Board authorization to resolve this as recommended above should be requested.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board action is consistent with the County's Fourth Goal – "Fiscal Responsibility" within the Countywide Strategic Plan. This Board action will permit DMH to settle claims that resulted from the transition of the FFS Specialty Mental Health Outpatient services system from State to County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no net County cost impact. The payments were funded from the FY 1998-1999 State Managed Care Allocation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Approval of this action will resolve the payment issues given the circumstances related to the FFS billing transition, which is a one-time occurrence.

The Chief Administrative Office, County Counsel and DMH's Program and Financial Services Bureaus have approved the proposed action.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This Board action will not require any modification to existing or past contracts with providers of specialty mental health services.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

There shall be no impact on current services, as these contract providers continue to provide specialty mental health services.

CONCLUSION

The Department of Mental Health will need one (1) copy of the adopted Board's action. It is requested that the Executive Officer of the Board notifies the Department of Mental Health's Contracts Development and Administration Division at (213) 738-4684, when this document is available.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

MJS:GSK:RK:JW

Attachment

c: Auditor-Controller
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Chairperson, Mental Health Commission

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ACCOUNTING DIVISION- FFS UNIT
SUMMARY OF CLAIMS PAYMENT RESOLUTION
FY 1998-1999

PROVIDER'S NAME	REFERENCE NO.	PROCESS DATE	AMOUNT
SARAH HUNTER, MD	FFSHUNTER	02-23-99	$ 180.40
JOAN MACKENZI	DED36 0002	04-15-99	4,429.64
ROLANDO ESPINOZA	DED36 0003	04-15-99	58.48
ANITA WASHINGTON	DED36 0004	04-15-99	87.72
DAVID H. WALTER	DED36 0005	04-15-99	351.31
MARTIN S. FISHER	DED36 0006	04-15-99	60.72
ROBERTA H. JAPKA	DED36 0007	04-15-99	701.72
KENNETH PHUN	DED36 0008	04-15-99	68.68
ELAINE S. KARR	DED36000010	04-20-99	263.12
MOHAMMAD S. AL-HOSRI	DED36000011	04-20-99	43.46
FARIDEH FAZLIAN	DED36000012	04-20-99	224.46
STEPHAN J. FLEISHER	DED36000013	04-20-99	380.08
ANNA KAGAN	DED36000014	04-20-99	43.46
JOEL R. SUNKIN	DED36000015	04-20-99	116.96
JONATHAN L. BRAND	DED36000016	04-20-99	140.00
DEE L. SHEPHERD-LO	DED36000017	04-20-99	146.20
PAMELA D. DUNNE	DED36000018	04-20-99	562.82
GEORGE G. DRESNIN	DED36000019	04-20-99	245.11
LOUISE D. EPPS	DED36000020	04-20-99	102.32
EDWARD A. ELLIOTT	DED36000021	04-20-99	104.32
JOHN A. GIGLIO	DED36000022	04-20-99	58.48
JUNE D. HAYES	DED36000023	04-20-99	36.88
YOLANDE MICHAELS	DED36000024	04-20-99	548.18
FRANK E. PINDER 111	DED36000025	04-20-99	70.00
GEORGE RAWALT	DED36000026	04-20-99	1,023.36
BERNICE S. SEMINARIO	DED36000027	04-20-99	1,242.59
VISTA PSYC CENTER INC.	DED3600028	04-20-99	73.07
BRADLEY D. SILVERMAN	DED36000029	04-20-99	204.68
GARY L. VIDOR	DED36000030	04-20-99	1,754.26
VALERIE L. WRIGHT	DED36000031	04-20-99	3,691.42
JOE M. MICHAELSON	DED36000032	04-20-99	58.48
PERRI W. JOHNSON	DED3600033	04-20-99	175.90
ADRIANA I. CAMARGO-FER	DED36000034	04-29-99	496.96
HOWARD L. ASKIN	DED36000035	04-29-99	7.30
ALVIN KUBAT	DED36000036	04-29-99	233.92
RICHARD A. GARDINER	DED36000037	04-29-99	913.50
MAURICE W. BLACK	DED36000038	04-29-99	72.72
OM PRAKASH	DED36000039	04-29-99	2,399.94
RICHARD A. MILLER	DED36000040	04-29-99	25.00
RENEE D. BAINVOLL	DED36000041	04-29-99	467.76
BERNARD A. ETCHEVERRY	DED36000042	04-29-99	314.30
DAVID J. REINHART	DED36000043	04-29-99	36.54
PAUL A. BOYLE	DED36000044	04-29-99	1,513.14
CARY L. MITCHELL	DED36000045	04-29-99	160.80
MARK E. BERMAN	DED36000046	04-29-99	195.22
CARL M. FREDMAN	DED36000047	04-29-99	1,559.50
MARIE A. KING	DED36000048	04-29-99	478.10
GAROLD L. FABER	DED36000049	04-29-99	43.46
RICHARD S. JOCOBSON	DED36000050	04-29-99	43.46
DONALD E. WALLENS	DED36000051	04-29-99	391.14
VICTORIA A. MENCHACA	DED36000052	04-29-99	365.48
SUSAN C. BELAVIC	DED36000053	04-29-99	409.32
PLEASANT W. DAVIDSON	DED36000054	04-29-99	460.68
RICHARD L. GRAFF	DED36000055	04-29-99	168.10
JEAN-LOUIS J. LE RENARD	DED36000056	04-29-99	52.16
JENNIFER A. NEVITT	DED36000057	04-29-99	153.50
MARY E. PALMQUIST	DED36000058	04-29-99	58.48

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AUGUSTO ROMERO	DED36000059	04-29-99	481.92
PHILLIP D. SYNDER	DED36000060	04-29-99	292.32
SAMUEL P. SMITH	DED36000061	04-29-99	947.30
DAVID B. VAN ZAK	DED36000062	04-29-99	29.24
PAUL WITTENBERG	DED36000063	04-29-99	146.20
LA CENTER FOR GRP THERAPHY	DED36000064	05-03-99	270.00
PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSTIC INC.	DED36000065	05-03-99	43.46
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MEDICAL	DED36000066	05-03-99	30.36
CHILDREACH	DED36000067	05-03-99	7,209.00
ROLANDO ESPINOZA	DED36000068	05-06-99	204.68
ROLANDO ESPINOZA	DED36000069	05-06-99	116.96
VICTORIA A. MENCHACA	DED36000070	05-06-99	29.24
MARIE A. KING	DED36000071	05-06-99	58.48
STEPHAN J. FLEISHER	DED36000072	05-06-99	146.20
PERRI W. JOHNSON	DED36000073	05-06-99	87.72
LOUISE D. EPPS	DED36000074	05-06-99	1,929.84
JOHN A. GIGLIO	DED36000075	05-06-99	116.96
YOLANDE MICHAELS	DED36000076	05-06-99	292.40
AUDREY L. NEWMAN	DED36000077	05-06-99	58.48
GEORGE RAWALT	DED36000078	05-06-99	204.68
GARY L. VIDOR	DED36000079	05-06-99	29.24
TRUDY E. MARTIN	DED36000080	05-06-99	87.72
PAMELA D. DUNNE	DED36000081	05-06-99	350.88
FARIDEH FAZLIAN	DED36000082	05-06-99	29.24
JAYME M. JONES	DED36000083	05-06-99	87.72
LES P. NOUGET	DED36000084	05-06-99	818.72
PAUL WITTENBERG	DED36000085	05-06-99	87.72
SHARON SALFAS	DED36000086	05-06-99	58.48
HARRY K. REECE	DED36000087	05-06-99	204.68
PAUL A. BOYLE	DED36000088	05-06-99	29.24
SHAMIM M. HASAN	DED36000089	05-06-99	208.70
DANIEL E. FAST	DED36000090	05-06-99	116.08
LESTER A. MINDUS	DED36000091	05-06-99	87.72
ALLAN R. ROBERTS	DED36000092	05-06-99	263.16
DEBORAH J. ELY	DED36000093	05-06-99	241.09
KUANG J. HUANG	DED36000094	05-13-99	59.86
RONALD D. SAGER	DED36000095	05-13-99	242.40
VLADIMIR LIPOVETSKY	DED36000096	05-13-99	105.04
CLIFFORD R, FELDMAN	DED36000097	05-13-99	70.70
WON T. LEE	DED36000098	05-13-99	57.40
MARK H, POWERS	DED36000099	05-13-99	756.53
CHONA B. GREEN	DED36000100	05-13-99	322.83
ANDREA I. BERNARD	DED36000101	05-13-99	58.48
FORMOSA MEDICAL GRP	DED36000102	05-13-99	165.16
PACIFIC RESORCE PSY	DED36000103	05-13-99	116.96
CUNNINGHAM PSY MED GRP	DED36000104	05-13-99	191.90
HARRIET J. WILBURNE	DED36000105	05-13-99	421.20
TRUDY L. WASHINGTON	DED36000106	05-13-99	58.48
STEPHEN C. HAYES	DED36000107	05-13-99	956.14
TRUDY E. MARTIN	DED36000108	05-13-99	950.27
ANDREA I. BERNARD	DED36000109	05-13-99	7.30
DEBORAH J. ELY	DED36000110	05-13-99	233.81
ALVIN M. GOTTLIEB	DED36000111	05-13-99	214.84
WALTER W. MURRELL	DED36000112	05-13-99	58.48
AJAY K. MALHOTRA	DED36000113	05-13-99	1,820.06
SAMUEL W. KAUFMAN	DED36000114	05-13-99	14.60
SENIOR PSY SERVICES	DED36000115	05-13-99	58.48
PACIFIC RESORCE PSY	DED36000116	05-13-99	684.68

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C. GOODMAN A. PSYCH GRP	DED36000117	05-17-99	591.98
PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSTIC INC.	DED36000118	05-17-99	43.46
BONNIE K. ABEL	DED36000119	05-17-99	29.24
TRUDY E. MARTIN	DED36000120	05-17-99	87.72
AYBIKE S. KORTAN	DED36000121	05-17-99	102.31
PERRI W. JOHNSON	DED36000122	05-17-99	234.84
ROBERT L. ESTON	DED36000123	05-17-99	24.24
HYMEN C. GOLDMAN	DED36000124	05-17-99	87.72
RICHARD E. LANDIS	DED36000125	05-17-99	58.48
MERCEDES M. GARCIA	DED36000126	05-17-99	67.08
CITRUS PSY MED CLINIC	DED36000127	05-17-99	755.93
CITRUS PSY MED CLINIC	DED36000128	05-17-99	58.48
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WING-KI LEE	DED36000130	05-17-99	137.42
CYE HOFFMAN	DED36000131	05-17-99	233.92
RICHARD S. JACOBSON	DED36000132	05-17-99	86.92
BIMLESH GARG	DED36000133	05-17-99	63.63
ROLAND C. ESPINOZA	DED36000134	05-17-99	58.48
HARRY K. REECE	DED36000135	05-17-99	277.76
KEI-CHUEN J. LAU	DED36000136	05-17-99	41.00
RUDY CHAVEZ	DED36000137	05-17-99	934.75
SAMUEL W. KAUFMAN	DED36000138	05-17-99	63.63
FRANK E. PINDER 111	DED36000139	05-17-99	113.46
THOMAS C. KEEDY	DED36000140	05-25-99	58.48
YEZID M. MELO	DED36000141	05-25-99	43.46
R. SCOTT SULLENDER	DED36000142	05-25-99	58.48
ORLANDO J. CARTAYA	DED36000143	05-25-99	24.24
PAUL A. BOYLE	DED36000144	05-25-99	146.20
ELISEO J. MILLS	DED36000145	05-25-99	212.10
AJAY K. MALHOTRA	DED36000146	05-25-99	380.12
C. GOODMAN A. PSYCH GRP	DED36000147	05-25-99	372.72
VIGUEN G. MOVSESIAN	DED36000148	05-25-99	524.19
BERNICE S. SEMINARIO	DED36000149	05-25-99	760.24
VICTORIA A. MENCHACA	DED36000150	05-25-99	73.07
AUGUST B. DEL RIO	DED36000151	05-25-99	438.60
MARY E. PALMQUIST	DED36000152	05-25-99	58.48
BETH I. KALISH-WEIS	DED36000153	05-25-99	11.14
INSIGHT PSYCHOLOGICAL CORP.	DED36000155	05-25-99	204.68
DIANA KAPELEVICH	DED36000156	05-25-99	65.60
DAYALAL D. TANK	DED36000157	05-25-99	86.92
ROMEO L. ISIDRO	DED36000158	05-25-99	241.05
LAURENCE KASDAN	DED36000159	05-25-99	95.02
MARK E. BERMAN	DED36000160	05-25-99	87.72
RONALD E. RICKER	DED36000161	05-25-99	65.60
HAROLD UNDERWOOD	DED36000162	05-25-99	87.72
DEE L. SHEPHERD-LO	DED36000163	05-25-99	350.88
BARBARA A. SZIRAKI	DED36000164	05-25-99	350.88
LEADERS PSY GRP INC	DED36000165	05-25-99	234.66
PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSTIC INC.	DED36000166	05-25-99	406.31
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ISADORA COHEN	DED36000168	05-25-99	321.64
JOHN J. URSINO	DED36000170	05-25-99	356.80
GUSTAVO H. VINTAS	DED36000171	05-25-99	721.68
CHILDREACH	DED36000172	05-26-99	274.50
MEREDITH B. MITCHELL	DED36000173	05-26-99	146.20
RICHARD A. FIERRO	DED36000174	05-26-99	350.88
JAMES S. BRUST	DED36000175	05-26-99	135.60
GEORGE G. DRESNIN	DED36000176	05-26-99	213.20
UCLA NEURO. & BEHAV. SVC	DED36000177	05-26-99	199.35

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JOEL S. DREYER	DED36000178	05-26-99	181.80
WILLIAM J. LINDER	DED36000179	05-26-99	120.33
ALAN S. RUTTENBERG	DED36000180	05-26-99	54.00
NADEEN H. WOLFF	DED36000181	05-26-99	818.29
AM TEHRANI MD MED GRP	DED36000182	05-26-99	488.05
UNIVERSITY CHILDRED MG GRP	DED36000183	05-26-99	302.29
STEPHEN B. SEAGER	DED36000184	05-26-99	95.01
UNIVERSITY CHILDRED MG GRP	DED36000185	05-26-99	32.80
SARKIS T. AREVIAN	DED36000186	05-26-99	16.40
MADELEINE M. VALENCERINA	DED36000187	05-26-99	337.93
IRWIN RUBEN	DED36000188	05-26-99	108.17
HOWARD S. SHAPIRO	DED36000189	05-26-99	437.68
JONATHAN L. BRAND	DED36000190	05-26-99	148.24
SAMUEL P. SMITH	DED36000191	05-26-99	190.55
THOMAS V. KRULISKY	DED36000192	05-26-99	35.35
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TOLWIN PSYCH. MED GRP	DED36000194	05-26-99	1,846.63
SAID I. JACOB	DED36000195	05-26-99	57.40
DARREL D. DOBBS	DED36000196	05-26-99	116.96
NELSON J. FLORES	DED36000197	05-26-99	277.63
RAMZI Z. KIRIAKOS	DED36000198	05-27-99	283.61
SANDHYA R. GUDAPATI	DED36000199	05-27-99	553.30
CHIN S. CHOO	DED36000200	05-27-99	114.80
VICTORIA M. CABANELA	DED36000201	05-27-99	54.00
HASSAN M. MAHFOOZI	DED36000202	05-27-99	26.08
PAUL M. GROSSMAN	DED36000203	05-27-99	41.00
MICHAEL J. ILAS	DED36000204	05-27-99	27.00
ROBERT J. BONKOWSKI	DED36000205	05-27-99	43.83
PACIFIC RESORCE PSY	DED36000206	05-27-99	2,687.48
BOYLE BERNARD PSYCH GRP	DED36000207	05-27-99	2,382.88
JAMES M. HILTON	DED36000208	06-09-99	3,364.32
STEPHEN M. SHEA	DED36000209	06-09-99	202.00
MICHAEL A. GALES	DED36000210	07-07-99	90.00
BONNIE K. ABEL	DED36000211	06-09-99	467.79
YOLANDA MICHAELS	DED36000212	06-09-99	102.32
LOUISE D. EPPS	DED36000213	06-09-99	219.28
FRANK ZIZZO	DED36000214	07-07-99	58.48
JOHN A. GIGLIO	DED36000215	06-21-99	87.72
ADONIS SFERA	DED36000216	06-21-99	63.63
MAURICE W. BLACK	DED36000217	06-21-99	315.90
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JANE K. JEFFREYS	DED36000219	06-21-99	242.40
KENNETH A. BAUM	DED36000220	06-21-99	29.24
EL DORADO-LAWNDALE	DED36000221	06-21-99	34.20
EL DORADO-VAN NUYS	DED36000222	06-21-99	179.10
EL DORADO-STA CLARITA	DED36000223	06-21-99	162.00
EL DORADO-INGLEWOOD	DED36000224	06-21-99	51.30
MOIEZ KHANKHANIAN	DED36000225	06-21-99	90.90
PARVIZ FAHIMIAN	DED36000226	06-21-99	73.73
GARY FREEDMAN	DED36000227	06-21-99	349.92
	Grand Total		**$ 82,292.46**