

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Health Services Agency *MD*

BOARD AGENDA # 9:05 a.m.

Urgent  Routine  *MD*

AGENDA DATE January 8, 2013

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Cancel the Public Hearing Scheduled for January 8, 2013 at 9:05 AM, Which was to Consider Adjustments to the Methodology Used to Establish the Medically Indigent Adult Program Income Limits for the Hardship Eligibility Category Pursuant to Section 1442.5 of the Health and Safety Code (This Hearing will be rescheduled at a future date)

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Cancel the Public Hearing scheduled for January 8, 2013 at 9:05 a.m., which was to consider adjustments to the methodology used to establish the Medically Indigent Adult Program Income Limits for the Hardship Eligibility category pursuant to Section 1442.5 of the Health and Safety Code.
2. Direct staff to consider new information and request the rescheduling of a Public Hearing at a later date to consider related program adjustments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Medically Indigent Adult (MIA) program represents the majority of the Health Services Agency's Indigent Health Care Program budget. The approved budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 for the Indigent Health Care Program is \$12,710,288. The MIA program is funded by State Realignment from a portion of vehicle license fees and sales tax, and by a required County match. There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the staff recommendations.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2013-15

On motion of Supervisor De Martini, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Withrow, Monteith, De Martini and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:

*Christine Ferraro*

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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**DISCUSSION:**

Under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 17000, the County is required to provide or arrange for the provision of medical care services for the indigent residents of the County. Under the law, the scope of benefits and eligibility guidelines are established at the discretion of each county's Board of Supervisors, although case law has provided more detailed guidance.

On December 11, 2012, the Board of Supervisors scheduled a Public Hearing to be held on January 8, 2013 to consider recommendations from the staff of the Health Services Agency (H.S.A.) to adjust the County's Medically Indigent Adult (MIA) program's Hardship Eligibility Income Limit methodology to employ as guides the age categories and health care insurance premium rates published by the State Major Risk Medical Insurance Board ("MRMIB") in determining the income eligibility standards for the Hardship Eligibility category. Note: A public hearing is required under the Health and Safety Code Section 1442.5 if the Board of Supervisors considers a policy which would reduce or eliminate a healthcare service.

In recommending adjustments to the current Hardship Eligibility standard, H.S.A. plans to use the age bands and premiums published for the Major Risk Medical Insurance Program ("MRMIP"), which are higher than the other MRMIB program, the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Program ("PCIP"), to achieve Hardship Eligibility standards for our community's medically indigent population which provide a more direct correlation between age categories and income eligibility.

Since requesting the scheduled Public Hearing, staff has become aware of information including recently released MRMIP premium rates for the 2013 calendar year. In an effort to put forth the most appropriate recommendations for Board of Supervisor consideration, staff requests that the Board cancel the scheduled Public Hearing, while also directing staff to consider additional information relevant to the current year for use in adjusting the Hardship Eligibility methodology and standards and return to the Board with a resulting recommendation at a later date.

Efforts were made to inform the public about staff's recommendation to cancel the Public Hearing, which included a posting in the local newspaper.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

Approval of this item supports the Board of Supervisors' priorities of A Healthy Community and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by considering changes which meet the County's mandate under State law while providing for medical needs of the County's medically indigent population, using currently available information.

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**STAFFING IMPACT:**

There is no staffing impact associated with this proposal. Existing staff would perform the activities necessary to implement the recommendations.

**CONTACT NAME:**

Mary Ann Lee, Managing Director, 209-558-7163.

**DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION  
(C.C.P. S2015.5)**

**COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am a printer and principal clerk of the publisher of **THE MODESTO BEE**, which has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of **STANISLAUS**, State of California, under the date of **February 25, 1951, Action No. 46453**. The notice of which the annexed is a printed copy has been published in each issue thereof on the following dates, to wit:

**JANUARY 6, 7, 2013**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at **MODESTO**, California on

**JANUARY 7, 2013**



(Signature)

**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
NOTICE OF REQUEST TO CANCEL  
PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, will consider a request to cancel the public hearing scheduled for January 8, 2013 at 9:05 a.m., to consider adjustments to the methodology used to establish the Medically Indigent Adult Program Income Limits for the Hardship Eligibility Category Pursuant to Section 1442.5 of the Health and Safety Code. For additional information contact the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency at (209) 558-7163, or by writing the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency, Attention: Administration, P.O. Box 3271, Modesto, CA 95353. DATED: January 4, 2013. ATTEST: Christine Ferraro Tallman, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California. BY: Elizabeth King, Assistant Clerk of the Board.

**CONDADO DE STANISLAUS  
AVISO DE SOLICITUD PARA CANCELAR  
AUDIENCIA PUBLICA**  
POR EL PRESENTE AVISO el Consejo Directivo del Condado de Stanislaus, Estado de California, tendra en cuenta una solicitud para cancelar la audiencia publica previamente programada para el 8 de Enero del 2013 a las 9:05 de la mañana, para considerar ajustes a la metodologia utilizada para establecer el Limite de Ingreso de Elegibilidad del Programa de Salud para Adultos Indigentes (MIA) conforme a la Sección 1442.5 del Código de Salud y Seguridad. Información adicional sobre esta audiencia puede ser obtenida de la oficina al contactar al Stanislaus County Health Services Agency al (209) 558-7163, o por escrito al Stanislaus County Health Services Agency, Attention: Administration, P.O. Box 3271, Modesto, CA 95353. FECHA: 4 de Enero, 2013. ATESTIGUA: Christine Ferraro Tallman, Empleado del Consejo Directivo del Condado de Stanislaus, Estado de California. POR: Elizabeth King, Asistente del Consejo Directivo.  
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