Resolution authorizing the Department of Public Health to implement Assembly Bill 85 via the Savings Formula Option to redirect a portion of current Health realignment funds to social service programs; and determine payments from the Health Subaccount to the Family Support 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 1991-1992, the Department of Public Health (DPH) 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 FY2013-2014, 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 FY2014-2015 and going forward; and
1 WHEREAS, The two options are: the 60/40 with Maintenance of Effort Split Option, 2 which would automatically redirect 60 percent of Health Realignment funds to the State; or 3 the Savings Formula Option, which would redirect a portion of the county's calculated savings 4 resulting from Health Reform; and 5
6 WHEREAS, DPH analysis indicates that the county and its residents would be best 7 served by adopting the Savings Formula Option, an option that would protect San Francisco’s 8 historical Health Realignment allocation for public health services and place a cap on the 9 amount of indigent health care funds that can be redirected to the State; and 10
11 WHEREAS, The California Department of Health Care Services (CDHCS) requires 12 counties to pass a resolution in support of their favored redirection option no later than 13 January 22, 2014; now, therefore, be it 14
15 RESOLVED, That San Francisco chooses the Savings Formula Option to determine 16 the amount of redirected payments from the Health Subaccount to the Family Support 17 Subaccount beginning in FY2014-2015; and, be it 18
19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Department of Public Health 20 to determine the amount of redirected payments from the Health Subaccount to the Family 21 Support Subaccount beginning in FY2014-2015; and, be it 22
23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That DPH will continue to serve those who remain medically 24 indigent after Health Reform implementation in January 2014; and be it 25
26 FURTHER RESOLVED, That DPH will continue to uphold its broader mission to 27 protect and promote the health of all San Francisco residents; and be it 28
29 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs 30 the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies to CDHCS with a request to take all action necessary 31 to achieve the objectives of this resolution.
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January 14, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/14/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved: 1/14/14