

1 [Urging Governor Brown and the State Legislature to Restore Cuts to Medi-Cal Rates]

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3 **Resolution urging Governor Brown and the State Legislature to restore cuts to the**  
4 **Medi-Cal reimbursement rates.**

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6 WHEREAS, Governor Brown released his proposed State budget on January 9, 2014;  
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8 WHEREAS, With the most positive fiscal picture the State has seen in years, the  
9 Governor proposes to use the additional available resources to pay down debt and increase  
10 reserves; and

11 WHEREAS, The Governor's budget continues California's support of the Affordable  
12 Care Act (ACA) and commitment to expanding the Medicaid program, called Medi-Cal in  
13 California, to provide health insurance for low-income Californians; and

14 WHEREAS, The Governor's budget does not invest significant new resources to  
15 support vital health care services in this critical time of ACA implementation; and

16 WHEREAS, The budget maintains previous reductions to the Medi-Cal program that  
17 were implemented during the economic downturn; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2010 California already ranked last in Medicaid spending per enrollee  
19 across the 50 states; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2011 California reduced already low Medi-Cal rates by an additional  
21 10%; and

22 WHEREAS, Despite the State's improved financial situation, the budget continues  
23 California's historically low Medicaid reimbursement rates; and

24 WHEREAS, The State's commitment to ACA implementation also means changes to  
25 the health care safety net and the City's provision of care for the indigent population; and

1           WHEREAS, More than 30,000 currently uninsured San Franciscans will obtain  
2 affordable, quality health care coverage; and

3           WHEREAS, While Health Reform will most certainly reduce the need for  
4 uncompensated care by safety net health providers as a result of the transition of the  
5 uninsured to health insurance, an estimated 3 to 4 million Californians, including 50,000 to  
6 85,000 San Franciscans, will remain uninsured after implementation of the ACA and continue  
7 to rely on the City's health care safety net; and

8           WHEREAS, Additionally, many of the low-income San Franciscans who gain insurance  
9 coverage through Medi-Cal will likely continue to rely on the City's safety net providers for  
10 several reasons, including the relationships established with these providers and the  
11 availability of other support services; and

12           WHEREAS, The City's health care safety net will continue to play a critical role to care  
13 for low-income insured and uninsured in San Francisco post-ACA and steps must be taken to  
14 ensure it is not destabilized; and

15           WHEREAS, The budget includes the redirection of Health Realignment funding for  
16 indigent care from the City to the State to reflect a projected reduction in the need for indigent  
17 care resulting from the transition of the low-income uninsured to health insurance; and

18           WHEREAS, State statute requires the State Department of Health Care Services to  
19 determine the redirected amount in consultation with the City's public hospital system; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That San Francisco commends Governor Brown on the progress made to  
22 reduce California's "Wall of Debt" and improve the state's economy; and, be it

23           FURTHER RESOLVED, That given the State's improved financial position and the  
24 critical juncture in the implementation of the ACA, it is imperative that the State continue to  
25 invest in the health care safety net; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco encourages the State Department of  
2 Health Care Services to enter into meaningful conversations with San Francisco's public  
3 health system to ensure that the redirection of realignment funding reflects San Francisco's  
4 actual experience of enrollment into health insurance and reduction of uncompensated care  
5 costs; and, be it

6           FURTHER RESOLVED, That because Medi-Cal funding is a critical source of support  
7 for public and private providers in the health care safety net, San Francisco urges Governor  
8 Brown and the State Legislature to restore the cut to Medi-Cal reimbursement rates.

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Resolution

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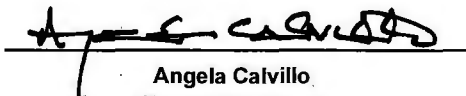
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February 04, 2014 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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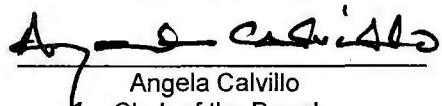
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/4/2014 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

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Unsigned  
Mayor

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2/14/14  
Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

  
Angela Calvillo  
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