



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR**



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED – 3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code, authorize acceptance of the compromise offers of settlement from the following individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident and who received medical care at a County facility:

Gary W. Chapman, in amount of \$799.96
Bernabe Lopez, in amount of \$7,320.87
Tessie K. Park, in amount of \$10,000
Tarrah D. Wauson, in amount of \$9,741.62

JUSTIFICATION:

The best interest of the County would be served by the approval of this recommendation and the County Counsel concurs.

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PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The compromise offers of settlement are recommended because the patients, estates, or legally responsible relatives are unable to pay the charges.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

This action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility in pursuing collection of charges owed for County services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County will recover partial payment from a third party against debts, otherwise uncollectible due to the limited financial resources of the individuals who received the medical care.

Respectfully submitted,



MARK J. SALADINO
Treasurer and Tax Collector

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

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County Counsel

By 

DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 45A
DATE: July 25, 2002

Amount of Aid	\$28,385.00	Account Number	10510969
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Chapman, Gary W.
Balance Due	28,385.00	Service Date	07/12/00 to 02/02/01
Compromise Amount Offered	799.96	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Ctr.
Amount to be Written Off	\$27,585.04	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Chapman was involved in a slip and fall accident. He was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$28,385.00. There is no private insurance involvement. Medi-Cal coverage was for non-County related charges.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$3,500.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 1,400.00	\$1,400.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	445.26	445.26	12.72%
State Dept. of Health Services	967.81	572.12	16.34%
County of Los Angeles	28,385.00	799.96	22.87%
Net to Client	N/A	282.66	8.07%
Total	\$31,198.07	\$3,500.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Chapman is unemployed and a current resident of the Longwood Manor Convalescent Hospital. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 45B
DATE: July 25, 2002

Amount of Aid	\$38,416.00	Account Number	10646852
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Lopez, Bernabe
Balance Due	38,416.00	Service Date	11/02/00 to 11/15/00
Compromise Amount Offered	7,320.87	Facility	MLK Drew Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$31,095.13	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Lopez was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at MLK Drew Medical Center at a cost of \$38,416.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	532.25	532.25	3.55%
Total Urgent Care Medical Center	940.00	179.13	1.20%
County of Los Angeles	38,416.00	7,320.87	48.80%
Net to Client	N/A	967.75	6.45%
Total	\$45,888.25	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Lopez is unemployed and receives no income. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 45C
DATE: July 25, 2002

Amount of Aid	\$146,199.00	Account Number	10576929
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Park, Tessie K.
Balance Due	146,199.00	Service Date	04/07/01 to 06/01/01
Compromise Amount Offered	10,000.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$136,199.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Park was involved in an automobile versus motorcycle accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$146,199.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$30,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	441.85	441.85	1.47%
Richard Rosenberg, M.D.	948.00	0.00	0.00%
Issac Regev	1,220.00	600.00	2.00%
Tower Magnetic	1,550.00	310.90	1.04%
County of Los Angeles	146,199.00	10,000.00	33.33%
Net to Client	N/A	8,647.25	28.83%
Total	\$160,358.85	\$30,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Park supports herself with a marginal income. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 45D
DATE: July 25, 2002

Amount of Aid	\$94,780.00	Account Number	10629361
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Wauson, Tarrah D.
Balance Due	94,780.00	Service Date	10/05/01 to 01/03/02
Compromise Amount Offered	9,741.62	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$85,038.38	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Wauson was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$94,780.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$30,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	578.00	578.00	1.93%
Ambulance Services	632.50	632.50	2.11%
County of Los Angeles	94,780.00	9,741.62	32.47%
Net to Client	N/A	9,047.88	30.16%
Total	\$105,990.50	\$30,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Wauson supports herself with a marginal income. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.