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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.
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SUBJECT: **PATIENT ACCOUNT COMPROMISE REPORT - FOURTH QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004**

Attached is DHS' quarterly report of approved account compromises including the amount of liability reduced and the reason(s) for such reductions. The report covers the period of April 1, 2004 to June 30, 2004, with a total liability reduction of $2.54 million (29.4%) and corresponding approved compromise offers of $6.10 million (70.6%).

If you have questions or desire additional information, please let me know.

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
APPROVED PATIENT ACCOUNT COMPROMISES
FISCAL YEAR 2003 - 2004
FOURTH QUARTER

FACILITY	NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS	APPROVED OFFER OF COMPROMISE	APPROVED TOTAL LIABILITY REDUCTION	REASON(S) FOR COMPROMISE
THEAST AREA				
ospital	111	$ 3,054,850	$ 1,242,875	Sixty-six (66) accounts as the highest amounts that could be negotiated with the patients' insurance (Commercial or HMO) carrier, under the circumstances of the case, and receipt of such insurance proceeds prevent further collection from the patients, except for possible beneficiary coinsurance or deductible obligations.
				Twenty-four (24) accounts as third-party claims settled.
				Eight (8) accounts as patient hardship, other party not responsible for debt, has agreed to pay.
				Thirteen (13) accounts as amounts exceeded patients' current financial resources to pay.
HC/HC	0	$ -	$ -	
TOTAL NORTHEAST AREA	111	$ 3,054,850	$ 1,242,875	
THWEST AREA				
ospital	42	$ 379,598	$ 256,977	Eighteen (18) accounts as the highest amounts that could be negotiated with the patients' insurance (Commercial or HMO) carrier, under the circumstances of the case, and receipt of such insurance proceeds prevent further collection from the patients, except for possible beneficiary coinsurance or deductible obligations.
				Fifteen (15) accounts as third-party claims settled.
				Eight (8) accounts as amounts exceeded patients' current financial resources to pay.
				One (1) account as patient hardship, other party not responsible for debt, has agreed to pay.
HC/HC	0	$ -	$ -	
TOTAL SOUTHWEST AREA	42	$ 256,977	$ 122,621	
FERNANDO VALLEY AREA				
ospital	55	$ 484,211	$ 204,669	Forty-six (46) accounts as the highest amounts that could be negotiated with the patients' insurance (Commercial or HMO) carrier, under the circumstances of the case, and receipt of such insurance proceeds prevent further collection from the patients, except for possible beneficiary coinsurance or deductible obligations.
				Nine (9) accounts as amounts exceeded patients' current financial resources to pay.
HC/HC	0	$ -	$ -	
TOTAL SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AREA	55	$ 484,211	$ 204,669	
STAL AREA				
ospital	104	$ 2,271,766	$ 942,777	Sixty-three (63) accounts as the highest amounts that could be negotiated with the patients' insurance (Commercial or HMO) carrier, under the circumstances of the case, and receipt of such insurance proceeds prevent further collection from the patients, except for possible beneficiary coinsurance or deductible obligations.
				Twenty-eight (28) accounts as third-party claims settled.
				Thirteen (13) accounts as amounts exceeded patients' current financial resources to pay.
HC/HC	0	$ -	$ -	
TOTAL COASTAL AREA	104	$ 2,271,766	$ 942,777	
ELOPE VALLEY AREA				
ospital	0	$ -	$ -	
HC/HC	0	$ -	$ -	
TOTAL ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA	0	$ -	$ -	
CHO LOS AMIGOS	7	$ 29,190	$ 22,509	Seven (7) accounts as amounts exceeded patients' current financial resources to pay.
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AL FY 03-04 - 4TH. QTR ALL FACILITIES	319	$ 6,096,994	$ 2,535,451	
LECTION RATIO FY 03-04 - 4TH. QTR ALL FACILITIES			70.6%	
LECTION RATIO FY 03-04 - ALL FACILITIES			67.2%	COLLECTION RATIO FY 02-03 ALL FACILITIES | 64.8.%