

SYN. NO. _____

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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND
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FEBRUARY 3, 2004

On January 6, 2004, the Board of Supervisors adopted a motion instructing the Department of Health Services (DHS) to report back on the financial impact of the LA Care Health Plan’s Medi-Cal Auto-Assignment Redistribution proposal on the Community Health Plan (CHP), a Los Angeles County owned and operated healthcare plan.

DHS and LA Care Health Plan staff confirmed that the County would lose an estimated \$1.4 million annually under LA Care’s proposal to reduce Medi-Cal default assignments to the CHP. Based on this finding, the Director of the Department of Health Services opposes any reductions in Medi-Cal default assignments to the CHP. The \$1.4 million loss to the County will further deteriorate the financial health of DHS hospitals and health centers and compromise Los Angeles County’s safety net mission of providing healthcare for the uninsured and under-insured. Given further the impact of the State budget crisis on the County, the decreasing number of Medi-Cal enrollees, and the Governor’s plan to reform the Medi-Cal program, a reduction in the default assignment to the CHP may harm Los Angeles County’s fragile health system.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors oppose any reduction in the Medi-Cal auto-assignment percentage to the Community Health Plan and inform the LA Care Health Plan Board of Governors of our position prior to its February 5, 2004 meeting.

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