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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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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:

Lyudmila Arakelyan, in amount of $4,100
Luis Bemal, in amount of $4,697.18
Sonia Y. Dupree, in amount of $4,830
Guillermina Guerrero, in amount of $4,134
Sabrina M. Lamour, in amount of $4,707.40
Keum S. Park, in amount of $5,000
Vincent K. Racanelli, in amount of $24,904
Alex Zeldon, in amount of $2,087.17

JUSTIFICATION:

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

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.

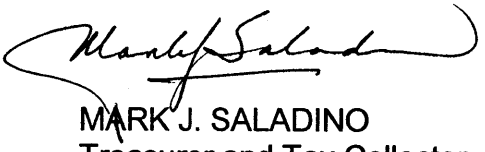
Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

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,



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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO FORM

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

by
Principal Deputy County Counsel

DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 63A
DATE: May 6, 2004

Amount of Aid	$24,328.00	Account Number	10753866
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Arakelyan, Lyudmila
Balance Due	24,328.00	Service Date	04/21/03 to 04/24/03
Compromise Amount Offered	4,100.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$20,228.00	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Arakelyan was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $24,328.00. 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	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00	33.33%
Dr. Missak Ekmekdjian	5,325.00	900.00	6.00%
County of Los Angeles	24,328.00	4,100.00	27.34%
Net to Client	N/A	5,000.00	33.33%
Total	**$34,653.00**	**$15,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Arakelyan receives Social Security Benefits. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 63B
DATE: May 6, 2004

Amount of Aid	$86,947.00	Account Number	10807729
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Bernal, Luis
Balance Due	86,947.00	Service Date	08/23/03 to 12/12/03
Compromise Amount Offered	4,697.18	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center.
Amount to be Written Off	$82,249.82	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Bernal was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $86,947.00. 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	$ 4,996.00	$ 4,996.00	33.30%
Attorney Cost	10.00	10.00	.06%
American Medical Response	449.75	29.68	.19%
CHIP Radiology	346.10	15.80	.10%
CHIP Emergency	200.00	10.49	.06%
Gardena Hospital	4,436.12	243.85	1.62%
County of Los Angeles	86,947.00	4,697.18	31.36%
Net to Client	N/A	4,997.00	33.31%
Total	**$97,384.97**	**$15,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Bernal is disabled and moved back to Mexico to receive support from relatives. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 63C
DATE: May 6, 2004

Amount of Aid	$408,329.00	Account Number	10734016
Amount Paid	349,024.00	Name	Dupree, Sonia Y.
Balance Due	59,305.00	Service Date	09/17/02 to 02/14/03
Compromise Amount Offered	4,830.00	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Ctr.
Amount to be Written Off	$ 54,475.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Dupree was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of $408,329.00. Private insurance covered the amount of $349,024.00. There is no Medi-Cal 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	$ 4,950.00	$ 4,950.00	33.00%
Attorney Cost	510.00	510.00	3.40%
County of Los Angeles	59,305.00	4,830.00	32.20%
Net to Client	N/A	4,710.00	31.40%
Total	**$64,765.00**	**$15,000.00**	**100.00%**

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

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 63D
DATE: May 6, 2004

Amount of Aid	$247,312.00	Account Number	10683883
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Guerrero, Guillermina
Balance Due	247,312.00	Service Date	09/09/02 to 10/09/02
Compromise Amount Offered	4,134.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$243,178.00	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Guerrero was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $247,312.00. 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	967.50	967.50	6.45%
Pacifica Hospital	32,457.47	324.57	2.16%
County of Los Angeles	247,312.00	4,134.00	27.57%
Net to Client	N/A	3,573.93	23.82%
Total	**$286,736.97**	$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Guerrero is unemployed and receives support from relatives. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 63E
DATE: May 6, 2004

Amount of Aid	$47,074.00	Account Number	10741023
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Lamour, Sabrina M.
Balance Due	47,074.00	Service Date	02/23/02 to 05/28/03
Compromise Amount Offered	4,707.40	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$42,366.60	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Lamour was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $47,074.00. 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	1,430.62	1,430.62	9.54%
County of Los Angeles	47,074.00	4,707.40	31.38%
Net to Client	N/A	2,861.98	19.08%
Total	**$54,504.62**	**$15,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Lamour is unemployed and receives support from friends. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 63F
DATE: May 6, 2004

Amount of Aid	$117,084.00	Account Number	10683906
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Park, Keum S.
Balance Due	117,084.00	Service Date	09/06/02 to 09/27/02
Compromise Amount Offered	5,000.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Ctr.
Amount to be Written Off	$112,084.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Park was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $117,084.00. 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	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	480.00	waived	.00%
County of Los Angeles	117,084.00	5,000.00	33.33%
Net to Client	N/A	5,000.00	33.34%
Total	**$122,564.00**	**$15,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Park is unemployed and is receiving State Disability benefits. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 63G
DATE: May 6, 2004

Amount of Aid	$69,946.00	Account Number	10660774
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Racanelli, Vincent K.
Balance Due	69,946.00	Service Date	01/07/02 to 08/13/02
Compromise Amount Offered	24,904.00	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Ctr. & Olive View Medical Ctr.
Amount to be Written Off	$45,042.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Racanelli was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center and Olive View Medical Center at a cost of $69,946.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $90,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	**Total Claim**	**Proposed Settlement**	**Percent of Settlement**
Attorney Fees	$ 36,000.00	$30,000.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	6,187.01	6,187.01	6.87%
Kay Health Medical Group	200.00	125.00	.13%
Aligned Health Center	5,295.00	4,500.00	5.00%
DYN. Diagn. Imaging Center	2,200.00	1,600.00	1.77%
Jeffrey Korchek, M.D.	725.00	725.00	.80%
B-Medical, Inc. Wheel Chair	100.00	100.00	.11%
County of Los Angeles	69,946.00	24,904.00	27.71%
Net to Client	N/A	21,858.99	24.28%
Total	**$120,653.01**	**$90,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Racanelli is unemployed and is supported by relatives. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 63H
DATE: May 6, 2004

Amount of Aid	$24,628.00	Account Number	10627278
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Zeledon, Alex
Balance Due	24,628.00	Service Date	10/21/01 to 10/29/01
Compromise Amount Offered	2,087.17	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$22,540.83	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Zeledon was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $24,628.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $7,500.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	**Total Claim**	**Proposed Settlement**	**Percent of Settlement**
Attorney Fees	$ 3,000.00	$3,000.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	775.60	775.60	10.34%
West Covina Prime Medical Center	3,000.00	500.00	6.66%
County of Los Angeles	24,628.00	2,087.17	27.84%
Net to Client	N/A	1,137.23	15.16%
Total	**$31,403.60**	**$7,500.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Zeledon is unemployed and is supported by relatives. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.