



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR**
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MARK J. SALADINO
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

July 31, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

17 July 31, 2012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR
REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident received medical care at a County facility. The Treasurer and Tax Collector entered into negotiations with the liable parties and reached a settlement agreement.

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:

1. Account Number 12591281 in amount of \$2,358.54
2. Account Number 12569975 in amount of \$13,270.95
3. Account Number 12572175 in amount of \$33,000.00
4. Account Number 12472283 in amount of \$15,978.33
5. Account Number 12225652 in amount of \$4,700.00
6. Account Number 12585289 in amount of \$6,764.84

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The best interest of the County would be served by the approval of this recommendation and the County Counsel concurs. 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 Sustainability in pursuing collection of charges owed for County services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

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.

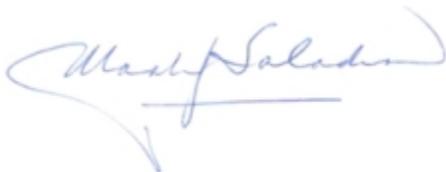
FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

No impact.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Saladino", with a horizontal line underneath.

MARK J. SALADINO

Treasurer and Tax Collector

MJS:FR:efh

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel

DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

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TRANSMITTAL NO.117A

Amount of Aid	\$211,171.00	Account Number	12591281
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	\$211,171.00	Service Date	06/11/11 thru 09/29/11
Compromise Amount Offered	2,358.54	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$208,812.46	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus skateboard accident. He was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$211,171.00. There was 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	399.05	399.05	2.66%
Long Beach Memorial Medical Center	212,138.70	2,000.00	13.33%
California Anesthesia	1,710.00	350.00	2.33%
City of Long Beach Fire Department	1,565.50	350.00	2.33%
Columbia ER Medical	1,058.00	100.00	0.67%
Gholamreza Pourzia, M.D.	245.00	50.48	0.35%
Long Beach Advanced Ortho	2,986.40	300.00	2.00%
CARE Ambulance	1,300.75	150.00	1.00%
Advanced Memorial Imaging	3,565.00	500.00	3.33%
County of Los Angeles	211,171.00	2,358.54	15.72%
Net to Client	N/A	3,441.93	22.95%
Total	\$441,139.40	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client has moved out of State and is supported by his family. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO.117B

Amount of Aid	\$49,864.00	Account Number	12569975
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Female
Balance Due	49,864.00	Service Date	03/15/11 thru 04/06/11
Compromise Amount Offered	13,270.95	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$36,593.05	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in a pedestrian versus automobile accident. She was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$49,864.00. There was no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$50,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fee	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00	33.00%
Attorney Cost	500.00	500.00	1.00%
Los Angeles City Fire Department	1,499.00	1,000.00	2.00%
Precise Imaging	5,300.00	2,500.00	5.00%
Mark Greenspan, M.D.	1,165.00	800.00	1.60%
Ginoza & Nakano, A Chiro Corp.	4,170.00	2,000.00	4.00%
County of Los Angeles	49,864.00	13,270.95	26.54%
Net to Client	N/A	13,429.05	26.86%
Total	\$78,998.00	\$50,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed and is supported by her family. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO.117C

Amount of Aid	\$188,284.00	Account Number	12572175
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	188,284.00	Service Date	07/03/11 thru 07/20/11
Compromise Amount Offered	33,000.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$155,284.00	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in a shooting incident at a private residence. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$188,284.00. There was no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$100,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.33	33.33%
Attorney Cost	1,205.13	1,205.13	1.21%
County of Los Angeles	188,284.00	33,000.00	33.00%
Net to Client	N/A	32,461.54	32.46%
Total	\$222,822.46	\$100,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is disabled due to the incident and is supported by his parents. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO.117D

Amount of Aid	\$43,357.00	Account Number	12472283
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	43,357.00	Service Date	11/30/10 thru 01/05/11
Compromise Amount Offered	15,978.33	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$27,378.67	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus a motorcycle accident. He was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$43,357.00. There was no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$100,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.33	33.33%
Attorney Cost	113.20	113.20	0.11%
Kaiser Permanente	47,153.41	17,355.00	17.36%
County of Los Angeles	43,357.00	15,978.33	15.98%
Net to Client	N/A	33,220.14	33.22%
Total	\$123,956.94	\$100,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client supports himself with a marginal income. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 117E

Amount of Aid	\$184,533.00	Account Number	12225652
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	184,533.00	Service Date	11/01/09 thru 04/19/10
Compromise Amount Offered	4,700.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$179,833.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$184,533.00. There was 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	900.00	900.00	6.01%
County of Los Angeles	184,533.00	4,700.00	31.33%
Net to Client	N/A	4,400.00	29.33%
Total	\$190,433.00	\$15,000.00	100.00%

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 117F

Amount of Aid	\$48,656.00	Account Number	12585289
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Female
Balance Due	48,656.00	Service Date	11/26/10 thru 12/04/10
Compromise Amount Offered	6,764.84	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$41,891.16	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$48,656.00. There was 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	2,575.00	2,575.00	8.58%
American Medical Response	1,219.25	1,219.25	4.06%
Henry Mayo Memorial Hospital	4,962.01	1,000.00	3.33%
A&A Chiropractic	4,890.00	3,000.00	10.00%
Shin MRI, Inc.	3,500.00	2,000.00	6.67%
Studio Ciity Ortho & Medical Group	2,520.00	1,750.00	5.84%
County of Los Angeles	48,656.00	6,764.84	22.55%
Net to Client	N/A	1,690.91	5.64%
Total	\$78,322.26	\$30,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client and her spouse are self-employed and earn a marginal income. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.