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October 23, 2003

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

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:

Rodolfo Muro, in amount of $30,008
Armando Torres, in amount of $12,862.89
Steven Bonner, in amount of $4,800
Chong Shick Pai, in amount of $3,267.72
Betty J. Rogers, in amount of $4,874.33
Randy R. Tiffin, in amount of $27,449.90
Elizabeth Tiffin, in amount of $15,382.85
Frederick Kim, in amount of $3,073.41
Jerome Edgar, in amount of $4,837.75
William G. Stokes, in amount of $4,958.59
Rebekah E. Kemmerer, in amount of $12,500
Bi Xian Li, in amount of $32,333.86

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.

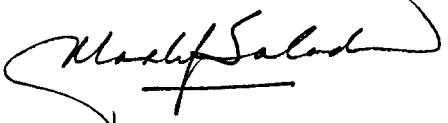
Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

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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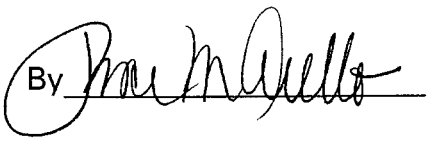
By 

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 58A
DATE: October 23, 2003

Amount of Aid	$79,059.00	Account Number	10646572
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Muro, Rodolfo
Balance Due	79,059.00	Service Date	03/19/01 to 11/09/01
Compromise Amount Offered	30,008.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$49,051.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Muro was involved in an accident on private property. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $79,059.00. There is 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	$ 40,000.00	$ 40,000.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	7,276.00	7,276.00	7.27%
Orthopedic Care Center	900.00	400.00	0.40%
County of Los Angeles	79,059.00	30,008.00	30.02%
Net to Client	N/A	22,316.00	22.31%
Total	**$127,235.00**	**$100,000.00**	**100.00%**

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

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 58B
DATE: October 23, 2003

Amount of Aid	$52,856.00	Account Number	10625835
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Torres, Armando
Balance Due	52,856.00	Service Date	11/20/01 to 04/26/02
Compromise Amount Offered	12,862.89	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$39,993.11	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Torres was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $52,856.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $45,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	$13,443.00	$13,443.00	29.88%
Attorney Cost	4,672.24	4,672.24	10.38%
American Medical Response	493.00	119.98	0.27%
Citrus Valley Medical Center	815.80	198.53	0.44%
John Kail, M.D.	596.00	145.04	0.32%
Citrus Medical Billing	83.00	20.20	0.04%
Orthopedic Hospital of Los Angeles	150.00	36.50	0.08%
JJ & R Emergency Medical Group	246.00	59.87	0.13%
County of Los Angeles	52,856.00	12,862.89	28.59%
Net to Client	N/A	13,441.75	29.87%
Total	**$73, 355.04**	**$45,000.00**	**100.00%**

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

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 58C
DATE: October 23, 2003

Amount of Aid	$91,230.00	Account Number	10717439
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Bonner, Steven
Balance Due	91,230.00	Service Date	02/13/03 to 02/27/03
Compromise Amount Offered	4,800.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$86,430.00	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Bonner was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $91,230.00. 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	$ 4,995.00	$ 4,995.00	33.30%
Attorney Cost	23.89	23.89	0.15%
Beverly Hills Doctors	395.00	200.00	1.33%
County of Los Angeles	91,230.00	4,800.00	32.02%
Net to Client	N/A	4,981.11	33.20%
Total	**$96,643.89**	**$15,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Bonner is unemployed and receives support from public assistance. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 58D
DATE: October 23, 2003

Amount of Aid	$21,152.00	Account Number	10565593
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Pai, Chong Shick
Balance Due	21,152.00	Service Date	5/02/01 to 05/05/01
Compromise Amount Offered	3,267.72	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$17,884.28	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Pai was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $21,152.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $14,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	$ 4,550.00	$ 4,550.00	32.50%
Attorney Cost	350.00	350.00	2.50%
Kingsley Healthcare Group	4,682.00	723.31	5.16%
St. Vincent Medical Center	1,797.00	277.61	1.98%
Los Angeles City Fire Department	621.25	95.98	0.68%
Daniel Chang, M.D.	1,200.00	185.38	1.32%
County of Los Angeles	21,152.00	3,267.72	23.36%
Net to Client	N/A	4,550.00	32.50%
Total	**$34,352.25**	**$14,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Pai supports himself and a family of three with a marginal income. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 58E
DATE: October 23, 2003

Amount of Aid	$374,514.00	Account Number	10725904
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Rogers, Betty J.
Balance Due	374,514.00	Service Date	07/11/01 to 08/17/01
Compromise Amount Offered	4,874.33	Facility	MLK Drew Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$369,639.67	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Rogers was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. She was treated at Martin Luther King Drew Medical Center at a cost of $374,514.00. 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	$ 4,874.33	$ 4,874.33	32.49%
Attorney Cost	377.00	377.00	2.52%
County of Los Angeles	374,514.00	4,874.33	32.49%
Net to Client	N/A	4,874.34	32.50%
Total	**$379,765.33**	**$15,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Rogers is deceased with no estate. The proceeds of this settlement will be distributed amongst her children.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 58F
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Amount of Aid	$112,111.00	Account Number	10638832
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Tiffin, Randy R.
Balance Due	112,111.00	Service Date	10/28/01 to 11/05/01
Compromise Amount Offered	27,449.90	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$ 84,661.10	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Tiffin was involved in a residential mobile home fire. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $112,111.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $88,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	**Total Claim**	**Proposed Settlement**	**Percent of Settlement**
Attorney Fees	$ 29,333.33	$29,333.33	33.33%
Attorney Cost	7,427.10	7,427.10	8.44%
State Dept. of Health Services	916.71	687.53	0.78%
Hall Ambulance	1,195.90	1,195.90	1.36%
County of Los Angeles	112,111.00	27,449.90	31.20%
Net to Client	N/A	21,906.24	24.89%
Total	**$150,984.04**	**$88,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Tiffin is disabled and supports himself and a family of three with Social Security and State Disability benefits. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 58G
DATE: October 23, 2003

Amount of Aid	$43,987.00	Account Number	10638831
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Tiffin, Elizabeth (a minor)
Balance Due	43,987.00	Service Date	10/28/01 to 11/05/01
Compromise Amount Offered	15,382.85	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$28,604.15	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Elizabeth Tiffin (a minor) was involved in a residential mobile home fire. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $43,987.00. There is 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 Fees	$12,500.00	$12,500.00	25.00%
Hall Ambulance	1,283.81	1,283.81	2.57%
County of Los Angeles	43,987.00	15,382.85	30.76%
Net to Client	N/A	20,833.34	41.67%
Total	**$57,770.81**	**$50,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Elizabeth Tiffin, a minor, is financially supported by her parents with a marginal income. They have no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 58H
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Amount of Aid	$119,482.00	Account Number	10626879
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Kim, Frederick
Balance Due	119,482.00	Service Date	02/19/02 to 03/08/02
Compromise Amount Offered	3,073.41	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Ctr.
Amount to be Written Off	$116,408.59	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Kim was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of $119,482.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $10,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	**Total Claim**	**Proposed Settlement**	**Percent of Settlement**
Attorney Fees	$ 4,000.00	$ 3,333.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	2,499.76	2,499.76	24.99%
County of Los Angeles	119,482.00	3,073.41	30.75%
Net to Client	N/A	1,093.83	10.93%
Total	**$125,981.76**	**$10,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Kim is unemployed, a full-time student and is supported by his relatives. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 58I
DATE: October 23, 2003

Amount of Aid	$117,008.00	Account Number	10694584
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Edgar, Jerome
Balance Due	117,008.00	Service Date	11/23/02 to 12/23/02
Compromise Amount Offered	4,837.75	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$112,170.25	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Edgar was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $117,008.00. 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	486.74	486.74	3.24%
County of Los Angeles	117,008.00	4,837.75	32.26%
Net to Client	N/A	3,675.51	24.50%
Total	**$123,494.74**	**$15,000.00**	**100.00%**

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

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 58J
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Amount of Aid	$23,448.00	Account Number	10704665
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Stokes, William G.
Balance Due	23,448.00	Service Date	01/28/03 to 01/31/03
Compromise Amount Offered	4,958.59	Facility	Harbor UCLA Med. Center
Amount to be Written Off	$18,489.41	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Stokes was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of $23,448.00. 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	124.22	124.22	0.82%
County of Los Angeles	23,448.00	4,958.59	33.07%
Net to Client	N/A	4,917.19	32.78%
Total	**$28,572.22**	**$15,000.00**	**100.00%**

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

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 58K
DATE: October 23, 2003

Amount of Aid	$37,942.00	Account Number	10633832
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Kemmerer, Rebekah E.
Balance Due	37,942.00	Service Date	03/21/02 to 04/04/02
Compromise Amount Offered	12,500.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$25,442.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Kemmerer was involved in a slip and fall accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $37,942.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $51,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	**Total Claim**	**Proposed Settlement**	**Percent of Settlement**
Attorney Fees	$20,400.00	$10,000.00	19.60%
Attorney Cost	11,456.82	11,456.82	22.45%
Dr. David S. Campion	200.00	200.00	0.39%
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center	1,896.54	1,896.54	3.71%
Cedars-Sinai Imaging Medical Ctr.	139.00	139.00	0.27%
CSNCF Med. Grp. of Bev. Hills	249.00	249.00	0.48%
Dr. Phillip J. Kanter	1,780.00	1,530.00	3.00%
Martin Chiropractice	3,613.09	2,250.00	4.41%
County of Los Angeles	37,942.00	12,500.00	24.50%
Net to Client	N/A	10,778.64	21.19%
Total	**$77,676.45**	**$51,000.00**	**100.00%**

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

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 58L
DATE: October 23, 2003

Amount of Aid	$85,948.00	Account Number	10708427
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Li, Bi Xian
Balance Due	85,948.00	Service Date	01/25/03 to 02/11/03
Compromise Amount Offered	32,333.86	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$53,614.14	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Li was involved in a pedestrian versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $85,948.00. There is 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	$ 33,293.61	$ 33,293.61	33.29%
Attorney Cost	138.37	138.37	0.13%
City of Monterey Park Ambulance	953.35	953.35	0.95%
County of Los Angeles	85,948.00	32,333.86	32.35%
Net to Client	N/A	33,280.81	33.28%
Total	**$120,333.33**	**$100,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Li is supported by her spouse with a marginal income. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.