

September 4, 2002

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
September 10, 2002

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXTENSION OF THE 1115 WAIVER BY STATE AND
FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HEALTH
CARE SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Recommendation:

That the City Council adopt the attached resolution requesting that the state and federal governments renew the 1115 Waiver.

Background:

Supervisor Don Knabe has asked each City Council in Los Angeles County to assist the County in its effort to receive a renewal of the Medicare 1115 Waiver for the Department of Health Services (DHS). The renewal of the 1115 Waiver will allow the DHS to continue to provide vital health care to Los Angeles County residents.

A copy of the letter from Supervisor Knabe is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Burrell
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 02-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, CALLING UPON THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO IMMEDIATELY ACT TO RENEW THE 1115 WAIVER AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S UNIQUE SITUATION REQUIRES THE ADOPTION OF A LONG-TERM REIMBURSEMENT FORMULA THAT WILL PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS.

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services provides critically important medical services to the residents of this city and county; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Services delivers care to more than 800,000 people annually, of which 600,000 are uninsured and would be otherwise unable to access quality health care without great difficulty; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Services has been pursuing the necessary reforms to enable it to more effectively and efficiently serve the general public, cope with rising health care costs and find ways to provide treatment with a declining budget; and,

WHEREAS, the 1115 Waiver extended by the federal government provides crucial relief from outdated reimbursement mandates, is essential to the ongoing restructuring effort and its expiration will seriously impair the public's access to health services; and,

WHEREAS, the prompt renewal of the 1115 Waiver would help limit the deep reductions in health services in Los Angeles County and would enable the Department of Health Services to develop a model of reform for the many other counties facing similar constraints;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE that the City of Hermosa Beach calls upon the State of California and the United States Department of Health and Human Services to immediately act to renew the 1115 Waiver and to acknowledge that Los Angeles County's unique situation requires the adoption of a long-term reimbursement formula that will protect the health and safety of all Los Angeles County residents.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 10th day of September 2002.

PRESIDENT of the City Council and **MAYOR** of the City of Hermosa Beach,
California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk

City Attorney