



# Contra Costa County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: David Twa County Administrator  
Date: February 3, 2009

Subject: Discharge from Accountability for Certain Health Services Accounts Receivable

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## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

AUTHORIZE the discharge from accountability for certain Health Services accounts which are not collectible due to one or more of the following reasons: the accounts are being discharged in Bankruptcy; debtors are deceased; the statute of limitations for pursuing recovery of the debt has expired; the cost of recovery is excessive; and/or the debtor no longer resides in the State.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The value of the accounts to be discharged total \$2,913,804.36.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Office of Revenue Collection has received confirmation that these accounts in the collection system are not recoverable due to one or more of the following reasons: the accounts are being discharged in Bankruptcy; debtors are deceased; the statute of limitations for pursuing recovery of the debt has expired; the cost of recovery is excessive; and/or the debtor no

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **02/03/2009** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

## **VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Gayle B. Uilkema, District II Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor  
Susan A. Bonilla, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 3, 2009

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

longer resides in the State.

Based on the stated facts, the Health Services Department should write off these accounts as “Charity Care” pursuant to its Hospital Charity Care Policy.

Approval of the recommended action will allow them to purge these files from their computer system thereby creating:

1. An accurate inventory of recoverable accounts
2. A more manageable case count for the collection staff
3. Elimination of redundant research by the accounting staff
4. A better work distribution to staff

### ATTACHMENTS

Collections Write-off 2-3-09