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MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

representing community agencies throughout the San Diego County

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Attention:

I am representing the San Diego Mental Health Contractors Association. Our sixteen (16) organizations contract with the County to provide a wide spectrum of mental health services to clients most of whom do not have private medical insurance nor Medi-Cal. They rely upon County Medical Services for health coverage.

From a physical perspective, most CMS patients have chronic illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension or cancer, all of which require costly medications, sometimes $200/month. Also, treatments are expensive such as chemotherapy. Without these medications/ treatments, these CMS will unnecessarily die before their time!

From a mental health perspective, facing one's premature death is going to generate inexcusable anxiety and anguish!

We urge the Board of Supervisors to continue funding the CMS program for these 45,000 people who are working and have chronic life-threatening illnesses but cannot secure health insurance.

Sincerely,

Fred Jacobsen
President

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