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DATE: February 22, 1991

TO: San Diego County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert M. Edwards, President & CEO
Palomar Pomerado Health System

SUBJECT: CMS Program

The attached Resolution addressing the Notice of Intent to terminate the County Medical Services program on March 15, 1991, was passed by the Board of the Palomar Pomerado Health System at a Special Meeting held on February 19, 1991. It is forwarded for your consideration as you deliberate the issue on February 26.

ATTACH:

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RESOLUTION NO. 02.19.91 (01)

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF PALOMAR POMERADO HEALTH SYSTEM
CONCERNING COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES CONTRACT

WHEREAS, on February 14, 1991, the County of San Diego, Department of Health Services, gave written notice to all San Diego County area hospitals that the County Medical Services ("CMS") contracts with these hospitals, including Palomar Medical Center and Pomerado Hospital, will terminate effective March 15, 1991;

WHEREAS, termination of the CMS programs will not eliminate the need for providing healthcare services to indigent persons, nor the cost associated with this care. Rather, thousands of indigent patients in San Diego County will continue to require healthcare services;

WHEREAS, cancellation of CMS funding, which for Palomar Pomerado Health System alone approximates $2.5 million annually, will result in the cost of healthcare provided to indigent patients to be shifted entirely to the non-indigent, non-government sponsored patients. This pool of patients is, and has been for some time, shrinking in numbers, and is already burdened with significantly more than its equitable share of healthcare costs. This pool can simply no longer absorb additional costs of uncompensated care; and

WHEREAS, cancellation of the CMS program will not benefit any group and will significantly worsen the healthcare crisis in San Diego County for indigent and non-indigent patients, as well as the hospitals that strive to serve their healthcare needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The County of San Diego is urged to recognize the significant adverse consequences of cancellation of the CMS program and requested to support the continuation of the CMS program at a minimum of the 1989-1990 funding level; and representatives of Palomar Pomerado Health System authorized to attend and to raise these significant issues at the meeting of the County Board of Supervisors on February 26, 1991, at which the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to discuss and vote on termination of the CMS program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Palomar Pomerado Health System held February 19, 1991, by the following vote:

AYES:	Directors Brown, Hutchings, Jaques, Madison, Reeves, Scofield
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Director Otoshi
ABSTAIN:	None

Chairman, Board of Directors

ATTESTED:

Secretary

PALOMAR POMERADO HEALTH SYSTEM

EXTRACT OF MOTIONS FROM SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF PPHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD
FEBRUARY 19, 1991

Motion: By Director Brown, seconded by Director Jaques, that Staff be directed to prepare contingencies to preserve the economic viability of the district by preparing a plan to suspend PPHS participation in the trauma system and possible limitation or elimination of full emergency room services.

Motion: By Director Brown, seconded by Director Jaques, that the motion is to be delivered to the Board of Supervisors along with the resolution.