

SAN MATEO COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

DATE: January 13, 1998

MENTAL HEALTH POLICY NO.: MH 98-04

SUBJECT: Outpatient Referrals - Share of Cost

AUTHORITY: Divisional

SUPERSEDES: Renumbering of Mental Health Plan Policy No. 95-02

DEFINITION

Share of Cost refers to a monthly deductible fee that must be met by certain individuals before they become eligible for full reimbursement for medical goods and services by Medi-Cal.

POLICY

In order to assure continuity of care for clients with intermittent Medi-Cal coverage, the Mental Health Plan's Access Team will not refer clients who are responsible for a monthly share of cost to the outpatient provider network. Those clients who need services provided within Mental Health Services' system of care will be referred to the appropriate clinical team for evaluation/treatment.

Approved: _____
Beverly Abbott, Director
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