

**Agenda Item Number:**

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** March 26, 2014

**Agenda Item Subject:** Maternal Health Global Fee Change Request

**Attachment(s):**

**Staff or Board Member Reporting:** Christy Bradsher

**Purpose:**  Action  
 Information only  
 Information with possible action

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**Summary Information:**

Description	Current Rate	New Rate Upon Approval
59425-Antepartum Care Only	\$810	\$1,900.44
59425-Antepartum Care Global Package	\$1,560	\$3,408.75

In 2011, Medicaid changed the methodology used in the annual cost analysis. Under the new Medicaid Cost Analysis, which actually became effective with the current fiscal year (2013-2014), Medicaid now bases their cost settlement payment on what an agency charges for each service rather than what their cost for the service is as they did in the past.

One of the challenges of this change is that Local Health Departments can only establish one charge for each service regardless of payer source, meaning a charge billed to Medicaid and private Insurance is also the charged billed to Self-Pay clients. Due to the fact that Local Health Departments provide services to the uninsured as well as underinsured, meeting Medicaid's requirement could create an access to care issue for patients who are above zero percent pay on the sliding fee scale.

Two codes for Maternal Health Global billing (Antepartum Care) would not impact our Self-Pay patients as they are only used to bill Medicaid or other third party payers.

Therefore, in order to meet the true intent of the Medicaid cost settlement process we are recommending setting these two charges at our actual cost. This change will not adversely affect our other patient populations.

**Recommended Action:**     Approve  
                                   Approve & forward to Board of Commissioners for action  
                                   Approve & forward to \_\_\_\_\_  
                                   Accept as information  
                                   Revise & schedule for future action  
                                   Other (detail):