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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED – 3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code, authorize acceptance of the compromise offers of settlement from the following individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident and who received medical care at a County facility:

Luis Banuelos, in amount of $6,110
Belen Vizcarra, in amount of $4,050
Pascual Tiriquiz, in amount of $8,013.66
Yefim Shumsky, in amount of $62,301.26
Olga Ontiveros, in amount of $16,666
Kyle T. MacDowell, in amount of $32,322.71
Gary Gillett, in amount of $32,282.13
Lorena De La Paz, in amount of $4,784.87

JUSTIFICATION:

The best interest of the County would be served by the approval of this recommendation and the County Counsel concurs.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The compromise offers of settlement are recommended because the patients, estates, or legally responsible relatives are unable to pay the charges.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

This action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility in pursuing collection of charges owed for County services

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County will recover partial payment from a third party against debts, otherwise uncollectible due to the limited financial resources of the individuals who received the medical care.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK J. SALADINO
Treasurer and Tax Collector

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

APPROVED
LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

By______________________

DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

TRANSMITTAL NO. 40A
DATE: March 21, 2002

Amount of Aid	$73,973.00	Account Number	3737336
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Banuelos, Luis
Balance Due	73,973.00	Service Date	04/28/00 to 06/09/00
Compromise Amount Offered	6,110.00	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Ctr.
Amount to be Written Off	$67,863.00	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Banuelos was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of $73,973.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $13,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	**Total Claim**	**Proposed Settlement**	**Percent of Settlement**
Attorney Fees	$ 4,332.00	$ 4,332.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	285.00	285.00	2.19%
Suburban Medical Center	4,507.00	690.00	5.30%
County of Los Angeles	73,973.00	6,110.00	47.00%
Net to Client	N/A	1,583.00	12.18%
Total	**$83,097.00**	**$13,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Banuelos supports himself with a marginal income. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 40B
DATE: March 21, 2002

Amount of Aid	$20,123.00	Account Number	3409743
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Vizcarra, Belen
Balance Due	20,123.00	Service Date	10/04/99 to 10/08/99
Compromise Amount Offered	4,050.00	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Ctr.
Amount to be Written Off	$16,073.00	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Vizcarra was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of $20,123.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	**Total Claim**	**Proposed Settlement**	**Percent of Settlement**
Attorney Fees	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	150.00	150.00	1.00%
Northridge Hospital	14,536.50	1,890.00	12.60%
American Medical Response	700.00	91.00	0.61%
Memrad Medical Group	941.00	122.00	0.81%
Northridge ER Medical Group	250.00	32.50	0.22%
Northridge On Call Med.	275.00	35.75	0.24%
Trauma Surgeon Inc.	350.00	45.50	0.30%
County of Los Angeles	20,123.00	4,050.00	27.00%
Net to Client	N/A	3,583.25	23.89%
Total	**$42,325.50**	**$15,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Vizcarra supports herself with a marginal income. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 40C
DATE: March 21, 2002

Amount of Aid	$50,804.00	Account Number	10586406
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Tiriquiz, Pascual
Balance Due	50,804.00	Service Date	04/19/00 to 08/30/01
Compromise Amount Offered	8,013.66	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$42,790.35	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Tiriquiz was involved in a slip and fall accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $50,804.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $25,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	959.00	959.00	3.83%
County of Los Angeles	50,804.00	8,013.66	32.06%
Net to Client	N/A	6,027.34	24.11%
Total	**$61,763.00**	**$25,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Tiriquiz supports himself and a family of four with a marginal income. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 40D
DATE: March 21, 2002

Amount of Aid	$172,456.00	Account Number	10581089
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Shumsky, Yefim
Balance Due	172,456.00	Service Date	04/09/01 to 07/24/01
Compromise Amount Offered	62,301.26	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$110,154.74	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Shumsky was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $172,456.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $243,299.66 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	$ 79,397.00	$ 79,397.00	32.63%
Attorney Cost	1,703.00	1,703.00	0.70%
Cedars Sinai Hospital	45,411,00	15,987.40	6.58%
Cedars Sinai Image Medical Group	2,500.00	793.97	0.33%
Los Angeles City Fire Dept.	632.00	314.37	0.13%
County of Los Angeles	172,456.00	62,301.26	25.60%
Net to Client	N/A	82,802.66	34.03%
Total	**$302,099.00**	**$243,299.66**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Shumsky supports himself with an advance in his settlement proceeds. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 40E
DATE: March 21, 2002

Amount of Aid	$263,294.00	Account Number	10570512
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Ontiveros, Olga
Balance Due	263,294.00	Service Date	04/20/01 to 06/23/01
Compromise Amount Offered	16,666.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$246,628.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Ontiveros was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $263,294.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $50,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	$ 16,666.00	$16,666.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	199.00	199.00	0.41%
County of Los Angeles	263,294.00	16,666.00	33.33%
Net to Client	N/A	16,469.00	32.93%
Total	**$280,159.00**	**$50,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Ontiveros is supported by her spouse with a marginal income. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 40F
DATE: March 21, 2002

Amount of Aid	$84,437.00	Account Number	3851823
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	MacDowell, Kyle T.
Balance Due	84,437.00	Service Date	08/23/00 to 11/07/00
Compromise Amount Offered	32,322.71	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Ctr.
Amount to be Written Off	$52,114.29	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. MacDowell was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of $84,437.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $100,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	**Total Claim**	**Proposed Settlement**	**Percent of Settlement**
Attorney Fees	$ 40,000.00	$ 40,000.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	433.13	433.13	0.43%
Little Company of Mary Hospital	736.57	736.57	0.74%
S.M. Rezaian, M.D.	1,526.00	1,526.00	1.53%
County of Los Angeles	84,437.00	32,322.71	32.32%
Net to Client	N/A	24,981.59	24.98%
Total	**$127,132.70**	**$100,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. MacDowell is homeless. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 40G
DATE: March 21, 2002

Amount of Aid	$97,550.00	Account Number	10521331
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Gillett, Gary
Balance Due	97,550.00	Service Date	07/07/00 to 08/01/00
Compromise Amount Offered	32,282.13	Facility	Rancho Los Amigos M.C.
Amount to be Written Off	$65,267.87	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Gillett was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. He was treated at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center at a cost of $97,550.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $400,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	**Total Claim**	**Proposed Settlement**	**Percent of Settlement**
Attorney Fees	$127,200.05	$127,200.05	31.80%
Attorney Cost	18,399.84	18,399.84	4.60%
Simi Valley Adventist Hospital	256,162.97	84,771.77	21.19%
Dr. Kwanho Chong	4,072.50	1,347.71	0.34%
American Medical Response	1,148.73	380.15	0.10%
Mark Marzar, M.D.	3,315.00	1,097.03	0.27%
Ventura Orthopedic Med. Group	2,689.11	889.90	0.22%
Forough Parsa, M.D.	600.00	198.56	0.05%
James Chan, M.D.	1,825.00	603.94	0.15%
Willilam Stivelman, M.D.	200.00	66.19	0.01%
Pulmonary Intensive Care	7,105.00	2,351.25	0.59%
Michael Prator, M.D.	1,375.00	455.03	0.11%
Joel Corwin, M.D.	200.00	66.19	0.01%
Simi Radiology & Imaging	5,949.54	1,968.88	0.50%
Ken Lee, M.D.	204.72	67.75	0.01%
Michael Drucker, M.D.	930.00	307.76	0.08%

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 40G1
DATE: March 21, 2002

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Robert Ming, M.D.	$ 1,045.00	$ 345.82	0.09%
County of Los Angeles	97,550.00	32,282.13	8.08%
Net to Client	N/A	127,200.05	31.80%
Total	**$529,972.46**	**$400,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Gillett is unemployed and receives support from relatives. He has no other source of income or tangible assets

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 40H
DATE: March 21, 2002

Amount of Aid	$31,728.00	Account Number	10595477
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	De La Paz, Lorena
Balance Due	31,728.00	Service Date	02/02/01 to 02/08/01
Compromise Amount Offered	4,784.87	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$26,943.13	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. De La Paz was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $31,728.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	**Total Claim**	**Proposed Settlement**	**Percent of Settlement**
Attorney Fees	$ 6,000.00	$ 5,000.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	550.00	550.00	3.66%
Larchmont Radiology	210.00	150.00	1.00%
Metropolitan Medical	930.00	500.00	3.36%
County of Los Angeles	31,728.00	4,784.87	31.89%
Net to Client	N/A	4,015.13	26.76%
Total	**$39,418.00**	**$15,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. De La Paz supports herself and a family of two with a marginal income. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.