COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

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

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR:
REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFERS OF SETTLEMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident received medical care at a County facility. The Treasurer and Tax Collector entered into negotiations with the liable parties and reached a settlement agreement.

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:

1. Account Number 11887257 in amount of $13,253.51
2. Account Number 11689297 in amount of $10,000.00
3. Account Number 11948919 in amount of $5,312.74
4. Account Number 11921631 in amount of $4,825.84
5. Account Number 11654914 in amount of $791.67

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

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.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

No impact.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK J. SALADINO
Treasurer and Tax Collector

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Attachments (5)

c: Chief Executive Officer
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel

APPROVED
ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

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Deputy County Counsel

DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 111A

Amount of Aid	$124,359.00	Account Number	11887257
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	124,359.00	Service Date	01/06/08 thru 08/26/09
Compromise Amount Offered	13,253.51	Facility	Olive View-UCLA Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$111,105.49	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus truck accident. He was treated at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center at a cost of $124,359.00. There was 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	$ 20,000.00	$20,000.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	8,720.29	8,720.29	17.44%
Tye J. Ouzounian, M.D.	4,495.00	4,495.00	8.99%
Dominick Sisto, M.D.	250.00	250.00	0.50%
County of Los Angeles	124,359.00	13,253.51	26.50%
Net to Client	N/A	3,281.20	6.57%
Total	**$157,824.29**	**$50,000.00**	**100.00%**

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

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 111B

Amount of Aid	$33,078.00	Account Number	11689297
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	33,078.00	Service Date	06/28/07 thru 11/22/07
Compromise Amount Offered	10,000.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$23,078.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $33,078.00. There was no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $30,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	$12,000.00	$10,000.00	33.32%
Attorney Cost	522.82	522.82	1.75%
County of Los Angeles	33,078.00	10,000.00	33.34%
Net to Client	N/A	9,477.18	31.59%
Total	**$45,600.82**	**$30,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that the client supports himself and his family with a moderate income. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 111C

Amount of Aid	$217,798.00	Account Number	11948919
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	217,798.00	Service Date	01/13/07 thru 02/06/07
Compromise Amount Offered	5,312.74	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$212,485.26	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus and automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $217,798.00. There was 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	$ 8,333.33	$ 8,333.33	33.33%
Attorney Cost	3,493.86	3,493.86	13.97%
Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center	76,110.00	4,166.65	16.67%
County of Los Angeles	217,798.00	5,312.74	21.25%
Net to Client	N/A	3,693.42	14.78%
Total	**$305,735.19**	**$25,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed and receives financial assistance from friends and relatives. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 111D

Amount of Aid	$33,042.00	Account Number	11921631
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	33,042.00	Service Date	03/20/09 thru 04/24/10
Compromise Amount Offered	4,825.84	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$28,216.16	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus truck accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of $33,042.00. There was 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	$ 8,333.00	$ 8,333.00	33.31%
Attorney Cost	1,920.00	0.00	0.00%
Vermont Urgency, Dr. Sameer	7,946.00	3,888.00	15.56%
Studio City Orthopedics	8,750.00	3,500.00	14.00%
Los Angeles City Fire Department	1,250.00	1,250.00	5.00%
County of Los Angeles	33,042.00	4,825.84	19.31%
Net to Client	N/A	3,203.16	12.82%
Total	**$61,241.00**	**$25,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that the client receives financial assistance from friends and relatives. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 111E

Amount of Aid	$30,960.00	Account Number	11654914
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	30,960.00	Service Date	06/18/08 thru 06/23/08
Compromise Amount Offered	791.67	Facility	Olive View-UCLA Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	$30,168.33	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. He was treated at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center at a cost of $30,960.00. There was no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of $250,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	$ 83,333.33	$ 83,333.33	33.33%
Attorney Cost	13,409.01	0.00	0.00%
Department of Veterans Affairs	3,239,980.72	50,000.00	20.00%
County of Los Angeles	30,960.00	791.67	0.32%
Net to Client	N/A	115,875.00	46.35%
Total	**$3,367,683.06**	**$250,000.00**	**100.00%**

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed and receives a monthly Veterans Administration pension.