



**Budget Amendment
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5
AGENDA DATE: Thu 04/22/2004
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SUBJECT: Amend the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Fee Schedule of Ordinance No. 030909-04 to modify the sliding scale fee payment percentages currently shown for services provided by the Community Health Centers.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Community Care
DEPARTMENT: Services

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

The Community Care Services Department updated the Community Health Centers' patient fee schedule to increase the gross charges for services provided by the health centers. The Community Health Centers are Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), and a review by the US Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) indicated that the gross charges should be increased to more closely reflect the costs associated with providing these services. The increase to gross charges is required in order to maintain the FQHC status of the health centers.

However, the Department does not wish to increase the actual fees charged to sliding scale patients at this time. Therefore, a new discount schedule was calculated for sliding fee scale patients to avoid any such patient fee increases.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 FEE SCHEDULE OF ORDINANCE NO. 030909-04 TO MODIFY THE COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SLIDING FEE SCALE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The council amends the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Fee Schedule of Ordinance No. 030909-04 to modify the Community Care Services Department the sliding fee scale to read as follows in order to accurately reflect the discount between the new cost-based gross charges and the amount charged to patients.

Community Care Department
Federally Qualified Health Clinic Fund
Adult/Pediatric Clinic Visits

	<u>Approved</u> <u>2002-03</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>2003-04</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Sliding fee scale according to income and family size:</u>			
Family Size—% Poverty			
Income Including 100%	0%	0%	0%
Income from and Including up to 133%	25%	14 [25] %	11 [0] %
Income from and Including up to 166%	50%	28 [50] %	22 [0] %
Income from and Including up to 200%	75%	43 [75] %	32 [0] %
Income from 200%	100%	57 [100] %	43 [0] %
Family Size—1			
Income Including \$748	0%	0%	0%
Income from and Including \$749-\$998	25%	14 [25] %	11 [0] %
Income from and Including \$999-\$1,247	50%	28 [50] %	22 [0] %
Income from and Including \$1,248-1,497	75%	43 [75] %	32 [0] %

Income from \$1,498	100%	<u>57</u> [100] %	<u>43</u> [0] %
Family Size—2			
Income Including \$1,010	0%	0%	0%
Income from and Including \$1,011-\$1,347	25%	<u>14</u> [25] %	<u>11</u> [0] %
Income from and Including \$1,348-1,683	50%	<u>28</u> [50] %	<u>22</u> [0] %
Income from and Including \$1,684-\$2,020	75%	<u>43</u> [75] %	<u>32</u> [0] %
Income from \$2,021	100%	<u>57</u> [100] %	<u>43</u> [0] %
Family Size—3			
Income Including \$1,272	0%	0%	0%
Income from and Including \$1,273-\$1,696	25%	<u>14</u> [25] %	<u>11</u> [0] %
Income from and Including \$1,697-\$2,119	50%	<u>28</u> [50] %	<u>22</u> [0] %
Income from and Including \$2,120-\$2,543	75%	<u>43</u> [75] %	<u>32</u> [0] %
Income from \$2,544	100%	<u>57</u> [100] %	<u>43</u> [0] %
Family Size—4			
Income Including \$1,533	0%	0%	0%
Income from and Including \$1,534-\$2,044	25%	<u>14</u> [25] %	<u>11</u> [0] %
Income from and Including \$2,045-\$2,556	50%	<u>28</u> [50] %	<u>22</u> [0] %
Income from and Including \$2,557-\$3,067	75%	<u>43</u> [75] %	<u>32</u> [0] %
Income from \$3,068	100%	<u>57</u> [100] %	<u>43</u> [0] %
Family Size—5			
Income Including \$1,795	0%	0%	0%
Income from and Including \$1,796-\$2,393	25%	<u>14</u> [25] %	<u>11</u> [0] %
Income from and Including \$2,394-\$2,992	50%	<u>28</u> [50] %	<u>22</u> [0] %
Income from and Including \$2,993-\$3,590	75%	<u>43</u> [75] %	<u>32</u> [0] %
Income from \$3,591	100%	<u>57</u> [100] %	<u>43</u> [0] %
Family Size—6			
Income Including \$2,057	0%	0%	0%
Income from and Including \$2,058-\$2,742	25%	<u>14</u> [25] %	<u>11</u> [0] %
Income from and Including \$2,743-\$3,428	50%	<u>28</u> [50] %	<u>22</u> [0] %

Income from and Including \$3,429-\$4,113	75%	43 [75] %	32 [0] %
Income from \$4,114	100%	57 [100] %	43 [0] %

Family Size—7

Income Including \$2,318	0%	0%	0%
Income from and Including \$2,319-\$3,091	25%	14 [25] %	11 [0] %
Income from and Including \$3,092-\$3,864	50%	28 [50] %	22 [0] %
Income from and Including \$3,865-\$4,637	75%	43 [75] %	32 [0] %
Income from \$4,638	100%	57 [100] %	43 [0] %

Family Size—8

Income Including \$2,580	0%	0%	0%
Income from and Including \$2,581-\$3,440	25%	14 [25] %	11 [0] %
Income from and Including \$3,441-\$4,300	50%	28 [50] %	22 [0] %
Income from and Including \$4,301-\$5,160	75%	43 [75] %	32 [0] %
Income from \$5,161	100%	57 [100] %	43 [0] %

Family Size—9

Income Including \$2,837	0%	0%	0%
Income from and Including \$2,838-\$3,783	25%	14 [25] %	11 [0] %
Income from and Including \$3,784-\$4,728	50%	28 [50] %	22 [0] %
Income from and Including \$4,729-\$5,674	75%	43 [75] %	32 [0] %
Income from \$5,675	100%	57 [100] %	43 [0] %

Family Size—10

Income Including \$3,094	0%	0%	0%
Income from and Including \$3,095-\$4,126	25%	14 [25] %	11 [0] %
Income from and Including \$4,127-\$5,156	50%	28 [50] %	22 [0] %
Income from and Including \$5,157-\$6,188	75%	43 [75] %	32 [0] %
Income from \$6,189	100%	57 [100] %	43 [0] %

PART 2. The Council finds that the need to amend the budget constitutes an emergency,

a grave public necessity, and an unusual and unforeseen condition that could not, by reasonable diligence, have been included in the original budget for the current fiscal year. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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Will Wynn
Mayor

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David Allan Smith
City Attorney

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Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk