

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:  
June 17, 2008

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Report Back On The Impact Of Clinic Closures On Local Hospitals

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**BACKGROUND**

The Board has requested an estimate of the cost to local hospitals if the Capital Health Center, Northeast Health Center, and the Oak Park Clinic are closed.

**DISCUSSION**

Staff cannot predict with any accuracy the number of persons who will seek care in local hospital emergency departments instead of waiting for service in one of the County facilities that remain open if budget reduction recommendations are accepted. Based on available information, the maximum impact to local emergency departments would be an increase of 22,000 visits annually, assuming that the demand for service did not change and that the County did not provide any of the services. The cost of those 22,000 visits is indeterminate since each facility charges different rates for services and there is no way to predict what services will be requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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