



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish the basis of rates used in the Department of Health Services (DHS).

POLICY:

The Department’s all-inclusive rates shall be based on full cost of care or services. Analysis for rate determination of services provided by the Department shall be made by DHS Finance and the operating units affected.

With the advent of Online Real-time Centralized Health Information Database (ORCHID), DHS’ electronic health record system, DHS will have the infrastructure to bill itemized charges for its services to all patients and payers. Itemized charging shall be initiated at each facility as it becomes feasible at the site.

All rates shall be computed in a manner consistent with State and Federal requirements as well as sound accounting principles.

PROCEDURE:

When necessary, the Director of Health Services shall update the rates to ensure rates recover costs and maximize revenues.

The mission of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services is to ensure access to high-quality, patient-centered, cost-effective health care to Los Angeles County residents through direct services at DHS facilities and through collaboration with community and university partners.

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California Health and Safety Code
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Los Angeles County Administrative Code