

1999-2000 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

MENTAL HEALTH BILLING IRREGULARITIES IN VENTURA COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Section C: Transamerica Occidental Insurance Company

Respondents: Chief Administrative Officer

Recommendation (R-1):

That, although Ventura County may have no recourse against Transamerica Occidental Insurance Company for their possible failure to provide some contracted services to the Health Care Financial Administration (HCFA), the Chief Administrative Officer should continue to explore all avenues to mediate the fines and penalties that have been assessed for billing errors in the Behavioral Health Department.

Response: Concur

I concur with the Grand Jury's recommendation that Ventura County has no legal recourse against Transamerica Occidental Insurance Company as outlined in County Counsel's response.

I further concur with the Grand Jury that the Chief Administrative Officer should continue to explore all avenues to mediate the fines and penalties that have been assessed. Continual efforts have been made and will continue to be made in an effort to work with federal officials to absolve or mitigate any portion of the levied fines and penalties.