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## Board OKs funding to ease workers' comp for Dec. 2 survivors

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Keeping a promise it made last week to continue helping the survivors of the December 2, 2015 terrorist attack recover, the Board of Supervisors today allocated \$100,000 to ensure necessary medical treatments are approved and administered as quickly as possible.

"Some of our employees have told us they are having problems getting treatments approved in a timely manner," said Board of Supervisors Chairman James Ramos. "The board believes the survivors of December 2 deserve the best in service and the best in care."

The county has found that the vast majority of complaints involve the county not receiving supporting documentation from employees' providers. Without documentation from treating physicians, care cannot be approved and funded.

The December 2nd Workers' Comp Claim Expediter Reserve fund created by the board today will pay for an outside firm to provide proactive review of worker's compensation claims, status and outreach to help minimize treatment delays and interruptions for victims of the December 2, 2015 terrorist attack.

Anticipating board approval, the county began talking with prospective contractors in mid-November and expects to have a firm in place very soon.

"Moving forward, the board will continue to monitor cases to ensure employees are receiving the care and attention they deserve in a timely manner," Chairman Ramos said.