City Council

Approval of a Resolution Ratifying and Confirming Authorization and Signature by the City Manager of a Memorandum of Understanding with MultiCare Health System d/b/a MultiCare Capital Medical Center in Support of its Provision of Health Care to the Indigent, Uninsured, and Underinsured

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Recommended Action
Committee Recommendation:
Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:
Move to approve the Resolution ratifying and confirming the authorization and signature by the City Manager of the Memorandum of Understanding with MultiCare Health System d/b/a MultiCare Capital Medical Center in support of its provision of health care to the indigent, uninsured, and underinsured.

Report
Issue:
Whether to ratify and confirm signature by the City Manager of a Memorandum of Understanding with MultiCare Capital Medical Center in support of its provision of health care to indigent, uninsured, and underinsured patients.

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Presenter(s):
None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

MultiCare Health System d/b/a MultiCare Capital Medical Center ("MultiCare") provides a disproportionate share of healthcare services to low-income patients with special needs and participates in programs that benefit the indigent, uninsured, or underinsured population in the State of Washington, including within the City of Olympia. MultiCare has accepted a Certificate of Need from the State of Washington, pursuant to which Certificate MultiCare has committed to serving low-income patients with special needs, all in accordance with the provisions of MultiCare's Certificate of Need and in accordance with its license issued by the Department of Health.

In order to participate in the drug discount program established under Section 340B of the Public Health Services Act (the "340B Program"), MultiCare must have in place an agreement with a unit of state or local government pursuant to which MultiCare commits to provide healthcare services to low-income individuals who are neither entitled to benefits under Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (SSA)) nor eligible for assistance under Medicaid (Title XIX of the SSA). In order for MultiCare to make such a formal commitment to the State of Washington, submission of such an agreement had to occur by April 15, 2022.

Due to the nature and importance of the services provided by MultiCare for low income patients in the City of Olympia and the State of Washington, on April 14, 2022, the City Manager authorized and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with MultiCare, which clarified and confirmed the City's relationship with MultiCare and accepted MultiCare's commitment to provide health care services to low-income individuals who are neither entitled to benefits under Medicare nor eligible for assistance under Medicaid.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):
It is in the public interest to support the provision of health care to the indigent, uninsured, and underinsured in the City of Olympia and State of Washington.

Options:
1. Approve the Resolution ratifying the City Manager's authorization and signature of a Memorandum of Understanding with MultiCare Health System d/b/a MultiCare Capital Medical Center.
2. Direct staff to make modifications to the proposed Resolution.
3. Do not approve the proposed Resolution.

Financial Impact:
There is no financial impact related to this item.

Attachments:
Resolution
Memorandum of Understanding