

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve certain contracts for the provision of health care services to residents of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Contracts with Managed Care Organizations for the Provision of Health Care Services to District Residents Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. Emergency circumstances.

(a) In 2020, the Office of Contracting and Procurement, on behalf of the Department of Health Care Finance, issued a solicitation seeking managed care organizations to provide health care services to approximately 250,000 District residents in the Medicaid and DC Health Care Alliance programs.

(b) Later in 2020, and pursuant to the solicitation, the District entered into contracts with 3 managed care organizations — AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia (“AmeriHealth”), Trusted Health Plan (District of Columbia, Inc.) d/b/a CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Community Health Plan (“CareFirst”), and MedStar Family Choice (“MedStar”)—to provide managed health care services to those District residents.

33 (c) The 3 contracts began on October 1, 2020, had a base year of one year, and  
34 provided the opportunity for the District to exercise 4 one-year option years.

35 (d) A protest of the contract awards was filed with the Contract Appeals Board,  
36 which issued a decision that required the Office of Contracting and Procurement to  
37 reconsider and rescore the solicitation responses of the offerors in the competitive range.

38 (e) In accordance with the opinion of the Contract Appeals Board, the Office of  
39 Contracting and Procurement reconsidered and rescored the proposals of the offerors that  
40 were in the competitive range.

41 (f) In accordance with that reconsideration and rescoring, the Chief Procurement  
42 Officer is proposing to enter into option-year extensions of the contracts with  
43 AmeriHealth and CareFirst.

44 (g) In addition, due the circumstances described in Mayor's Order 2021-105,  
45 declaring that a public emergency related to health care resources existed in the District,  
46 the Chief Procurement Officer has determined that it is appropriate to enter into a sole-  
47 source contract with MedStar.

48 (h) There is an immediate need to approve the 3 contracts to avoid a disruption in  
49 the provision of health care services to hundreds of thousands of District residents.

50 Sec. 3. Emergency declaration.

51 The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
52 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the  
53 Contracts with Managed Care Organizations for the Provision of Health Care Services to  
54 District Residents Emergency Approval Act of 2021 be adopted after a single reading.

55 Sec. 4. Effective date.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.