

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(1)

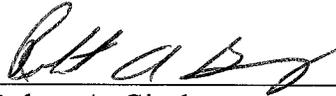
TO: Hon. Chairperson and Members
Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 8, 2003

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing County
Manager to submit a proposal
for implementing Health Flex
Plan

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle.



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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

7-8-03

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO SUBMIT
A PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING HEALTH FLEX
PLAN FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, nearly half a million residents in Miami-Dade County do not have access to quality, convenient or affordable healthcare coverage; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 200,000 of these residents are working, uninsured individuals with incomes under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL); and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is a community comprised largely of small businesses which can ill-afford costly health insurance benefits for their employees; and

WHEREAS, many medical insurance costs are rising at exorbitant rates making it increasingly difficult for small business employers to provide health insurance plans to their employees; and

WHEREAS, after a case study evaluation of several other communities both at the state and national level, the Expanding Coverage for the Working Uninsured Committee of the Mayor's Health Care Access Task Force recommended the creation of a public/private partnership program to offer affordable health insurance to employed, uninsured individuals; and

WHEREAS, the benefits are designed to alleviate emergency room visits and place necessary emphasis on preventative primary care; and

WHEREAS, the exact services included in this coverage program would be determined by the County and other stake holders; and

WHEREAS, program eligibility requirements for employers would include small businesses as follows:

- 1) Businesses with 50 employees or less located in Miami-Dade County;
- 2) Businesses with 75% of employees earning \$10 an hour or less; and
- 3) Businesses which have not offered health insurance coverage for the past year; and

WHEREAS, the cost, with an administrative component, would be approximately \$120 Per Member Per Month (PMPM); and

WHEREAS, this cost would be split evenly three ways between the employee (\$40), the employer (\$40), and government - Federal and County combined- (\$40); and

WHEREAS, 41 cents of every dollar that the County can contribute towards this program can leverage 59 cents in Federal dollars; and

WHEREAS, the source of the Federal matching dollars is the Medicaid hospital Upper Payment Limit (UPL) program in the private provider class, whereby it is estimated that Florida has approximately \$60 to \$100 million available; and

WHEREAS, based on a 3-year caseload model, it is estimated that Miami-Dade County could contribute \$2.6 million in local funding for the first year and enroll almost 50,000 uninsured residents, the largest program of its kind; and

WHEREAS, a body is needed to oversee the program, such as an entity exempted from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)3(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, similar non-profit

corporation, or local governing body, that is representative of the community and has the ability to accept gifts, and other contributions and can pursue grant funding; and

WHEREAS, this body will eventually issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to contract licensed health plans that have a diverse network of Miami-Dade County physicians, hospitals and other health care providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board finds the number of working uninsured residents in Miami-Dade County to be unacceptable and adopts, in concept, the Mayor's Healthcare Access Task Force recommendation regarding the Health Flex Plan proposal; and hereby directs the County Manager no later than July 22, 2003 to submit a specific proposal regarding implementing this health flex plan for the Miami-Dade County resident population that are working and uninsured to be overseen and administered by an appropriate entity as approved by the Board.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson	
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss	Dorrin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of July, 2003. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. ES

Eugene Shy, Jr.

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