

**AN ORDINANCE**

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES FOR THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT TO RECEIVE MEANINGFUL USE ATTESTATION FUNDS FOR ADOPTING, IMPLEMENTING OR UPGRADING TO AN ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$42,500.00 DURING 2016.**

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**WHEREAS**, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA ) was enacted on February 17, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, ARRA amends the Social Security Act by establishing incentive payments to promote the adoption and meaningful use of interoperable health information technology (HIT) and qualified electronic health records (EHRs); and

**WHEREAS**, these incentive payments are part of a broader effort under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act to accelerate the adoption of HIT and utilization of qualified EHRs; and

**WHEREAS**, criteria encouraged the use of health IT for continuous quality improvement at the point of care and the exchange of information in the most structured format possible; and

**WHEREAS**, for the first year 2016, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) will attest to adopting, implementing or upgrading to an EHR; and

**WHEREAS**, Meaningful Use Incentive Payments will reimburse the cost of implementing and adopting the EHR and allow Metro Health the ability to provide much needed training and support for clinics utilizing the EHR system; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Manager or her designee or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or his designee is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District to receive Meaningful Use Attestation funds for adopting, implementing or upgrading to an Electronic Health Record and is further authorized to accept such funds in an amount up to \$42,500.00 during 2016. A copy of said application which is incorporated herein for all purposes is on file with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

**SECTION 2.** The City Manager or her designee or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or his designee is further authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate said application and acceptance of funds.

**SECTION 3.** Upon acceptance of this award, funds generated by this ordinance will be deposited into Fund 11001000, Internal Order 23600000011 and General Ledger 6301130.

**SECTION 4.** The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** This ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

**M A Y O R**  
Ivy R. Taylor

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

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Martha G. Sepeda, Acting City Attorney