

Authorizing Continued Participation in the 1115 Waiver Extension Period

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Background

- On January 31, 2013, City Council authorized the submission of six project proposals and funding as part of the "Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program" or "1115 Medicaid Waiver".
- The initial period for those projects was to end on September 30, 2016
- HHSC submitted a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a 15 month extension; the extension period was approved.



Summary

- CMS recently approved a 15 month extension of the Medicaid 1115 Waiver in Texas that will coincide with the end of the initial demonstration period on September 30, 2016. Therefore, Metro Health requests City Council authorization;
 - for Metro Health to continue its participation in the 1115 Waiver program
 - to submit intergovernmental funding transfers to the DSRIP program
 - to receive reimbursement of submitted IGT and accept incentive payments for achieving milestone requirements
 - for budgets authorization to support the continuation of Metro Health's six projects during the 15 month extension beginning October 1, 2016



Fiscal Impact

- Metro Health has been allocated up to \$20,137,335.81 representing a combination of Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) and federal incentive payments over the first 12 months of the extension.
- Over this period, Metro Health must deliver a total of \$8,584,863.81 in biannual IGT increments to draw down the federal incentive payments.
- Funding is provided based on a proposed value of the projects and the expected potential benefit to the Medicaid, low-income and uninsured population and will also be dependent on successful completion of performance and outcome milestones and metrics.



Recommendation

Staff requests City Council authorization for Metro Health to continue participation in the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program, submit intergovernmental funding transfers, and approve budgets, staffing complements and other related items to participate in the 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program.