

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2014 – AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSULTANT TO WORK WITH PROACT AND THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP A UNIQUE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN DESIGN FOR THE CITY OF ITHACA

MOVED by Mrs. Shawley, seconded by Ms. Hersey, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present.

WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca is a participating municipality within the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (“Consortium”), and

WHEREAS, the Consortium’s existing prescription benefit plan as administered by ProAct includes a three-tier prescription drug formulary plan which defines the tiers of medication as follows:

Tier One drugs are typically generics and have the lowest copayment amount;

Tier Two drugs are brand drugs that have unique, significant clinical advantages and offer overall greater value over the other products in the same drug class;

Tier Three drugs are all other brand drugs, including new brand drugs and drugs that have generic equivalents. Tier Three drugs have the highest copayment amount;

and

WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca’s current collective bargaining agreement with the Ithaca Professional Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local 737 includes a different 3-Tier Formulary definition:

“Effective January 1, 2012, employees covered by this Agreement will be responsible for paying a prescription drug co-payment of \$5.00 for generic brand drugs, \$15.00 for name brand drugs with no generic equivalent, and \$30.00 for name brand drugs with a generic equivalent. Under this co-payment each prescription may be filled for up to a three (3) month supply. This co-payment is not reimbursable through any section of the health insurance program.”

, and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Svante Myrick, City of Ithaca Mayor, has requested the Consortium develop a unique plan design for the Ithaca Professional Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local 737 Ithaca which would comply with the Association’s collective bargaining agreement with the City which is set to expire on December 31, 2015, and

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WHEREAS, it has been determined by ProAct and the Consortium’s Consultant that such a plan design can be administered by ProAct, and

WHEREAS the Consortium’s Consultant will develop a unique premium equivalent rate for the specific plan design being requested by the City of Ithaca, and

WHEREAS, this unique plan design is intended to only be offered to this particular unit and will not be available to any other participating municipality within the Consortium, and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee on Plan Structure and Design has reviewed this situation and has unanimously approved a recommendation to the Board of Directors to develop the unique plan design for the Ithaca Professional Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local 737 in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement with the City through December 31, 2015, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Plan Structure and Design, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Consortium’s Consultant to work with ProAct to develop the unique medical plan design described in the Ithaca Professional Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local 737 collective bargaining agreement with the City of Ithaca for submission to the New York State Department of Financial Services for the Department’s consideration and approval,

RESOLVED, further, That the agreement shall become effective as soon as practicable upon approval by the Department of Financial Services through December 31, 2015.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF TOMPKINS)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a motion adopted by the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium on April 24, 2014.



Michelle Pottorff, Administrative Clerk