Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

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RESOLUTION NO. 005-2020 – EXTENSION OF EXPANDED COVERAGE TO ALLOW PAID-IN-FULL BENEFITS FOR ANY COVID-RELATED TREATMENT

MOVED by Ms. Drake, seconded by Ms. King, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present.

WHEREAS, at its May 14, 2020 the Consortium expanded coverage to allow paid in full benefits for any COVID-related treatment, for otherwise-covered services, through May 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, this coverage waived co-pays for inpatient admissions, observation care, skilled nursing, ambulance, home care or any claim for otherwise-covered service that were filed with a diagnosis of confirmed COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, Excellus BCBS has decided to extend this benefit through September 7, 2020 and believes it is in the best interests of our community to implement these measures for their minimum premium, self-funded and Article 47 customers, and

WHEREAS, it is expected that utilization should continue to be low as the care has to be related to COVID-19; therefore, it would be with minimal risk to continue to provide this benefit to make sure all our subscribers have no barriers to care or access to treatment to help slow or stop the pandemic, and

WHEREAS, to the best of our knowledge, there are no New York State or Federal Mandates that obligate the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium to provide these enhanced benefits, and

WHEREAS, the Consortium recognizes that the impending financial crisis is impacting all municipalities in the Consortium and that extending benefits beyond those that have been agreed to and/or collectively bargained but also recognizes Consortium Directors want their subscribers to have the care they need without any barriers for this unusual virus, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, That the Board of Directors hereby ratifies the action approved by an electronic poll of the Executive Committee to extend expanded coverage to allow paid in full benefits for any COVID-related treatment, for otherwise-covered services through September 7, 2020.

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COUNTY OF TOMPKINS)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Board of Directors on June 25, 2020.

Michelle Cocco, Administrative Clerk