

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE TRUST'S EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE CONTRACT DISPUTE BETWEEN COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTERS AND BLUE SHIELD OF CALIFORNIA IS RESOLVED QUICKLY AND FAVORABLY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, access to high-quality, affordable healthcare is a fundamental necessity for the health, safety, and well-being of individuals and families living and working in the City of Fresno; and

WHEREAS, effective healthcare systems contribute to the overall well-being of society because a healthy population is more productive and capable of contributing to economic growth; and

WHEREAS, healthcare encompasses a wide range of vital services, including preventive care, primary care, specialized treatments, management of chronic conditions and mental health support; and

WHEREAS, continuity of care is crucial in healthcare as it enhances patient outcomes, improves safety, and fosters a trusting relationship between patients and providers; and

WHEREAS, the contractual relationship between Community Medical Centers (CMC), including Community Health Partners (CHP), and Blue Shield of California (Blue Shield) determines the terms under which many Fresno residents and employees can receive in-network care, directly influencing affordability, accessibility, and continuity of treatment; and

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WHEREAS, on-going contract negotiations between CMC, including CHP, and Blue Shield directly impact patients' ability to receive in-network care without financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, the contract between CMC, including CHP, and Blue Shield expired on February 1, 2026, leading to the CMC and CHP's exit from Blue Shield's network; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a fair and timely resolution between CMC, CHP, and Blue Shield could result in patients facing higher out-of-pocket costs, disruptions in ongoing care, and delays in receiving necessary medical attention for residents and up to 5000 City employees and retirees; and

WHEREAS, a fair and timely resolution between the parties will help maintain continuity of care, protect patient choice, and support the financial stability of CMC, CHP and Blue Shield; and

WHEREAS, the City's Health and Welfare Trust is tasked with negotiating the City's contract with Blue Shield to minimize the negative impact of the contract dispute between CMC, CHP and Blue Shield on City employees, including retirees and ensure the dispute is quickly resolved in favor of City employees, including retirees, to maintain the most comprehensive level of healthcare coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The City of Fresno urges CMC, CHP, and Blue Shield to expedite good-faith negotiations to establish patient-centered outcomes, equitable reimbursement, and long-term partnerships; and
2. The City of Fresno, through the Health and Welfare Trust, remains

committed to advocating for the interests of its residents, employees, and the community, and will continue to monitor developments in the negotiation process to ensure that the outcome reflects accessibility, affordability, quality, and compassion in healthcare; and

3. The City of Fresno is committed to financially contributing to the Health and Welfare Trust's attorney's fees should litigation be filed to support its endeavors in ensuring the contract dispute between CMC, CHP, and Blue Shield is quickly resolved in favor of City employees and residents.

4. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, AMY K. ALLER, Interim City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2026.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

AMY K. ALLER
Interim City Clerk

By: _____ Date

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREW JANZ
City Attorney

By: _____ Date
Tracy N. Parvanian
Assistant City Attorney