

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN ANNUAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE FINANCING OF THE NON-FEDERAL SHARE OF DSH PAYMENTS MADE UNDER THE INDIGENT CARE AGREEMENT POOL TO SAINT JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners is committed to supporting programs that provide access to appropriate health care services for low-income Washtenaw County residents; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has approved Michigan's Medicaid State Plan Amendment TN No. 05-13, effective June 1, 2006, which creates an "Indigent Care Pool" for hospitals qualifying for Medicaid Disproportionate Share (DSH) payments to receive DSH payments under the Indigent Care Agreements Pool so long as: (a) the hospital has an Indigent Care Agreement with a local health care entity such as the Washtenaw Health Plan; and (b) the Indigent Care Agreement stipulates that direct or indirect health care services be provided to low-income patients with special needs who are not covered under other public or private health care programs; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw Health Plan's (WHP) purposes include promoting, organizing, managing and administering programs to create a system for providing or arranging and paying for health care services in a cost effective manner for persons unable to pay for such health care services; and

WHEREAS, the WHP has entered into an Indigent Care Agreement with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHS), requiring WHP to directly or indirectly operate a program of arranging and paying for health care to low-income individuals with special needs who are not covered under other public or private health care programs and who are unable to pay for such services; and

WHEREAS, both the federal government and the State of Michigan participate in the financing of the Indigent Care Agreement Pools, with the federal government matching the State's portion pursuant to the federal medical assistance percentage formula; and

WHEREAS, certain intergovernmental transfers of public funds from Washtenaw County may be made to the State of Michigan to be used as the State's share in claiming the federal match; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, Human Resources, the County Administrator's Office, and the Ways and Means Committee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners authorizes intergovernmental transfers for a minimum amount of \$3,345,000 annually, to the State of Michigan for the purpose of participating in the financing of the non-federal share of DSH payments made under the Indigent Care Agreements Pool to Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, so long as WHP maintains a current Indigent Care Agreement with SJMHS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to approve any future transfers of local funds for this purpose