

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2014 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 8

Resolution No. 92 -2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Howard County Health Officer to enter into contracts or any other written agreement to assist or participate in the delivery of health care services with third party health insurance, Medicare, and Medical Assistance carriers for the purpose of the third party health insurance, Medicare, and Medical Assistance carriers financing, coordinating, or facilitating services provided by the Howard County Health Department.

Introduced and read first time July 7, 2014.

By order Sheila M. Tolliver
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on July 14, 2014.

By order Sheila M. Tolliver
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on July 25, 2014.

Certified By Sheila M. Tolliver
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive July 30, 2014

Ken Ulman
Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, the Howard County Health Department provides clinical services covered
2 by Medicaid, Medicare, and third party health insurance; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Howard County Health Department can increase its revenues by billing
5 these payers for its services, thereby offsetting costs; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has
8 entered into contracts with health insurance carriers that authorize payment for covered services
9 provided by local health departments in Maryland; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-306 of the Health-General Article of the Annotated
12 Code of Maryland, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene requires the consent of the
13 local governing body to enter into contracts with health insurance carriers for the assistance or
14 participation in the delivery of health care services; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive and County Council wish to allow the Howard
17 County Health Officer to enter into such agreements in order to seek reimbursement for health
18 care services provided by the Howard County Health Department.

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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
21 Maryland this 25th day of July, 2014 that the Howard County Health Officer
22 may enter into contracts or any other written agreement to assist or participate in the delivery of
23 health care services with third party health insurance, Medicare, and Medical Assistance carriers
24 for the purpose of the third party health insurance, Medicare, and Medical Assistance carriers
25 financing, coordinating, or facilitating services provided by the Howard County Health
26 Department.