

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 9, FILE # 040605

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File # 040605 is a resolution amending Common Council File 971620 relative to the application, acceptance and funding of the Municipal Health Services Program.

Background

1. This resolution amends Common Council File 971620 that authorized the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to apply for, accept and fund a Municipal Health Services Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
2. This additional grant funding is provided in order to close out the 1998 fiscal year.

Discussion

1. The Municipal Health Services Program (MHSP) waives certain Medicare reimbursement limitations for Medicare beneficiaries. This program pays for services not typically covered by regular Medicare and reimburses health care providers 100% of the cost. Eligibility in the program is limited to City of Milwaukee residents.
2. Funds from this grant are used to reimburse private providers for services rendered to Medicare patients. This program also funds the salaries of administrative staff and pays for the costs associated with maintaining the buildings that house the program.
3. The MHSP provides access for public health and outpatient services through primary health care and preventive health care services to under-served residents of the city. Approximately 2,000 individuals participate in MHSP.
4. The grant addition will be used for the final settlement for Medicare services rendered in 1998 and will close out this fiscal year.
5. The grant encompassed the period of January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this grant addition is \$320,000 from the grantor and will be added to the \$9,589,359 approved for acceptance for 1998 and will reimburse the

contracted providers for services rendered under the auspices of the Municipal Health Services Program.

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