

March 17, 2016

Alderman Nik Kovac, Chairman
City of Milwaukee Common Council Finance and Personnel Committee
200 East Wells Street, Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

File No: 151559 Dental Contracts for 2017

Dear Alderman Kovac and Finance Committee Members:

The City of Milwaukee adopted file #130204 on July 23, 2013 that allowed the City of Milwaukee to enter three-year contracts for dental services with Met Life Dental, CarePlus Dental and DentalBlue dental. This was done following a joint request for proposal (RFP) process in 2013 for dental providers with Milwaukee Public Schools. The current contracts will end December 31, 2016.

The Department of Employee Relations is recommending the current three contracts be extended for one year only and that DER would do a RFP process in 2017 with Milwaukee Public Schools. The net City cost for dental will not change as the City pays a flat amount of the total cost of the dental plan. DER will negotiate to limit any increases in employee costs for 2017. The three plans compete for members based on their network of providers and their benefit design.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding his file.

Sincerely,

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Employee Benefits

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