



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

This ordinance authorizes the Board of Health to modify an existing contract with Health Access, LLC for the support of clinical quality management (CQM) activities for the Ryan White and HIV system of care programs, underlying ordinance 0459-2024. This modification will allow the additional provision of technical assistance, customization and improve access to the monitoring platform proprietary system.

A performance measure of the Central Ohio Ryan White program is the percentage of participants who achieve viral suppression. Health Access, LLC will assist Columbus Public Health in meeting deliverables outlined by grantor by developing a platform for Ryan White Part A Monitoring, quality improvement strategies, and other CQM needs of the program defined in the scope of services. Specifically, Title XXVI of the PHS Act RWHAP Parts A - D1 establishes requirements for clinical quality management (CQM). Under the parameters set by HRSA's Policy Clarification Notice 15-02, the Ryan White recipient is required to establish a CQM program.

These additional needed CQM activities were evaluated via a competitive proposal and were not initially foreseen due to a partial award being issued from the funder. Health Access, LLC is currently conducting CQM activities, allowing required performance measures to be completed and meet federal requirements of the Ryan White Part A Grant Program. This contract modification has a contract period of March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025 (the same as the original contract period).

Health Access, LLC: CC-042931: contract increased by \$25,000.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$115,000.00.

This ordinance is submitted as an emergency in order to ensure that quality medical care continues to be available to eligible persons living with HIV/AIDS and to ensure timely payment to providers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract is entirely funded by the Ryan White Part A Grant Program and does not generate any revenue or require a city match.

To authorize the Board of Health to modify an existing contract with Health Access, LLC for the Ryan White Part A Grant Program, to add funding to the contract, for the provision of services allowable under the grant, for the development and the support of clinical quality management (CQM) activities for the period of March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025; to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the Health Department Grants Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$25,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has a need to modify an existing contract with Health Access, LLC for the provision of services allowable under the grant, for the support of clinical quality management (CQM) activities for the Ryan White and HIV system of care programs for the period of March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Health Access, LLC has the expertise; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of Columbus Public Health in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Board of Health to modify a contract with Health Access, LLC in order to ensure continuity of services for Ryan White Part A HIV Care clients for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, and safety; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Board of Health is hereby authorized to enter into a contract modification with Health Access, LLC, for a total amount not to exceed \$115,000.00, for HIV-related services to persons with HIV or AIDS in central Ohio, for the period of March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025.

SECTION 2. That to pay the cost of said contract, the expenditure of \$25,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized from the Health special revenue fund , Fund No. 2250, object class 03 per the attached accounting document.

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that this contract is properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the city's financial records.

SECTION 5. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.