

RESOLUTION NO 2021-046

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PINETREE CAPITOL, LLC D/B/A EMPHASIS BENEFITS, A FLORIDA CORPORATION, FOR THE NEGOTIATION AND PLACEMENT OF THE OPEN ACCESS PLUS (OAP) HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN, SELF FUNDED PPO HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS, GAP HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE, STOP LOSS HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE, PHARMACY BENEFITS FOR THE CITY'S SELF FUNDED PPO HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS, AND THE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PPO HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2022 AND 2023; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK, AS ATTESTING WITNESS, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City has a longstanding valuable relationship since 2013 with Pinetree Capitol d/b/a Emphasis Benefits for placing the City's self-insured PPO health insurance, HMO/OAP health insurance, GAP insurance, stop loss insurance, Medicare Advantage insurance, at marketable rates; and,

WHEREAS, the City finds that the insurance costs offered through the services of Emphasis Benefits are substantially less than the costs of comparable coverage; and,

WHEREAS, because of the time and long-standing relationships with Emphasis Benefits and the various insurance companies providing coverage, the insurance costs, represent reasonably low rates; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah finds it in its best interest to place insurance coverage through Emphasis Benefits for the Open Access Plus (OAP) Health Insurance Plan, self funded PPO Plans, GAP Plan, stop loss coverage, pharmacy benefits for the self-funded PPO Plans, and the Medicare Advantage PPO Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble to this resolution are hereby incorporated and adopted by reference as if fully set forth herein.


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Section 2: The City of Hialeah, Florida hereby authorizes the Mayor or his designee to negotiate the terms and conditions of an agreement with Pinetree Capitol, LLC d/b/a Emphasis Benefits, a Florida corporation, for the negotiation and placement of the Open Access Plus (OAP) health insurance plan, self funded PPO health insurance plans, GAP health insurance coverage, stop loss health insurance coverage, pharmacy benefits for the City's self funded PPO health insurance plans, and the Medicare Advantage PPO health insurance plan for calendar years 2022 and 2023; further authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk, as attesting witness, on behalf of the City, to execute an agreement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and providing for an effective date.

Section 3: This resolution shall become effective when passed by the City Council and signed by the Mayor or at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, if the Mayor's signature is withheld or if the City Council overrides the Mayor's veto.

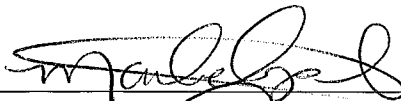
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11 day of May, 2021.



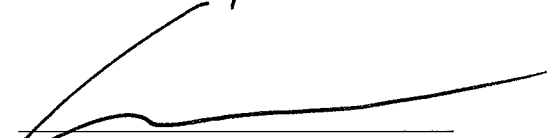
Jesus Tundidor
Council President

Attest:

Approved on this 21 day of May, 2021.

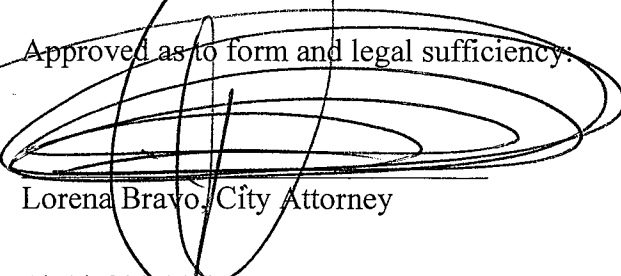


Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk



Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Lorena Bravo, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by 6-0-1 vote with Councilmembers, De la Rosa, Garcia-Roves, Hernandez, Perez, Tundidor, and Zogby voting "Yes" and with Council Member Cue-Fuente absent.

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