

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the State of Texas, through a Section 1115 Medicaid waiver approved by the federal government on December 12, 2011, allows state and local communities access through a preferred provider to additional federal funds designated to improve access to care, the quality of care, and the health of the population being served; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Texas, under the terms of the 1115 Medicaid waiver, requires a Regional Healthcare Partnership (RHP) to be created in geographical regions, to develop regional healthcare plans for preferred providers to receive Uncompensated Care (UC) and Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments (DSRIP); and,

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has designated that Bastrop, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, and Travis counties to be included in Region 7; and,

WHEREAS, participation in a RHP is necessary for preferred providers to receive payments from the State for healthcare services; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin, Texas may consider making funds available for Uncompensated Care (UC) pools, or an incentive program through the DSRIP that is intended to enhance access to health care, increase the quality of care and the cost-effectiveness of care provided, and the health of the patients and families served in the City of Austin, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin will work with preferred providers and with other interested parties through various communication efforts and public processes; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has designated the Travis County Healthcare District, dba Central Health, as the anchor entity for Region 7; and,

WHEREAS, Central Health will assist entities within Region 7 in fulfilling their administrative responsibilities under the 1115 Medicaid waiver; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council supports participation in the RHP known as Region 7 for the planning and provision of healthcare services within the City of Austin, Texas.