

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	17455	Agenda Number	29.
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Meeting Date:	8/2/2012	Department:	Health and Human Services
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## Subject

Approve a resolution supporting participation in the federal 1115 Medicaid Waiver Program.

## Amount and Source of Funding

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Carlos Rivera, Director, 972-5010; Bob Corona, Chief of Staff, 972-5002; Chris Crookham, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5010.
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

The City of Austin, under the 1115 Waiver program, is an Intergovernmental Transfer Entity or IGT Entity. Under current program guidelines which continue to evolve and have not been finalized, the IGT is a cash transfer to the Federal government which is eligible for Federal match under the 1115 Transformation Waiver.

A Section 1115 Medicaid waiver was approved for Texas by the federal government on December 12, 2011. The Waiver allows local communities access through a preferred provider (HHSD) to additional federal funds designated to improve access to care, the quality of care, and the health of the population being served. The Federal match funds either a Regional Healthcare Partner's (RHP) uncompensated care or Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP). Central Health is the anchor entity for the Central Texas Regional Healthcare Partnership and is responsible for compiling the region's list of DSRIP projects. Theoretically for every dollar sent up to the Federal government you receive \$1.40 in match, totaling \$2.40 received 1-2 weeks later. This is a five year program.

The City of Austin is in Region 7 with Bastrop, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, and Lee counties. Central Health is the "Anchor" entity. All information, questions, applications, etc. will go through Central Health. Public Hearings on the

draft projects will be conducted on July 27<sup>th</sup> in Bastrop and July 30<sup>th</sup> in Austin.