

RESOLUTION NO. 114

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MVP HEALTH PLAN, INC. FOR PARTICIPATION OF THE MEDICARE ELIGIBLE RETIREES OF THE COUNTY IN THE MVP MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN

Introduced: 3/14/11

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 493 for 2010 this Honorable Body directed that the County obtain price quotes for the participation of the County's Medicare eligible retirees in a Medicare Advantage Plan, and

WHEREAS, It was the belief of the Legislature that said participation of the County's Medicare eligible retirees in a Medicare Advantage Plan could result in considerable savings to the County while providing comparable benefit coverage to eligible County retirees, and

WHEREAS, Obtaining such savings through the provision of a Medicare Advantage Plan to eligible County retirees was deemed by the Legislature as preferred over the alternative proposed by the County Executive, namely that County retirees pay 10% of the costs of their health benefits, and

WHEREAS, The County has received four proposals to provide a Medicare Advantage Plan to County Medicare eligible retirees and the County's Employee Benefits Consultant has identified the proposal of MVP Health Plan, Inc. as the most favorable proposal and has calculated that providing the MVP Medicare Advantage Plan to the County Medicare eligible retirees will result in an annual cost savings to the County of approximately \$1,950,000, and

WHEREAS, The MVP Medicare Advantage Plan which will afford the County's Medicare eligible retirees with benefits which are not substantially different from their present coverage while providing them with a number of benefits not currently provided to them (including a dental rider, annual eyewear coverage and hearing aid allowance) and

WHEREAS, MVP has proposed to provide said Medicare Advantage Plan for the County's Medicare eligible retirees for the sum of \$286.62 monthly, and

WHEREAS, It is in the interests of both the County taxpayers and our eligible retirees to provide this coverage through MVP's Medicare Advantage Plan, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with MVP Health Plan, Inc. for the participation of the County's Medicare eligible retirees in MVP's Medicare Advantage Plan in accordance with the terms set forth in this resolution and in the proposal of MVP, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

On roll call vote the following voted in favor: Mr. Aylward, Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Carman, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Clouse, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Hoblock, Horstmyer, Infante, Joyce, Mss. Lockart, Maffia-Tobler, Mr. McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Tunny, Ward, Ms. Willingham and Mr. Zeilman – 34.

Those opposed: Mr. Mendick – 1.

Abstained: Mr. Timmins – 1.

Resolution was adopted. 3/14/11