

# Resolution



ORDER NO: 2021-0422

DATE: May 04, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 4th day of May, 2021, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, In December 2011, the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved a five-year healthcare funding program through the §1115 waiver and extended it for an additional five-year period in December 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, That approved program included the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program that used regional partnerships to enhance healthcare options for uninsured Texans and expand access to care for Dallas County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Dallas County benefited immensely from the DSRIP program, through a partnership of Parkland Health and Hospital System, Dallas County Public Health, and the Dallas County Criminal Justice System, utilizing hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds since the program's inception. These funds were used to meet the health care needs of Dallas County residents, provide timely services, and reach our most vulnerable residents; and

**WHEREAS**, In January of 2021, CMS approved a ten-year, \$100 billion, §1115 waiver extension that transitioned the DSRIP program into a new Public Health Provider charity care pool and directed payment programs for mental health resources; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 16, 2021, the CMS rescinded the §1115 waiver leaving the previous waiver in effect until its expiration on September 30, 2022, and the DSRIP program expiration on September 30, 2021; and

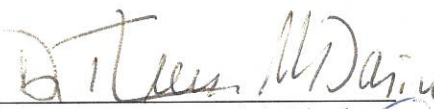
**WHEREAS**, If the DSRIP program is not extended to September 30, 2022 or the DSRIP transition program included in the now-rescinded §1115 waiver approved, Dallas County will lose tens of millions of dollars in healthcare and mental health support funding.

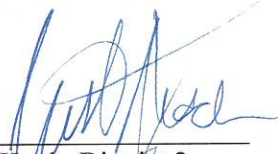
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court encourages the Department of Health and Human Services and CMS to approve an extension of the DSRIP program to at least September 30, 2022.

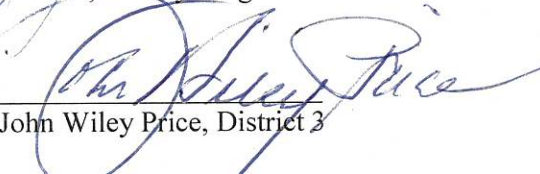
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should an extension not be granted, the Dallas County Commissioners Court requests the Texas Legislature make available contingency funds to replace those lost by the expiration of the DSRIP program. This will ensure uninterrupted and much-needed healthcare and mental health funding for Dallas County residents.

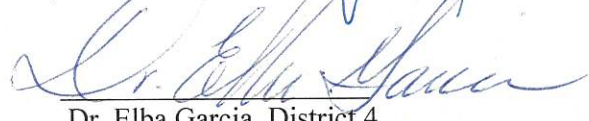
**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1

  
J.J. Koch, District 2

  
John Wiley Price, District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4