## Resolution

ORDER NO. 2023-0287

DATE: March 21, 2023

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS §



**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 21st day of March, 2023 on motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

- WHEREAS, Many Texas residents have elected to tax themselves to support hospital districts; and,
- **WHEREAS**, Texas hospital districts provide healthcare to those in need, regardless of income level, as such these districts are seen as safety nets for those who are indigent and sometimes the most vulnerable; and,
- WHEREAS, Many hospital districts and public hospitals created health plans to help members of their communities access quality healthcare services when the state went to a Medicaid managed care model; and,
- **WHEREAS**, These Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) focus on reducing costs, while keeping quality of care high; and,
- **WHEREAS**, Now these Texas MCOs are under attack by national for-profit entities seeking to increase their market share; and,
- **WHEREAS**, Hospital districts' revenue primarily comes from local tax levies, Medicaid supplemental hospital payments and patient revenue; and,
- **WHEREAS**, Reduced funds in any of these categories could reduce the amount of money hospital districts and public hospitals have available to draw down federal funds used to provide care locally and across Texas, which would have a devastating impact on patient access and care; and,
- **WHEREAS**, Passing legislation negatively affecting hospital district MCOs could disrupt Medicaid members' choice of providers and access to healthcare for all low-income Texans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Dallas Commissioners Court:

OPPOSES ANY EFFORT THAT WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE OPERATION OF TEXAS HOSPITAL DISTRICT MCOs AND THERBY FURTHER DIMINISH FUNDING FOR TEXAS HOSPITAL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Commissioners Court of the County of Dallas, Texas on this 21st day of March, 2023.

Clay Lewis Jenkins, County Judge

Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, District 1

Andrew Sommermán, District 2

John Wiley Price, District 3

Dr. Elba Garcia, District 4