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Meeting Date: 11/22/2011

Report Type: Staff/Discussion

Title: Proposed Resolution Supporting Continued Federal Funding for Medicare and Medicaid (Medi-Cal) Programs

Report ID: 2011-00999

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution supporting continued Federal funding for Medicare and Medicaid (Medi-Cal) programs.

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Department: City Manager

Division: Government Affairs

Dept ID: 02001021

Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
 - 2-Resolution Supporting Medicare Medicaid Funding
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City Attorney Review

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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: John Dangberg - 11/16/2011 1:04:52 PM



Description/Analysis

Issue: Council Member McCarty requested staff to bring forward a Resolution in support of protecting Federal funding for Medicare and Medicaid (Medi-Cal) programs. The Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, colloquially referred to as the “super committee”, is a joint select committee of the United States Congress, created on August 2, 2011 through passage of the Budget Control Act of 2011. The super committee has been tasked to come up with a proposal to reduce the nation's debt by \$1.2 trillion over the next 10 years. The debt reduction proposal is due by Congresses self-imposed deadline of November 23. Congress will have one month - until December 23 – to vote on the proposal. Failure to pass any agreement will result in automatic across-the-board spending cuts in 2013.

Policy Considerations: Due to the unprecedented economic climate, thousands of Sacramento residents have been affected by forfeiture of health care benefits due to loss of jobs. Therefore it is vital to protect the healthcare services these residents are counting on and maintain the community's healthcare safety net. Sacramento residents, including children, the elderly and people with disabilities, rely on healthcare provided through the federally-funded Medicare and Medicaid (Medi-Cal) programs established in 1965.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The health of the community is vitally important and it is essential to alert the nation's leaders of local concerns to ensure they are working to protect healthcare services locally and across America.

Financial Considerations: None.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None.



RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID (MEDI-CAL) PROGRAMS

BACKGROUND

- A. The Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, colloquially referred to as the “super committee”, is a joint select committee of the United States Congress, created on August 2, 2011 through passage of the Budget Control Act of 2011.
- B. By November 23, 2011, the Congressional super committee must come up with a proposal to reduce our nation's debt by \$1.2 trillion over the next 10 years.
- C. It is critical to assure that the nation's leaders protect the healthcare services Americans are counting on and maintain America's healthcare safety net.
- D. Millions of children, the elderly and people with disabilities rely on healthcare provided through the federally-funded Medicare and Medicaid (Medi-Cal) programs established in 1965.
- E. So many Americans are struggling to find work and have been affected by this unprecedented economic downturn including forfeiture of health care benefits related to job loss.
- F. The cost of healthcare for California residents continues to rise, putting further strain on the State and local governments.
- G. The health of the Sacramento community is vitally important.
- H. The State of California has already made massive cuts to healthcare providers and to services for Sacramento residents including children, the elderly and citizens with disabilities.
- I. More than 1 of every 10 jobs in California is in the healthcare sector and for every \$1 million in Medicaid cuts 17 jobs would be lost.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. By adoption of this Resolution, the City of Sacramento supports the protection of Medicare and Medicaid (Medi-Cal), in order to ensure quality healthcare in our community and stand for the principle that every resident matters, that protecting benefits for seniors, children and vulnerable populations is integral to the City's existence, that healthcare jobs and the people who hold them are important to our community's well-being, and that it is vitally important to maintain adequate funding for the healthcare industry in order to ensure job creation and contribute to our economic recovery.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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DATE ADOPTED: _____