

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-04-013R

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A RE-EXAMINATION OF THE DECISION TO DISCONTINUE HEALTH ALLIANCE HMO BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, thousands of Urbana residents rely on Health Alliance HMO as the insurer of their health care through the University of Illinois and other state agencies; and

WHEREAS, discontinuing state health insurance through Health Alliance will disrupt many long-standing patient-physician relationships; and

WHEREAS, Health Alliance is headquartered in downtown Urbana, and is thus critical to the Urbana economy; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the need for the State of Illinois to provide health insurance for its employees in a cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of patients and the public to understand the rationale under which the State of Illinois decided to discontinue its offering of Health Alliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

1. That the Urbana City Council and Mayor request a review of the decision on the choice of HMO providers to state employees.
2. That a way be found so that patient care will not be disrupted.
3. That the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services, the Governor of Illinois and our local legislators.

PASSED by the City Council this 18th day of April, 2011.



Richard S. Clark
Richard S. Clark, City Clerk
Robert
Deputy Clerk
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APPROVED by the Mayor this 25th day of April, 2011.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor