



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: October 24, 2012

To: PUBLIC SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS & HEALTH COMMITTEE
Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE SCHOOL BASED CLINICS

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to enter into provider services agreements and annual renewals with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota to allow the School Based Clinic program to bill for medical and behavioral health services. The initial term of the agreements is date of contact execution through June 30, 2013, with automatic one year renewals effective for the period of July 1 through June 30 of the subsequent years, unless terminated according to the Agreements.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by: _____
Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Not Applicable X
Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The Department has been working for a number of years to upgrade its School Based Clinic (SBC) mental health counseling services to have providers who are licensed and eligible to bill third party payors for behavioral health services. In addition, the SBC program has never had an agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) for medical services, and these agreements will allow the SBC program to bill BCBS for any students served in their clinics who are covered by these plans. Revenue generated by the SBC program supports services to all students through the six SBC clinic sites regardless of insurance status. SBC accepts any insurance payment as payment in full, and students and their families are never billed directly for services.