



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

**Date:** July 20, 2006

**To:** HEALTH, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
**Referral to:** WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Subject:** CONTRACT WITH PORTICO HEALTHNET FOR HEALTH CARE  
COVERAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES

**Recommendation:**

Council authorization for the proper City officials to contract with Portico Healthnet for up to \$90,000 annually for the period of August 7, 2006 through June 30, 2008 for health care coverage assistance services from fund/org 0600-860-8623.

**Previous Directives:**

June 16, 2006 Council authorization to issue a Request for Proposals for services.

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**Approved by:**

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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:** Patty Bowler, Director of Policy and Community Programs

**Financial Impact (Check those that apply)**

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

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

Following an RFP process, the Department is requesting authorization to contract with Portico Healthnet for the provision of health care coverage assistance services through the Family Connection Center (formerly New Families Center). The contractor will serve families of children enrolling in Minneapolis Public Schools who speak limited English and need assistance with applications for health insurance (public or private). Funding for services under the contract is committed for the first year (through June 2007), with the second year contingent upon performance and the availability of continued funding.