



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

Date: May 5, 2010

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

Subject: REQUEST TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PORTICO
HEALTHNET TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE SCHOOL BASED CLINICS

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to:

1. execute a contract with Portico Healthnet to allow the department to bill and receive reimbursement for mental health services rendered to students enrolled in a Portico Healthnet care plan.
2. amend said executed contract with Portico Healthnet to provide required provider information should clinic staffing change.

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: Coral Garner, Director of Community and Public Health Initiatives

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information). Anticipated revenue already included in the department's approved budget.

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

City Goals: The proposed project addresses the City Goal of One Minneapolis; and department goal of assuring maintenance of health care safety net for underserved populations.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

MDHFS continues to seek ways to increase reimbursement for all medical and mental health services provided through its School Based Clinics. Portico Healthnet is a Minnesota non-profit health and human services organization that helps uninsured Minnesotans access affordable health coverage and care. Contracting with Portico as a mental health provider will allow us to bill for student care when reimbursement is not covered under other Minnesota Health Care programs.