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**CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

and

**MINNEAPOLIS BUILDING AND  
CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL, AFL-CIO  
(Journeyman Unit)**

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**LETTER OF AGREEMENT  
2017 Health Care Insurance**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Minneapolis (hereinafter "City") and the Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council, Journeyman Unit (hereinafter "Union") are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement that is currently in force; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to provide quality health care at an affordable cost for the protection of employees, which requires a modification to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement as it relates to the funding of Health Care beginning January 1, 2017;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the parties agree as follows for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017:

1. The City will offer medical plans through Medica Insurance Company ("Medica"). Employees can elect to enroll in one of six (6) provider options. Medica Elect is a managed care model, Medica Choice is an open access model, and Fairview and North Memorial Vantage with Medica, Inspiration Health by HealthEast with Medica, Park Nicollet First with Medica and Ridgeview Community Network are accountable care organizations (ACOs).
2. Medica will continue a dual medical premium system that provides incentives for wellness program completion. The monthly medical premiums for subscribers who earn the required wellness program points by August 31, 2016 (the "wellness premiums") will be lower than the premiums for subscribers who do not earn the required wellness program points by August 31, 2016 (the "standard premiums"). Any changes to the wellness program requirements as described in the 2016 *My Health Rewards by Medica* brochure which is attached hereto and incorporated herein will be agreed upon by the Benefits Sub-committee of the Citywide Labor Management Committee. For 2017, the "wellness premium" will also apply to all employees who are newly enrolled in the medical plan after June 1, 2016.
3. For the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, the City will pay \$530.00 or the cost of the premium, whichever is less, per month for employees who elect single coverage under the medical plan.
4. For the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, the City will pay \$1,435.00 or the cost of the premium, whichever is less, per month for employees who elect family coverage under the medical plan.
5. The City will continue the Health Reimbursement Arrangement ("the Plan") which was established January 1, 2004 to provide reimbursement of eligible health expenses for participating employees, their spouse and other eligible dependents; and the Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association Trust (the "Trust") through which the Plan is funded.
6. The Plan shall be administered by the City or, at the City's sole discretion, a third party administrator.

7. The City shall designate a Trustee for the Trust. Such Trustee shall be authorized to hold and invest assets of the Trust and to make payments on instructions from the City or, at the City's discretion, from a third party administrator in accordance with the conditions contained in the Plan. Representatives of the City and up to three representatives selected by the Minneapolis Board of Business Agents shall constitute the VEBA Investment Committee which shall meet periodically to review the assets and investment options for the Trust.
8. The City shall pay the administration fees for Plan members who are current employees and other expenses pursuant to the terms of the Plan. Plan members who have separated from service will be charged the administration fee.
9. The City will make a contribution to the Plan in the annual amount of \$1,080.00 for employees who elect single coverage and \$2,280.00 for employees who elect family coverage in the City of Minneapolis Medical Plan. Such City contribution shall be made in semi-monthly installments equal to one-twenty fourth (1/24) of the designated amount and shall be considered to be contract value in the designated amount.
10. The Parties agree that, except for City contributions to the Plan or other negotiated payments to a tax-qualified health savings account, incentives, discounts or special payments provided to medical plan members that are not made to reimburse the member or his/her health care provider for health care services covered under the medical plan (e.g. incentives to use health club memberships or take health risk assessments) are not benefits for the purposes of calculating aggregate value of benefits pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.6161, Subd. 5.
11. Future cost sharing of premium costs between the employer and employees for medical plan and/or Plan contributions will be determined by the Benefits Sub-committee of the Citywide Labor Management Committee; however, absent a subsequent agreement, the City shall bear 82.5% of any generalized medical premium rate increase and the employees shall bear 17.5% of any generalized medical premium rate increase, as determined by Medica.
12. The unions shall continue to be involved with the selection of and negotiations with the medical plan carrier.
13. This agreement does not provide the unions with veto power over the City's decisions.
14. This agreement does not negate the City's obligation to negotiate with the unions as described by Minn. Stat. § 471.6161, Subd. 5.
15. The terms of this agreement shall be incorporated into the Collective Bargaining Agreement as appropriate without additional negotiations.
16. The Parties agree to re-negotiate the terms of this agreement in the event the City decides to implement self-insurance as the funding mechanism for the City of Minneapolis Medical Plan.


THE PARTIES have caused this Letter of Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representative whose signature appears below:

**FOR THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS:**

**FOR THE UNION:**

  
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 Timothy Giles  
 Director, Employee Services

8/12/16  
Date

  
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 Dan McConnell  
 Business Manager

8/11/2016  
Date