



KING COUNTY
Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

September 4, 2012

Motion 13716

Proposed No. 2012-0262.2

**Sponsors Lambert, Ferguson, Dunn and
McDermott**

1 A MOTION supporting the executive's negotiation of
2 potential participation in a demonstration project of a
3 financially integrated care model for individuals eligible for
4 both Medicare and Medicaid in which medical, mental
5 health, substance abuse and long term care services would
6 be purchased through a managed care organization.

7 WHEREAS, the Washington state Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and
8 Disability Services Administration, and the Washington state Health Care Authority jointly
9 submitted a proposal, titled HealthPath Washington, to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
10 Services to create a model that improves the quality, coordination and cost-effectiveness of the
11 Medicare and Medicaid system for individuals eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, and

12 WHEREAS, the HealthPath Washington proposal includes a strategy that provides a
13 financially integrated model in which medical, mental health, substance abuse and long term care
14 services would be purchased through a managed care organization for individuals dually eligible
15 for Medicaid and Medicare, and

16 WHEREAS, approximately thirty-one thousand one hundred fifteen individuals in King
17 County are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, and

18 WHEREAS, the mental health, chemical abuse and dependency services division of the
19 department of community and human services is responsible for providing mental health and

20 substance abuse services to approximately five thousand beneficiaries in King County eligible for
21 both Medicare and Medicaid, and

22 WHEREAS, the city of Seattle Aging and Disability Services, Area Agency on Aging is
23 responsible for providing case management services to approximately five thousand six hundred
24 beneficiaries eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid in King County, and

25 WHEREAS, the 2012 Washington state budget, Section 201(3) (b), Chapter 7, Laws of
26 Washington 2012, states that participation in the HealthPath demonstration project may be
27 limited to persons who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid and shall be limited to
28 counties in which the county legislative authority has agreed to the terms and conditions under
29 which the project will operate, and

30 WHEREAS, King County is currently negotiating with the state and other
31 counties to develop terms and conditions for participation in a financially integrated
32 model; and

33 WHEREAS, King County is committed to increasing access to healthcare,
34 improving health outcomes for its residents and reducing overall per capita costs;

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

36 A. The King County council supports the executive's negotiation of potential
37 participation in a demonstration project of a financially integrated care model where
38 medical, mental health, substance abuse and long term care services would be purchased
39 through a managed care organization.

40 B. As required by 2012 Washington state budget, Section 201(3)(b), Chapter 7,
41 Laws of Washington 2012, the executive is authorized to negotiate with the state
42 Department of Social and Health Services and Health Care Authority on the terms and
43 conditions of King County's potential participation in the financially integrated model.

44 C. If the executive, Washington state and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
45 Services mutually agree on the terms and conditions for King County's participation in
46 the financially integrated model, the executive shall transmit to council for its review and
47 approval a motion detailing the proposed terms and conditions by November 29, 2012.

48 Final council action on the proposed terms and conditions is needed no later than January
49 28, 2013.
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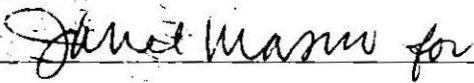
Motion 13716 was introduced on 7/30/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 9/4/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. McDermott

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Norris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None