

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies, proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency, must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 Point-In-Time Count, there are approximately 41,000 people experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles on any given night; and

WHEREAS, people experiencing homelessness are often more vulnerable to diseases and require health care services, but it is often more difficult for people experiencing homelessness to access health care; and

WHEREAS, factors such as lack of transportation, lack of identification documents, and concern for survival prevent people experiencing homelessness from seeking healthcare and they often only have street medicine as an option; and

WHEREAS, street medicine is a practice where health care providers serve unhoused people by going to them on the streets and underpasses and wherever they reside, which is currently not covered by Medi-Cal; and

WHEREAS, on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, then Assembly member Sydney Kamlager introduced Assembly Bill 369, the Street Medicine Act, which would create mechanisms for providers to bill Medi-Cal, while easing restrictions on who unhoused patients can be treated by; and

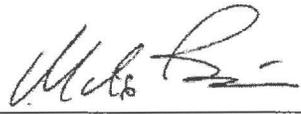
WHEREAS, AB 369 would authorize Medi-Cal enrolled providers to bill the Medi-Cal program for Medi Cal services that they provide to people experiencing homelessness outside of traditional medical facilities such as street medicine teams, shelter-based care, or within transitional housing settings; and

WHEREAS, the bill requires counties to establish programs to make presumptive eligibility determination if the person gives their informed consent to Medi-Cal and authorize the provider to issue a temporary Medi-Cal benefits identification card;

WHEREAS, the City should support AB 369 because it would greatly expand access to healthcare among people experiencing homelessness and provide them with necessary healthcare by removing barriers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-22 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 369 (Kamlager), the Street Medicine Act, which would require the State Department of Health Care Services to implement a program of presumptive eligibility for individuals experiencing homelessness, as determined by counties, under which a person would be enrolled in the Medi-Cal program's fee-for-service delivery system and receive full-scope Medi-Cal benefits without a share of cost.

PRESENTED BY:



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SECONDED BY:



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