

2012 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Require health outcomes as part of performance pay in City contracts for uninsured medical and dental services

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Council’s Request.

The Human Services Department (HSD) is requested to work with Public Health – Seattle & King County (Public Health) to develop and implement health outcomes as part of the performance pay in the City’s contracts for medical and dental services for uninsured clients.

Background.

In 2011 the City provided \$6,284,074 for primary medical and dental care services for uninsured Seattle residents, Medicaid access and outreach services, specialty care access services, and staffing and administrative costs including funding for a .75 FTE at Public Health Seattle King County who negotiates and manages the contracts with community health care clinic providers.

HSD requires performance based contracts and determines the outcomes and performance measures providers must meet in city funded programs. HSD then contracts with Public Health who in turn contracts with community health care clinic providers. In 2011 the outcomes and performance measures in the contracts were 1) the number of visits by uninsured Seattle residents, 2) the number of clients enrolled in health coverage, and 3) quality of care goals: for patients with chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension, those needing prenatal care, and for children who need immunizations. Additional quality of care goals may be appropriate. However, while 25% of the contract funding must be earned, currently the only performance requirements tied to reimbursement are that providers meet their targeted number of visits by uninsured Seattle residents and their targeted number of enrollments in health coverage; reimbursement is not tied to quality of care goals.

HSD is currently finalizing its Healthy Families, Healthy Communities strategic plan. The strategic plan is intended to address three charges that the Mayor’s Office and City Council gave to HSD in July 2010: 1) create a seamless service delivery system, 2) reorganize and redesign HSD’s contracting

infrastructure and process; and 3) develop a data-driven environment that guides investments. Reviewing the City's investments for uninsured medical and dental visits to more clearly identify the health outcomes the City is investing in and tying health outcomes to performance pay is aligned with the Department's work on its strategic plan.

Timeline.

HSD is requested to work with Public Health in 2012 to require health outcomes as part of performance pay in the City's 2013 contracts for medical and dental services for uninsured Seattle residents. HSD is also requested to report back to the Council's Housing, Human Services, Health and Culture committee with the changes they will be making in the City's 2013 contracts for medical and dental services for uninsured Seattle residents by June 30, 2012.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing, Human Services, Health, & Culture

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