



TO: Mayor Jim Gray
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM: 
Chris Ford, Commissioner of Social Services

DATE: October 4, 2016

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with Saint Joseph Health System, Inc. dba Saint Joseph East to provide indigent care

Request:

Request Council Authorization for the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Saint Joseph Health System, Inc. dba Saint Joseph East to provide indigent care by participating in the drug discount program pursuant to Section 340B of the Public Health Services Act, and the accompanying Office of Pharmacy Affairs Certification of Contract.

Why are you requesting?

In order to participate in the 340B Program, St. Joseph must enter into an agreement with a unit of the local government pursuant to which St. Joseph commits to provide health care services to low-income individuals who are neither entitled to benefits under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act nor eligible for assistance under the State plan of Title XIX under this Act.

This will allow St. Joseph to continue to provide health care to indigent, uninsured, and underinsured residents of Fayette County Kentucky. In fiscal year 2016, this commitment totaled approximately \$4,539,837 in lost charges. Pursuant to this commitment, it is the intention of St. Joseph that indigent care provided during the term of this MOU will range generally between \$4,000,000 and \$10,000,000 million. St. Joseph will assume that all patients will receive necessary care, as required by law, regardless of ability to pay.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

There is no fiscal impact to LFUCG associated with this MOU.

Are the funds budgeted?

There is no fiscal impact to LFUCG associated with this MOU.

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Director/Commissioner: Chris Ford

