

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Memorandum of Understanding with the Medical Center, Inc.
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown in order to meet the eligibility requirements to buy discounted outpatient drugs under Section 340B of the Public Health Services Act
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown in order to meet the eligibility requirements to buy discounted outpatient drugs under Section 340B of the Public Health Services Act.

Background: The contract for Indigent Medical Care with The Medical Center Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia expired on June 30, 2022. In order for Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown to continue to utilize the 340B prescription program to provide discounted drugs to indigent persons, an agreement must be in place. Resolution 151-22 authorized an MOU for this program.

Analysis: Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown is committed to providing services to indigent persons who are not covered by Medicare, Medicaid or other insurance regardless of their ability to pay. Section 340B program of the Public Health Services Act requires a private non-profit disproportionate hospital to have a formal agreement with the local government to participate in the program.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial obligations to the Columbus Consolidated Government.

Legal Considerations: There is no legal issue with accepting this unilateral commitment on the part of Columbus Regional Midtown as it does not prevent other efforts of the City to contract for the provision of indigent medical care.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown in order to meet the eligibility requirements to buy discounted outpatient drugs under Section 340B of the Public Health Services Act.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE MEDICAL CENTER, INC. D/B/A PIEDMONT COLUMBUS REGIONAL MIDTOWN IN ORDER TO MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO BUY DISCOUNTED OUTPATIENT DRUGS UNDER SECTION 340B OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES ACT.

WHEREAS, the Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown (PCRM) has been committed to continuing to provide services to the indigent persons of Muscogee County since the indigent health care contract with the Medical Center Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia expired on June 30, 2022 ; and,

WHEREAS, in order for PCRM to continue to qualify for discounted outpatient drugs under Section 340B of the Public Health Services Act, an agreement with the local government is required; and,

WHEREAS, the MOU does not require any exclusive or financial commitment from the City of Columbus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown accepting its commitment to provide indigent care services under Section 340 of the Public Health Services Act for the initial period of one year from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, and with the City Manager is further authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for up to four additional one-year periods on the same terms.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of July 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor Hickey voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor