

**RESOLUTION
NO.**

WHEREAS, the previous 30-year Contract for inmate and indigent medical care with the Medical Center Hospital Authority expired on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government FY23 Recommended Budget included a levy of 2.5 mills for Indigent Health Care and Inmate Health Care purposes; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2022, this Council adopted Resolution No. 135-22 in which it requested the staff to issue an RFP to obtain a wide range of professional medical services to qualified indigent residents of Muscogee County who are not covered by commercial insurance or any other government health plan; and

WHEREAS, In order to ensure that there is no time period when health care services were not available to qualifying individuals in Muscogee County, Resolution No. 135-22 provided that all entities which were successful bidders in the RFP would have an opportunity to seek reimbursement for some of their costs for services provided beginning July 1, 2022, in accordance with the provisions of any contract they were awarded under the RFP; and

WHEREAS, RFP No.23-0009 was issued and four bids were received in accordance with the procurement process; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on June 27, 2023, Council rejected any and all bids received in response to RFP No. 23-0009; and

WEHREAS, even though this Council did not award an indigent care contract for professional medical services to any of the bidders, it wishes to fairly compensate those who were recommended as qualified bidders in the RFP process and incurred expenses treating qualifying indigent patients during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

**THEREFORE, THE COLUMBUS COUNCIL NOW HEREBY RESOLVES AS
FOLLOWS:**

1. The Medical Center, Inc. dba Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown (Columbus, GA) was qualified as a recommended bidder in RFP No. 23-0009. The Medical Center, Inc. dba Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown (Columbus, GA), has sought reimbursement costs for services provided between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to make payment to The Medical Center, Inc. dba Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown) for an amount up to \$3,590,375.00 for verified medical treatment at Medicaid rates for individuals treated between June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023 who would have qualified as indigent residents pursuant to RFP 23-009.
2. To the extent that this resolution is inconsistent with paragraph 3 of Resolution No. 135-22 it is hereby revoked and rescinded.

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

Councilor Allen voting _____.
Councilor Barnes voting _____.
Councilor Begly voting _____.
Councilor Cogle voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

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