

Indigent Health Care Update

May 31, 2022

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- Existing 30-year Contract with the Medical Center Hospital Authority expires on June 30, 2022
- Section 7-102 of the Columbus Charter required an amendment for a change to the 3 mills for Indigent Care per the 1949 Act
- 10/12/2021 - City Council passed Resolution #354-21 to request the local legislative delegation to introduce a local act that will update and redefine healthcare purposed for the health care levy of up to three mills of ad valorem tax
- 04/18/2022 – House Date Signed by Governor (Act 639)
- 04/26/2022 – FY23 Recommended Budget includes 2.5 mills for Indigent Health Care, \$12,542,459
- 05/31/2022 – Resolution for Indigent Care Support for City Council Consideration

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- June – RFP Issued for Indigent Health Care or other county healthcare services
 - Health Care Services for medically indigent persons of Muscogee County to include certain services for inpatient and outpatient care for incarcerated persons at the Muscogee County Jail. Medical Services include, but not limited to, inpatient and outpatient hospital care, x-ray, laboratory, primary medical care, pharmaceutical, mental health services, etc.
- June 2022 – FY23 Budget Adoption
- June 2022 – FY23 Millage Adoption
- October 2022 – 40% Ad Valorem Taxes Due
- December 2022 – 60% Ad Valorem Taxes Due

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- Medically Indigent Person
 - Resident of Muscogee County
 - Not covered by commercial insurance or any other government health plan
 - Income eligibility
- Successful bidders of the upcoming RFP will have the opportunity to seek reimbursement for cost of services beginning July 1, 2022 in accordance with the provisions of the contract once approved by City Council
- First reimbursement anticipated for January 1, 2023 for services rendered July 1 – December 31, 2022 and quarterly thereafter up to the maximum contract award

QUESTIONS

