

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF
WEST ORANGE AND B-MED, INC. FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2024 TO PROVIDE INSURANCE TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES AND
RETIREES AS AN EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE (EUS)**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange (Township) must provide a Medicare Advantage Medical insurance plan to all eligible employees and retirees pursuant to collective bargaining agreements, contracts and personnel policies; and

WHEREAS, the contract between the Township and its current provider expires December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, John O. Gross, Chief Financial Officer, has certified that these services qualify as extraordinary, unspecifiable services (EUS) under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires that the Township solicit competitive quotes for services eligible to be awarded by resolution as an award of an EUS contract, the relevant documentation for the contract award must be available for public inspection and that notice of the award of an EUS contract be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality within ten (10) days of the award; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to enter into a new agreement for the period of January 1, 2024 and expiring December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Brokers solicited competitive quotes for this service; and

WHEREAS, the most favorable competitive quotes were from B-MED for the period of January 1, 2024 and ending on December 31, 2024, which will increase premium rates no more than ONE AND NINTY THREE-ONE HUNDRENTH PERCENT (1.93%) over the 2023 rates; and

WHEREAS, funds for this contract will be available in the 2024 Municipal Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the West Orange Township Council that:

- I. The Mayor or Business Administrator is authorized to execute a contract with B-MED for Insurance rates that do not exceed ONE AND NINTY THREE-ONE HUNDRENTH PERCENT (1.93%) over the 2023 rates for the period of January 1, 2024 and ending on December 31, 2024.
- II. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., this contract is awarded as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service (EUS) contract.

III. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30:5, the award of contract shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of sufficient funds in the 2024 fiscal year budget.

IV. Notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality within ten (10) days of this award.

V. All of the relevant documentation for the contract award is available for public inspection on the Township's website and in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C, Municipal Clerk

Tammy Williams, Council President

Adopted: December 5, 2023