



Memorializing Resolution of the City Council - #0005-2024

Sponsored by: **LaShay D. Harris** Council Vice President, South District Representative

Cosponsored by: **Bridget Monroe**, Councilmember, Northwest

To The Honorable
Rochester City Council
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

RE: Memorializing the Governor & New York State Legislature to Enhance Medicaid coverage for children and expanding the availability of school-based health programs, including mental health.

Honorable Council Members:

We ask you to join us by signing your name on this Memorializing Resolution to support enhanced Medicaid coverage and expand services and availability of school-based health including mental health programs for youth (as shared in the December 2023 Children's Agenda Report), and, in doing so, to collectively **State and Resolve:**

WHEREAS, We, the undersigned members of Rochester City Council, are cognizant of far too many children continuing to struggle without access to the supports they need and deserve including mental health; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid plans work well for some, but not all children, and leads to inequities and obstacles for families to obtain and keep their medical coverage; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid systems and policies are complex and need to better share information and education targeted to address specific barriers for families with children, including explaining that children may qualify even if parents do not; and

WHEREAS, clarifying processes and helping families reenroll or appeal disenrollment is currently lacking and there is a need for individualized, easy-to-understand, multilingual communications to enrollees; and

WHEREAS, expanding the availability and opportunities for young people to get the help they need to address both physical and mental health needs is critically important and needed; and

WHEREAS, school-based health centers are a delivery model that supports improved access to health care, as well as healthy behaviors and outcomes, for students; and

WHEREAS, conditions such as chronic illness, untreated mental health issues, physical inactivity, unhealthy eating, child abuse, food insecurity, and other health-related conditions have been linked to poor academic outcomes and long-term health challenges.

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Now, Therefore, be it RESOLVED, we, the undersigned Members of Rochester City Council, support expanding Medicaid Coverage, as recommended by the Children's Agenda, to ensure school-based health centers are given adequate resources; and we shall forward copies of this resolution to the Governor and Members of the State Senate and Assembly.

Sincerely,

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LaShay Harris, Vice President
South District

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Bridget Monroe, Councilmember
Northwest District

xc Children's Agenda

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The following Councilmembers join their colleague in support of Memorializing Resolution 0005-24:



Miguel A. Meléndez, President
At-Large Representative



Mitch Gruber, Councilmember
At-Large Representative



Willie Lightfoot, Councilmember
At-Large Representative



Mary Lupien, Councilmember
East District Representative



Stanley Martin, Councilmember
At-Large Representative



Michael A. Patterson, Councilmember
Northeast District Representative



Kim Smith, Councilmember
At-Large Representative