

ATTACHMENT A:

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT ASDR 2013-2014-12

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALASKA HEALTH CARE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, world class public education requires competitive salary and benefits in order to attract and retain high quality teachers and employees; and

WHEREAS, excessive medical cost escalation continues to plague public and private sector employers across Alaska who are seeking to provide competitive compensation in order to attract and retain a world class work force; and

WHEREAS, changes in health insurance design are increasing cost-sharing responsibilities of health plan members through changes in deductibles and co-payment levels, creating a need for greater transparency in health care prices and quality to support consumers' ability to shop for the highest value care and more fully engage in the design and implementation of effective employee wellness programs; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of states are creating statewide All-Payer Claims Databases to collect and aggregate medical claims data from private and public payers, providing information on utilization and cost for employers and policy makers, clinical quality for health care providers, population health for public health purposes, and price and quality for consumers; and

WHEREAS, waste in the health care system due to misused medical resources is estimated to represent as much as 30% of health care spending, and the use of evidence-based medicine can increase the effectiveness of medical treatment, improve the quality of health care and reduce wasteful health care spending; and

WHEREAS, current predominant fee-for-service payment methods discourage efficiency in health care delivery; and

WHEREAS, certain State regulations create a market power imbalance in Alaska's health care sector; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Health Care Commission has conducted a number of important and valuable studies since its inception and has provided a series of specific, relevant and measurable market-based policy recommendations for improving health care cost and quality across Alaska.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage School Board urges the governor and legislature to support an extension of the Alaska Health Care Commission's sunset date to allow more time for study of challenges related to health care cost and quality, identification of additional market-based solutions for improving health care value; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anchorage School Board urges the governor and legislature to support health care market reform measures that enable school districts to more effectively shop for high value health care for their employees.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage School Board this 20th day of February, 2014.

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