

WHEREAS, UT Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW) and City of Dallas wishes to state the terms and conditions under which Dallas Fire-Rescue Department's Mobile Community Health Program (DFR-MCHP) will be given access to health information of current patients of the UTSW through the EpicCare Link software, a secure electronic database of protected health information (PHI) owned by UT Southwestern, which is needed by the DFR-MCHP to provide further care to the patients; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2014, City Council approved Ordinance No. 29544 amending Chapter 15D of the Dallas City Code of Ordinances which, among other things, expanded the role and services provided by Dallas Fire-Rescue Department paramedics to include the implementation of a Mobile Community Healthcare Program ("MCHP") that provides appropriate medical interventions to certain individuals at their residences who routinely and frequently call 911 requesting emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the City's MCHP services are designed to: (1) support efficient and effective emergency medical services within the City of Dallas; (2) provide health education to City of Dallas residents; (3) assess living environments that may be dangerous or detrimental to a citizen's health and could contribute to an emergency situation; and (4) evaluate medical needs and provide the appropriate medical interventions; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous for both the City and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, to enter into such an agreement so that health information related to patient care may be exchanged to enhance the services to the patients being provided services through the current contractual programs - Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP) and Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP).

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS

September 14, 2016

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center upon approval as to form by the City Attorney. This agreement will provide access to and efficient exchange of patient health information by City of Dallas through its Dallas Fire-Rescue Mobile Community Healthcare Program for patients being provided services through the current contractual programs - Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP) and Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP) for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2018.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

APPROVED BY
CITY COUNCIL

SEP 14 2016

Lucas D. Lewis
City Secretary