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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM



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Subject: PA 152 - Publicly Funded Health Care

History

Public Act 152 of 2011 established limits on the amount that public employers pay toward employee medical benefit plans. Coinciding with each medical insurance plan year (the City’s plan year begins April 1), we must address the alternatives and affirm the City’s direction in this matter with a City Council resolution.

The alternatives are:

- **Hard Cap** - The hard cap limits the amount a public employer can contribute to employee health insurance costs; the employer cannot pay more of the annual costs for health insurance than a total amount equal to:
 - \$ 7,399.47 – times the number of employees with one-person coverage
 - \$ 15,474.60 – times the number of employees with two-person coverage
 - \$ 20,180.43 – times the number of employees with family coverage
- **80/20** - The 80/20 option states the employer may not pay more than 80% of the total annual costs of all the medical benefit plans it offers or contributes to for its employees.
- **Opt-Out** - The opt-out allows the local unit of government to exercise its discretion to determine what premium share contribution is desired for their organization.

Since the inception of PA 152, the Troy City Council has voted to opt-out each year.

Financial

The financial impact of each option is estimated below:

Estimated Cost Allocation by Option (2023/24 Plan Year Rates)

PA 152 Option	Employee Share	City Share	Total
Opt-Out	350,450	6,658,556	7,009,006
Hard Cap	1,459,854	5,549,152	7,009,006
80/20	1,401,801	5,607,205	7,009,006

Note that our current medical plan is self-funded; accordingly, actual costs (experience) will likely differ somewhat from illustrative rates used in the above table.

While overall cost is one consideration, the impact on each individual is another. This year, the effect of PA 152 options on an individual City employee cost share would be as follows:

Annual Employee Premium Share (2023/24 Plan Year Rates)

Type of Coverage	Current 5% (Opt-Out)	Hard Cap*	80/20
1 person	\$ 428	\$ 1,113	\$ 1,712
2 person	\$ 1,026	\$ 4,955	\$ 4,104
Family	\$ 1,284	\$ 5,356	\$ 5,136

* Hard Cap may be allocated alternatively

It should be noted that any option change would only affect non-union, full-time employees enrolled in medical coverage (currently 138 employees) until each union collective bargaining agreement expires and contribution rates can be changed for those groups.

The City's excellent medical insurance benefits help to separate us from other employers; a secondary benefit of our model is the reduced hesitation to seek treatment for health concerns since our subscribers are not burdened by high deductibles and large out of pocket co-pays.

Recommendation

We recommend that City Council continues to affirm the City's direction in this matter by selecting the PA 152 opt-out alternative for plan year 2023/24.