

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO REQUEST THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT CREATES OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO INCREASE COVERAGE AND ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR THE UNINSURED

WHEREAS, DeKalb County through its partnership with Grady Health System provides support and resources for the provision of healthcare to uninsured county residents; and

WHEREAS, Grady Health System has been the safety net hospital for DeKalb and Fulton Counties for over 126 years, fulfilling its mission to serve the underserved; and

WHEREAS, Grady's role as the largest training ground in Georgia for physicians, and a leading research facility with a constant focus on excellent patient care and innovative changes to how healthcare is provided has produced a proposal to transform the healthcare delivery and payment system in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Georgia Solution would provide hospitals and communities across Georgia an opportunity to volunteer as demonstration sites and draw down federal funding to provide coverage and access healthcare for thousands of uninsured Georgians; and

WHEREAS, this program would create demonstration sites across the state that would treat a defined population in a closed network of community health providers, commit to evolve the healthcare delivery and payment systems over five years, utilize a population health model with comprehensive care coordination to reduce utilization and improve health outcomes, create linkage to programs that address social determinants of health, and provide substance abuse and behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, this new model of care and coverage can improve health outcomes, reduce per capita costs of care, increase access, maximize efficiencies and capacity of existing infrastructure, assure sustainability of rural and safety net hospitals, produce replicability for potential statewide application and demonstrate cost savings for the current Medicaid program

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, hereby request that:

1. The General Assembly adopt legislation to allow innovative solutions to increase coverage and access to quality healthcare services for the uninsured, and ensure sustainability of rural and safety net hospitals.
2. The Executive Assistant or designee is directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the members of the DeKalb Delegation representing any portion of DeKalb County.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2019.

JEFF RADER
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ____ day of _____, 2019.

MICHAEL THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC
Clerk

VIVIANE ERNSTES
County Attorney