

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village Council Meeting

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
Employee Benefits Renewal Contracts and Medical Plan Amendments for FY2016	Dennis Burke Director of Human Resources

SYNOPSIS

Resolutions have been prepared to authorize approval of employee benefits renewals contracts and plan amendments for FY16.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2011-2018 include *Steward of Financial Sustainability*.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY16 health insurance budget includes \$1,065,095 for claims administration, stop loss contracts and Wellness Health Initiative. The vendors and contract amounts for FY15 and FY16 are itemized below:

Vendor	Contract Item	FY2015 Amount	FY2016 Amount
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Medical Claim Administration	\$245,438	\$265,887.36
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	Specific and Aggregate Stop Loss	\$429,723	\$386,137.76
Delta Dental	Dental Program Claim Administration	\$20,064	\$20,602.44
Eye Med	Vision Program Claim Administration	\$44,271 (Delta Vision/TruAssure)	\$33,254.04
Subtotal		\$739,496	\$705,881.60
Humana	Medicare Advantage Program for Retirees over 65	\$221,664	\$241,381.92
National Insurance Services Trust	Life Insurance	\$76,156	\$83,504
National Insurance Services Trust	Disability Benefits	\$27,666	\$27,666
Total		\$1,064,982	\$1,058,433.52

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the October 20, 2015 consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

The recommended contracts provide the necessary administration and support for the Village's Health Insurance program, which has a total budget of \$6.8 million as shown in the FY16 Proposed Budget. The budget also describes how the Village has positioned itself well to effectively control health insurance costs and respond to the requirements of the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act.

A summary of the 2016 employee benefits contracts is provided below:

- *Medical Claim Administration* – The Village has a self-funded medical plan and contracts with an outside vendor to provide claim administration on behalf of the Village. Claim administration includes medical and prescription drug claim adjudication, pre-certification and medical case management services. On an annual basis, staff reviews the claim administration services received from the vendor. Also reviewed is the relationship the vendor has with preferred provider organizations (PPO) to ensure the discounts received through the PPO contracts are cost effective to both the employee and the Village. The Village has contracted with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois for these services since 2011. Blue Cross has provided a renewal quote for 2016 for claims administration at \$47.40 per employee/per month. Blue Cross also charges a fee to access their PPO network. This fee is offset by the significant savings the Village realizes through the Blue Cross PPO discounts. Total annual costs for medical claims administration for 2016 which includes the PPO access fee are \$265,887.
- *Stop Loss Coverage* - The Village purchases stop loss coverage to limit its financial exposure. Stop loss coverage provides insurance for catastrophic medical claims of participants in the Village's group health care plan. There are two types of stop loss coverage, specific and aggregate. Specific stop loss insurance provides a point at which time the insurance company becomes responsible for any claims after an individual insured reaches a pre-determined limit in the contract year. As part of the annual review, staff directs the Village's consultant, the Horton Group, to recommend to the Village the most appropriate point for specific stop loss coverage. The consultant reviews specific claim data on the Village's group and determines if it is cost effective for the Village to take on additional claim exposure. For 2016 the consultant determined that the Village should remain at the current \$150,000 specific stop loss level. The Village does obtain alternative quotes on stop loss coverage on an annual basis. Blue Cross's quote for stop loss totals \$374,189 annually.
- *Dental* – The Village provides employees a dental program administered by Delta Dental Plan of Illinois. Under this program, employees utilize PPO network providers where services are received at discounted rates and benefits are primarily paid in full. Employees also have the flexibility of going out-of-network; however, they would receive coverage that is less comprehensive. Fees for administration of the Delta Dental program for 2016 are \$20,602.
- *Vision* – The Village will switch to Eye Med PPO for vision coverage in FY16, resulting in savings of \$11,000. With the assistance of the Village's Broker, the Village sought quotes for vision coverage. Eye Med will provide additional incentives which were not available with the Delta Vision program. Premium costs for 2016 are \$33,254.
- *Retiree Program* – Medicare Advantage Program for Retirees Over 65 – State law requires that the Village offer health insurance to retirees. Currently, retirees over 65 go into a fully insured carve-out

plan through Humana. Retirees are expected to pay full premium except for those employees who retired prior to September 9, 2009 who pay 50% premium. The premium costs for 2016 are \$241,381.

- *Long Term Disability Insurance (LTD)* – LTD is a benefit for all full time employees except sworn Police or Fire employees who are covered through the pension plan. Premium costs for FY16 are \$27,666.
- *Life Insurance* - Life Insurance is offered as an employee benefit. The premium for Life Insurance for 2016 is \$83,504.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolutions

Contracts

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO JOINDER
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND
NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES TRUST
FOR GROUP LIFE INSURANCE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the form and substance of a certain Amendment to a Joinder Agreement (the AAmendment@), between the Village of Downers Grove (the AVillage@) and National Insurance Services Trust (ANational Insurance Services Trust@), for group life insurance, effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, as set forth in the form of the Amendment submitted to this meeting with the recommendation of the Village Manager, is hereby approved.

2. That the Village Manager and Village Clerk are hereby respectively authorized and directed for and on behalf of the Village to execute, attest, seal and deliver the Amendment, substantially in the form approved in the foregoing paragraph of this Resolution, together with such changes as the Manager shall deem necessary.

3. That the proper officials, agents and employees of the Village are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as they may deem necessary or appropriate to perform all obligations and commitments of the Village in accordance with the provisions of the Amendment.

4. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____

Village Clerk

AMENDMENT TO
NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES TRUST
JOINER AGREEMENT FOR
GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

Carrier No.: 4116

Carrier ID: MNL

Amendment No: 2

Group Name: Village of Downers Grove

State: IL

Employee Classification: All Insured Classifications

Effective Date: January 1, 2016

Benefit Change: None

Rate Change:

- Basic Life: Rate shall increase from \$0.12/\$1,000 to \$0.14/\$1,000.
- Basic AD&D: Rate shall remain unchanged at \$0.03/\$1,000.

The above rates are guaranteed until December 31, 2016. This rate guarantee does not apply to adjustments in premium rate due to amendments requested by the Employer.

IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS, COVERAGE UNDER THIS POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED.

Accepted this ____ day of _____, 20____, for the above-named Employer.

By: _____
Signature

By: _____
Signature

Print Name and Title

Print Name and Title

Accepted for National Insurance Services Trust by Administrator, National Insurance Services of Wisconsin, Inc.



Bruce A. Miller, President
October 2, 2015

This signed and executed Amendment must be returned within 20 working days of the date of the Administrator's signature in order to ensure acceptance of the Amendment as outlined.