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**Contingency Planning for Repeal of the Affordable Care Act**

Following implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the uninsured rate in Los Angeles County (County) dropped from approximately 21% of residents in 2013 to about 11% in 2015. Altogether, approximately 1.2 million individuals in Los Angeles County gained Medicaid coverage as a result of the ACA, and an additional 380,000 individuals received subsidized coverage through Covered California, the State-based insurance exchange.

Although efforts on the national level to repeal the ACA have thus far not been successful, the threat of such legislation remains real. According to estimates from the California Department of Health Care Services, if the ACA were to be repealed, there could be approximately \$3 billion of annual cost-shifting from the federal government to California by 2020 and over \$30 billion in annual cost-shifting to the state by 2027. This would result in a need either to cut Medicaid enrollment in the County, reduce the comprehensiveness of services, or both.

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The County's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) recently convened a Health Care Reform Working Group to plan for the possibility of repeal of the ACA in the County. In addition, members of the County leadership have been participants in a working group convened by stakeholders throughout the state of California to consider statewide approaches. This group is assessing the feasibility of a number of strategies that could be implemented at the state and County levels that would serve to maintain and extend the gains made under the ACA. The work of this group is expected to continue over the next several months.

Considering the potential impact of possible repeal and replacement legislation on critical state and County programs, the Board of Supervisors should be provided the opportunity to move forward, through advocacy, and/or action, those strategies deemed to be feasible by the stakeholder group and County leadership.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

- 1) Authorize the continued participation and engagement of Los Angeles County (County) leadership from the Health Agency and Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) office in the above-described California-wide stakeholder process for considering contingency plans should the Affordable Care Act be repealed.
- 2) Instruct the Health Agency, in collaboration with the Health Care Reform Working Group established by the CEO, to report back in writing in 30 days on feasible strategies evaluated by the stakeholder group and

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County leadership with recommendations for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Reports thereafter regarding the statewide stakeholder group should be provided quarterly or more frequently as deemed necessary by the County's Health Care Reform Working Group.

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