



### Human Resources

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To: Legislation Review Committee

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Subject: Extension of current Benefits Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Contract

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In 2018, the Department of Human Resources sought competitive proposals for a preferred provider organization (PPO) for healthcare network services. FrontPath Health Coalition was awarded the contract. The current contract with FrontPath Health Coalition expires September 30, 2021.

The Department of Human Resources is requesting the current contract with FrontPath Health Coalition be extended through May 31, 2022 due to the following reasons:

- In the year 2021, the Human Resources Department has seven (7) healthcare related contracts that set to expire. The most intensive is the upcoming contract for Pharmacy benefits, which can take 4-6 months to go through the selection, evaluation, and implementation process,
- The department simply does not have the manpower, in 2021, to take on the critical task of publishing, reviewing and implementing a contract as important as healthcare.
- Extension of the contract through May 31, 2022 aligns with our Open Enrollment period. If a new third-party administrator is selected by the current expiration date of September 30, 2021, the organization would be forced to conduct two open enrollment sessions in 2021. This would be extremely labor intensive and disruptive to our employees.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.