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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON HOSPITAL AND HEALTH EQUITY
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson

FROM: Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson, Committee on Hospital and Health Equity.
Councilmember Christina Henderson, Chairperson Committee on Health

DATE: May 2, 2024

SUBJECT: Request to Place Emergency Measures on the Agenda for May 7, 2024 Legislative Meeting

This memo is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the May 7, 2024 Legislative Meeting:

- **Contract No. NFPHC-OPS-23-C-00059 between Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation and Morrison Management Specialists, Inc., Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2024**
- **Contract No. NFPHC-OPS-23-C-00059 between the Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation and Morrison Management Specialists, Inc., Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**

This emergency legislation and declaration resolution would provide retroactive approval for Contract No. NFPHC-OPS-23-C-00059 between the Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation, commonly known as United Medical Center (“Hospital”), and Morrison Management Specialists, Inc., for the provision of Food and Nutrition Management services, and to authorize payment for the services received and to be received under the Contract.

To avoid a gap in services while UMC and the incumbent vendor, Morrison, negotiated a new 12-month contract last summer, the parties agreed to execute a letter contract, as permitted under UMC Procurement Rules (27 DCMR 4614(f)). Despite the good faith and timely efforts of the parties, attempts to negotiate early drafts of the letter contract (at 90 days and 180 days) were unsuccessful, largely due to the hospital’s looming wind down and eventual closure. Fluctuating patient and staff volumes, higher vendor costs even for incumbents, and UMC’s fiscal limitations

made service level and associated cost determinations extremely difficult. Further exacerbating these issues and delaying negotiations was the major leadership change Morrison experienced.

On February 12, 2024, the parties were finally able to fully execute a letter contract for these essential services in the amount of \$891,076.67, for a 7-month base period (August 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024). Council approval was not required. The parties also completed negotiations for the remaining 5 months of the base (March 1, 2024 – July 31, 2024), in the amount of \$636,483.33.

Council action is now necessary to approve the proposed, definitized twelve (12) month retroactive Contract base year in the amount of \$1,527,560.00 (August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024), which includes the initial seven (7) month base period letter contract in the amount of \$891,076.67 (August 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024).

Emergency approval of this legislation and declaration resolution would approve Contract No. NFPHC-OPS-23-C-00059 and would enable Morrison Management Specialists, Inc., to be paid for the provision of Food and Nutrition Management services at UMC.

Copies of the emergencies and contract summaries are attached. For any questions or concerns, please contact Teela Wyman, Legislative Analyst, at (202) 341-4425 or twyman@dccouncil.gov.