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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: September 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Request to Place Emergency Measures on the Agenda for October 1, 2024 Legislative Meeting

This memo is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the October 1, 2024 Legislative Meeting:

- **Modification No. 1 to Contract NFPHC-MS-23-C-00054 with Northrium Health LLC Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2024**
- **Modification No. 1 to Contract NFPHC-MS-23-C-00054 with Northrium Health LLC Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**

This emergency bill and declaration resolution would provide retroactive approval for Modification No. 1 to Contract NFPHC-MS-23-C-00054 between the Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation, commonly known as United Medical Center (“UMC”) and Northrium Health LLC. (“Contract”) for the continuous provision of anesthesia and vascular access services and to authorize payment for the services received and to be received under the Contract.

If approved, Modification 1 would exercise Option Year 1 (August 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025) in the amount of \$1,025,910.99. The unavoidable retroactivity is due to the extended time needed to negotiate financial terms with the vendor because of nationwide industry shortages, current hospital staffing needs, and the pending wind-down/closure.

Emergency approval of this emergency bill and declaration resolution would approve Modification 1 to Contract No. NFPHC-MS-23-C-00054 and would enable Northrium Health LLC, Inc. to receive payment for the provision of anesthesia and vascular access services.

- **Modification Nos. 4, 5, and 6 to Contract NFPHC-MS-22-C-00043 with Amergis Healthcare Staffing Inc. Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2024**
- **Modification Nos. 4, 5, and 6 to Contract NFPHC-MS-22-C-00043 with Amergis Healthcare Staffing Inc. Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**

This emergency bill and declaration resolution would provide retroactive approval for Modifications Nos. 4, 5, and 6 to Contract NFPHC-MS-22-C-00043 between the Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation, commonly known as United Medical Center (“UMC”) and Amergis Healthcare Staffing Inc. (“Contract”) for the continuous provision of respiratory therapist staffing services, and to authorize payment for the services received and to be received under the Contract.

If approved, Modification 6, along with fully executed modifications 4 and 5 (\$500,000.00 and \$400,000.00), the total contract value of option year one contract would be \$1,800,000.00 for the period October 11, 2023 to October 10, 2024. This Contract is being submitted retroactively because additional time was needed to explore the possibility of generating savings through less costly alternatives. Ultimately, it was not feasible due to UMC’s wind-down/pending closure and competing national and regional personnel needs, so the contract was further modified to address the UMC’s annual demand. Council approval remains vital to avoid disruption to these essential services. *Note: Amergis Healthcare Staffing Inc. was formerly Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services Inc., and the base year of this contract was approved by Council on November 1, 2022 (A24-652).*

Emergency approval of this legislation and declaration resolution would approve Modifications 4, 5, and 6 to Contract NFPHC-MS-22-C-00043 and would enable Amergis Healthcare Staffing Inc. to receive payment for the provision of these respiratory therapist services.

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.