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RESOLUTION NO. 003-2016 - MEDICAL CLAIMS AUDIT ACTION ITEMS FOR EXCELLUS BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD

MOVED by Mr. Thayer, seconded by Ms. Hersey, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present.

WHEREAS, the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC) is a self-insured municipal cooperative health benefit plan organized pursuant to Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS the GTCMHIC is operating pursuant to a Certificate of Authority issued by the New York State Department of Financial Services pursuant to Article 47 of the New York State Insurance Law, and

WHEREAS, the Consortium contracts with a Third Party Administrator, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield to administer health insurance claims on behalf of the Consortium, and

WHEREAS, the Consortium Board of Directors contracted with BMI Audit Services, LLC to conduct an audit of the claims adjudication processes at Excellus BlueCross BlueShield to include claims paid between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2013, and

WHEREAS, BMI Audit Services, LLC reported to the Consortium Board of Directors that Excellus BlueCross BlueShield was not complying with the "national coding guidelines" relative to the review and adjudication of claims with an "add-on code", claims which include an "age code indicator", and claims which include "global follow-up days", and

WHEREAS, the non-compliance with the "national coding guidelines" may result in the inappropriate payment of Consortium funds for medical services, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Audit and Finance Committee, That the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Board of Directors hereby requests that Excellus BlueCross BlueShield adhere to the "national coding guidelines" when adjudicating claims which have an "add-on code", when adjudicating claims which contain medical procedures which require an "age indicator"', and/or when adjudicating claims which include "global follow-up days",

RESOLVED, further, That the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Board of Directors hereby requests future medical plan audit firms to verify compliance by Excellus BlueCross BlueShield with the directive including in this resolution upon the next occurrence of the medical claims audit.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF TOMPKINS)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium on January 28, 2016.

Michelle Pottorff, Administrative Clerk