



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 08/16/2022

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY  
AND THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES  
TO DESIGNATE THE TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT AS A CERTIFIED APPLICATION COUNSELOR  
DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve an Agreement between the Tarrant County and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to designate the Tarrant County Public Health Department as a Certified Application Counselor Designated Organization (CDO).

**BACKGROUND**

On June 21, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #138419, approved the electronic submission of a CDO pre-application through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). TCPH received preliminary approval through HHS on July 14, 2022.

CDOs are community agencies that connect, assist, and inform the community regarding opportunities available within the Health Insurance Marketplace. This results in greater outreach and access within the community to connect area citizens to healthcare services and programs. Certification is required every two (2) years and commences on October 1, 2022.

With approval, TCPH will work within the guidelines of the Agreement to operate as a CDO.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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