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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY GROUP BENEFIT PLANS WITH METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the agreements and applications for voluntary group benefit plans with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and its subsidiaries and subcontractors effective July 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND

On December 13, 2022 through Court Order #139955, the Commissioners Court approved the award of RFP No. 2023-012, Annual Contract for Voluntary Group Benefit Plans, to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and its subsidiaries. Human Resources, the Auditor's Office, the Criminal District Attorney's Office, Gallagher Benefit Services, and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and its subsidiaries and subcontractors have since worked to finalize documents outlining benefit provisions and agreement terms as well as ensuring employee confidentiality. The initial term of the agreements and applications begins on July 1, 2023 and ends on December 31, 2025 with two (2) options for renewal periods of twelve (12) months each. Rollout of the plans will begin in April 2023 for an effective date of July 1, 2023.

The new voluntary group benefit plans include the following:

- · Accident
- · Cancer
- · Critical Illness
- Hospital Indemnity
- · Identity Theft
- · Legal
- · Life
- · Pet Insurance.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office reviewed the agreements and applications as to form.



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

FISCAL IMPACT

Insurance premiums for the voluntary group benefit plans will be paid by benefit-eligible employees and retirees. The cost to the General Fund for mailing and printing services is expected to total no more than \$2,000.00.