



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 12, 1981

MAYOR FRANCIS H. DUEHAY

- WHEREAS: On December 12, 1980, the Massachusetts Rate Setting Commission formally disapproved the proposed \$3 billion, 3 year contract between Blue Cross and the Massachusetts Hospital Association and asked the parties to renegotiate a better, more cost effective plan; and
- WHEREAS: The Consumer Health Advocacy Program of Massachusetts (CHAP-M) has been involved in this matter for many months and has estimated that the proposed contract would have cost Blue Cross subscribers - consumers and businesses - at least \$150 million in excessive premiums over those three years of the contract; and
- WHEREAS: In the third year the average overcharge for a family with Master Medical Coverage would exceed \$100; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record in support of the decision by the Massachusetts Rate Setting Commission to disapprove the proposed contract between Blue Cross and Massachusetts Hospital Association; and further be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council encourage Governor King and the legislature to support and uphold the December 12th decision the Rate Setting Commission.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy".

Order # 8 S-27

M. Duehay re: The Consumer Health Advocacy
Program of Massachusetts.

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Order Adopted
8 members