



City of Cambridge

42.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 14, 1992

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR WOLF

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WHEREAS: The increase for Medex Gold, the most popular and expensive plan, would be 28.3 percent; and

WHEREAS: Attorney General Scott Harshbarger has called the rate request "insupportable and excessive"; and

WHEREAS: Medex is the insurance many people 65 and over buy to cover items such as prescriptions that Medicare does not cover and to help pay Medicare deductibles and co-payments; and

WHEREAS: Many senior citizens cannot afford these higher rates and may be forced to downgrade their coverage or to cancel it altogether; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record opposing this rate increase request; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Weld, to Speaker Flaherty and all other elected state officials from Cambridge, as well as to the President of Blue-Cross\Blue Shield.

In City Council September 14, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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Russell
Tomney
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CONSENT ORDER #42
5-628
Councillor Duehay re: Increase in
premiums for Medex.

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Order adopted