

RESOLUTION NO. 95-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE EXPANSION OF THE VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CCHP TO INCLUDE ST. JOHNS COUNTY AS AN AFFILIATE VIA INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, Community Choice Health Plan (CCHP) is a public not-for-profit Medicaid Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) whose license is held by the County government of Volusia County; and

WHEREAS, CCHP is financially solvent and growing due to prudent management, a strong local provider network and low overhead costs and because it does not have to pay dividends to stockholders or pay for its Board of Director's services. CCHP has provided enhanced services to its members and plans, by 1996, to use excess revenue to subsidize HMO memberships for low income County citizens who are unable to obtain health insurance otherwise, to constitute its required commercial enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the County government of St. Johns, recognizing the advantage CCHP offers to the citizens it serves, has entered into an interlocal agreement with the County government of Volusia to operate an affiliate plan in St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and the Federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) is presently refusing to allow CCHP to expand into St. Johns County because CCHP does not yet have any commercial enrollment; and

WHEREAS, CCHP, which depends on increasing its membership in order to earn sufficient revenues to offer subsidized membership, is caught in an untenable situation by not being allowed to expand.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Commission of St. Johns County urges the AHCA/HCFA to recognize the uniqueness and potential benefit of CCHP to local communities and its ability to enhance services to Medicaid patients and eventually offer health care insurance to needy populations; and recognizes the desire of St. Johns County to have CCHP expand into its territory; and having recognized these facts the St. Johns County Commission urges the agencies to revise their policies and allow CCHP to expand into St. Johns County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of January, 1995.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Barbara Ward
Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL,
CLERK OF COURT

BY: Yvonne Carter
Deputy Clerk

