

KENOSHA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Subject: Resolution for Brookside Care Center to apply for American Rescue Plan Rural Funding and Provider Relief Fund Phase 4			
Original ☒	Corrected ☐	2nd Correction ☐	Resubmitted ☐
Date Submitted:		Date Resubmitted:	
Submitted By: Human Services Committee			
Fiscal Note Attached ☐		Legal Note Attached ☐	
Prepared By: Lynda Bogdala, Administrator		Signature: 	

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is making \$25.5 billion in new funding available for health care providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, this funding includes \$8.5 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) resources for providers who serve rural Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or Medicare patients, and an additional \$17 billion for Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Phase 4 for a broad range of providers who can document revenue loss and expenses associated with the pandemic.

WHEREAS, this funding will be distributed with an eye towards equity, to ensure providers who serve the most vulnerable communities will receive the support needed. These payments will be based on providers' lost revenues and expenditures between July 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021. Smaller providers who tend to operate on thin margins and serve vulnerable or isolated communities will be reimbursed at a higher rate than larger providers.

WHEREAS, bonus payments will also be made to providers who serve Medicaid, CHIP and Medicare patients who tend to be lower income and have more complex medical needs. HRSA will price the bonus payments at the generally higher Medicare rates for Medicaid and CHIP patients to ensure equity for those serving low-income children, pregnant women, people with disabilities and seniors.

WHEREAS to streamline the application process and minimize the administrative burdens, providers will apply for both programs (the \$17 billion PRF Phase 4 General Distribution and the \$8.5 billion ARP Rural Distribution) in a single application. HRSA will use existing Medicaid, CHIP and Medicare claims to calculate payments.

WHEREAS the application portal opens on September 29, 2021 and all health care providers should be able to apply for funding in this distribution. Providers will need to provide supporting documentation including internally generated financial statements that substantiate operating revenues and expenses from patient care during the relevant time periods.

WHEREAS, Brookside Care Center is a health care provider that can document revenue loss and expenses associated with the Covid-19 pandemic and Brookside Care Center is entitled to seek reimbursement through this application process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Brookside Care Center is authorized to submit an application and provide supporting documentation needed to apply for funds from the \$17 billion PRF Phase 4 General Distribution and the \$8.5 billion ARP Rural Distribution Funds to reimburse Brookside Care Center for revenue losses and expenses associated with the Covid-19 pandemic; and

BE IF FURTHER REVOLVED that Brookside Care Center is authorized to accept any grant funds awarded, process any budget modification related to that award and report back to the Human Services Committee and Finance and Administration Committee the amount of the grant funds received; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Brookside Care Center by Lynda Bogdala or her authorized representative is authorized to sign all documents needed to apply for this grant or to meet the intent of this resolution.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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Laura Belsky, Chairman				
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Andy Berg, Vice Chairman				
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Sandra Beth				
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Kim Lewis				
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Terry Rose				

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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Jeff Gentz, Chairman				
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