

# GENERAL

## Ordinance Fact Sheet

Ordinance Number

Brief Title	Approval Deadline
Funding for Indigent Health Care Providers and Health Department labor costs	

Reason
Continuation of support for health care services

**Details**

<p><b>Reason for Legislation</b></p> <p>To continue providing support for health care services for the indigent residents of Kansas City, Missouri, for the period beginning May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013, and to address unbudgeted increased in Health Department labor costs.</p>
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**Positions/Recommendations**

<b>Sponsor</b>	Health Department
<b>Programs, Departments, or Groups Affected</b>	Health Department
<b>Applicants / Proponents</b>	<p>Applicant</p> <p>_____ Department</p> <p>City Department</p> <p>_____ Department</p> <p>_____ Department</p> <p>Other</p>
<b>Opponents</b>	<p>Groups or Individuals</p> <p>None Known</p> <p>Basis of opposition</p>
<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Against</p> <p>Reason Against</p>
<b>Board or Commission Recommendation</b>	<p>By</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For    <input type="checkbox"/> Against    <input type="checkbox"/> No action taken</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For, with revisions or conditions (see details column for conditions)</p>
<b>Council Committee Actions</b>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Do pass</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do pass (as amended)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Committee Sub.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Without Recommendation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hold</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do not pass</p>

**Discussion**

There continues to exist a considerable need for health care services for the uninsured and underinsured citizens in Kansas City, which has become more apparent in these hard economic times. Swope Health Services and Northland Health Care Access have experienced significant patient visit increases which incurs major added costs. Funds are also directed to the Hickman Mills area to support transportation to the new 89th & Troost Swope Clinic, as no clinics are available in the southeast area. Northland Healthcare Access has experienced a 47% increase in patient encounters, providing needed health care access in the northland. the Swope increase has been a 64% increase. Based on recently approved labor agreements, the Health Department has incurred a significant unbudgeted labor costs which must be addressed.

**Is it good for the children?**  
 Yes, health care services are essential in providing a good quality of life for children and adults.

**How will this contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?**

Health care and prevention services are part of the foundation of the communities they serve. These services promote economic vitality, social equity and environmental

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**Details**

**Policy/Program Impact**

<b>Policy or Program Change</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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