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**RESOLUTION # 29 - 2010**

Resolution offered by Supervisors of the Labor Relations and Employee Services Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 466 would require regulation by the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) of all government-sponsored, self-insured health plans which could result in the imposition of numerous cost-prohibitive regulations which in turn, could lead to higher healthcare costs and/or a reduction in benefits for beneficiaries of these plans, or an increase in taxes to offset the costs and burden of administration; and

**WHEREAS**, compliance with proposed annual reporting requirements would be very cost-prohibitive in terms of staffing and time for plan sponsors. Additionally, requiring administrators of plans to promptly reply to every request, in writing, would be very burdensome for administrators and could lead to penalties based on unintended non-responses; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal also provides for criminal penalties that could be assessed for inadvertent violations of the regulations, subjecting Plan Administrators to penalties and criminal exposures for violations is simply irresponsible. Making these people subject to this exposure may create a vacuum of availability of those willing to take such responsibility and will potentially drive the plans to move out of self funding; and

**WHEREAS**, requiring reserves creates an undue burden on the Municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, self-insured plans, especially those sponsored by governmental entities, thrive because they have the flexibility and freedom from overregulation that allows them to offer benefits at cost-efficient rates. If SB 466 is enacted, the cost of plan operation would increase significantly; leading to increased rates for the municipality, employees, and their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors does hereby oppose Senate Bill 466 pertaining to regulations of government sponsored self-insured health plans; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Oneida County Board of Supervisors be directed to disseminate this resolution to the Wisconsin Governor, members of the State Legislature, all County Board Chairpersons, County Clerks, County Executives and County Administrators throughout Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Vote Required: Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Labor Relations Employee Services Committee this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

Offered and passage moved by:

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Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ayes

\_\_\_\_\_ Nays

\_\_\_\_\_ Absent

\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of March, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ Defeated

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Robert Brusio, Clerk

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Andrew P. Smith, County Board Chair