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Resolution
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WHEREAS, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Part 435.1009 states that federal financial participation (FFP) is not available in expenditures for services provided to individuals who are inmates of public institutions;

WHEREAS, States being unable to assume the federal share of providing medical services to FFP-eligible persons being held in county jails and detention facilities tend to terminate or sometimes suspend eligibility; and

WHEREAS, this immediate cessation of benefits occurs prior to the issuance of formal charges or conviction, and

WHEREAS, counties must provide medical services to all persons incarcerated in local jails and detention facilities,


WHEREAS, as a result of this regulation to immediately cease FFP for medical benefits, all costs of medical care must be borne solely by counties;

WHEREAS, in 2006, 7,224 patients were treated by Dauphin County Prison medical staff, an increase of 313 patient contacts since 2005 and an indicator of the continuing demand for quality medical services in an increasingly challenging environment;


WHEREAS, the Dauphin County Prison also had 23 hospital admissions in 2006, totaling 176 patient days, reflecting the declining health of the overall prison population and the skyrocketing cost of health care;

WHEREAS, in dealing with AIDS, diabetes, MRSA and other maladies, medical services rendered at the Dauphin County Prison reached almost \$2.8 million in 2006:

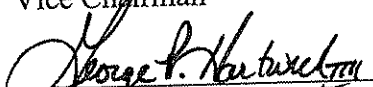
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners requests and strongly urges Congress to amend necessary federal regulations to allow federal financial participation for medical benefits to incarcerated individuals until convicted and sentenced to secure detention.



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