Resolution supporting the Health Service System for participating in the establishment of multi-payer databases that can be used to evaluate and improve the quality and cost of care and resolving to pass legislation to establish full quality and cost transparency in the public interest.

WHEREAS, Healthcare quality and cost data are largely controlled by providers and insurance vendors, which impedes effective management of costs, reduces access to comparative information on provider quality and costs, and impedes patients from making informed decisions about their care; and

WHEREAS, Providing detailed care, quality and cost data for Health Service System (HSS) analysis is necessary to develop collaborative initiatives that will improve care and reduce costs; and

WHEREAS, Cost and quality information is essential to our Health Service System in negotiating health insurance contracts based on accountability and performance; and

WHEREAS, Cost and quality data transparency between insurers, hospitals, doctors and HSS would allow fair market competition, drive innovation and lower the cost of delivering care in our local health care industry; and

WHEREAS, Access to cost and quality data, with appropriate patient privacy safeguards, would enable HSS, as the largest Bay Area purchaser of health care, to make sound business decisions, in support of the most effective quality and cost innovations; and

WHEREAS, Accountable care based on quality and cost transparency should be required of all contracted insurance vendors and providers servicing HSS members and their families; and
WHEREAS, Two data-driven Accountable Care Organizations formed by HSS and Blue Shield in San Francisco in 2011 demonstrate that significant improvements in improving cost and quality are achievable in the Bay Area healthcare market; and

WHEREAS, Improving patient access to clearly presented cost and quality data is highly likely to result in better outcomes for the employees, retirees and dependents covered under HSS administered health plans; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Health Service System of the City & County of San Francisco is preserving and improving sustainable, quality health benefits and to enhancing the well-being of employees, retirees and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Health Service System provides health benefit programs for over 108,000 public employees, retirees and dependents, with the large majority residing in seven Bay Area counties; and

WHEREAS, The Health Service System, under the guidance of the Health Service Board, has worked diligently for many years with the goal of engaging in fair and forthcoming business relationships with local insurers and providers, but recognizes that much remains to be done to ensure transparency, quality, competition and innovation; and

WHEREAS, This Health Service System healthcare data transparency initiative is publically supported by the San Francisco Labor Council’s Executive Committee, the San Francisco Public Employees Committee, SEIU Local 1021, and the Health Service Board of the City & County of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to the foregoing, the Board of Supervisors supports and commends HSS for seeking, supporting and participating in the establishment of multi-payer databases, including but not limited to claims data, providing employers, purchasers, patients, insurers, hospitals, doctors, researchers and other stakeholders access to comprehensive

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quality and outcome metrics and associated cost data, that can be used to evaluate and
improve the quality and cost of care; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports and commends the
Health Service Board as they continue and expand collaboration with public employers, other
healthcare purchasers, unions, health plans, providers, and other major stakeholders in
California; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will work to pass legislation to
establish full quality and cost transparency in the public interest.

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June 25, 2013 Board of Supervisors - REFERRED

November 06, 2013 Budget and Finance Committee - RECOMMENDED

November 19, 2013 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 11/19/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

[Signature]
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

11/27/13