

1 [Urging University of California Health and Blue Shield of California to Resolve Dispute  
2 Regarding Reimbursement for Medical Services and Treatment]

3 **Resolution urging University of California Health and Blue Shield of California to**  
4 **resolve dispute regarding reimbursement for medical services and treatment by**  
5 **renewing their contract, thereby continuing to preserve members' ability to access**  
6 **crucial healthcare services.**

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8 WHEREAS, University of California Health (UC Health) and Blue Shield of California  
9 (Blue Shield) began renegotiating their insurance contracts on June 11, 2025; and

10 WHEREAS, The two parties have agreed to extend their current contract by 30 days to  
11 August 9, 2025; and

12 WHEREAS, The University of California San Francisco's hospitals and medical  
13 institutions treat more than two and a half million outpatients a year and 41,000 inpatients,  
14 many of whom are insured by Blue Shield of California; and

15 WHEREAS, One Medical, which is an affiliate of UC Health, provides primary care to  
16 many San Franciscans, including some insured by Blue Shield; and

17 WHEREAS, This dispute disproportionately jeopardizes the healthcare of elderly San  
18 Franciscans and Californians, some 35,000 of whom receive Blue Shield insurance through  
19 the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and rely on UC Health for  
20 medical treatment; and

21 WHEREAS, Blue Shield provides medical insurance to approximately 5,000 City  
22 employees and retirees; and

23 WHEREAS, Many San Francisco Health Service System (SFHSS) members chose  
24 Blue Shield because of the relationship with UC Health, and that termination of its relationship  
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1 with UC Health in the middle of a coverage period may pose unprecedented challenges and  
2 hardships; and

3 WHEREAS, Many SFHSS members receive healthcare at UC Health and its affiliates,  
4 and their access to medical services hinges upon the continuation of UC Health's contract  
5 with Blue Shield of California; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges UC Health and Blue Shield to  
7 resolve their dispute by renewing their contract, thereby continuing to preserve members'  
8 ability to access crucial healthcare services; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges, in the event that no  
10 long-term resolution between Blue Shield and UC Health is possible, that the parties at  
11 minimum commit to preserve existing services for the remainder of the plan year, and provide  
12 certainty of future benefits for the 2026 plan year in time for Open Enrollment; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the  
14 Board to send a copy of this resolution to Interim CEO and President of Blue Shield of  
15 California Mike Stuart, CEO of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association Kim A. Keck, and UC  
16 Health Executive Vice President David Rubin.