



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution approving a memorandum of understanding between The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, and Vanderbilt University Medical Center to establish emergency worksite Points of Dispensing medication (POD) during a public health emergency for licensed medical employees and other licensed medical professionals specified by the POD with mass prophylaxis for distribution in the event of a public health emergency.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Board of Health and Vanderbilt University Medical Center wish to enter into a memorandum of understanding to establish emergency worksite Points of Dispensing medication (POD) during a public health emergency for licensed medical employees and other licensed medical professionals specified by the POD with mass prophylaxis for distribution in the event of a public health emergency; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this memorandum of understanding be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the memorandum of understanding by and between Vanderbilt University Medical Center and The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, to establish emergency worksite Points of Dispensing medication (POD) during a public health emergency for licensed medical employees and other licensed medical professionals specified by the POD with mass prophylaxis for distribution in the event of a public health emergency, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution approves a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Metro Board of Health and Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) to provide medical professionals to establish worksite points of dispensing medication during a public health emergency. Metro has had a similar agreement with VUMC for a number of years whereby VUMC agrees to distribute antibiotics, vaccines, and antivirals (mass prophylaxis) in the event of a public health emergency to help prevent individuals exposed to a biological, chemical, or radiological agent from becoming ill. Metro also has similar agreements with other facilities to serve as distribution sites.

Under this MOU, the Health Department agrees to be responsible for obtaining the mass prophylaxis from the state and delivering it to Vanderbilt during a public health emergency. Vanderbilt agrees to distribute the medication at no cost to Metro and will maintain records of those who receive the prophylaxis. The term of this MOU commenced December 1, 2020, and is to extend for a five year period.

Fiscal Note: There is no cost to Metro for the performance of this agreement.