



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 09-0218-42

Approving Change of Prescription Coverage from Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BCBS) to Employee Health Insurance Management, Inc. (EHIM)

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(i)(2) of the Constitution, has the power to manage any funds within the exclusive control of the Tribe and to appropriate such funds for the benefit of the Tribe and its members; and

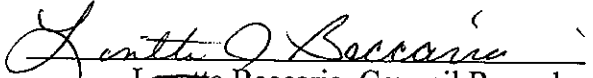
WHEREAS, Blue Cross/Blue Shield is the current carrier for the Tribal Government prescription coverage; and

WHEREAS, each carrier was given the opportunity to quote rates for Tribal coverage and services; and

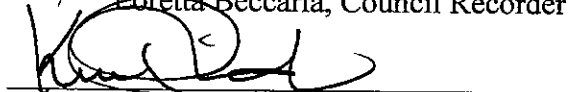
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT, effective March 1, 2009, the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians does hereby approve the change in carriers from Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BCBS) to Employee Health Insurance Management, Inc (EHIM).

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 3 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on February 18, 2009, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Loretta Beccaria, Council Recorder



Kimberly Alexander, Council Speaker

Attest:

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