



## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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### Resolution #24-1016-192

#### *Approval of Humana Elders Supplemental Insurance for FY 2025*

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng 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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; 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, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians attests that our Elders are a respected and valued group within our population, who face significant health challenges impacting their financial well-being when under and uninsured for such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has provided supplemental Medicare insurance benefits since 2002 through the payment of premiums for such coverage; and


WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has provided such benefits through Humana to supplement Medicare parts C and D to relieve the financial burden of these costs from its Elder population aged sixty-five and older, who participate in Medicare parts A and B; and

WHEREAS, Humana benefits for Elder insurance parts C and D for the coverage period of fiscal year 2025 has been reviewed, and renewal is necessary to continue the benefit January 1, 2025, ensuring seamless transition in coverage for those Elders deemed eligible to participate; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves the Humana benefit plan for fiscal year 2025, at an anticipated annual cost of \$961,561.00, and will be appropriated to the Members Assistance budget, client services line item for fiscal year 2025.

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at an Emergency Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 16, 2024, via ZOOM and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Government Center, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
Pamela Johnson, Tribal Council Recorder

  
Tammy Burmeister, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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