

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM PLAN DESIGN COMMITTEE EXTENDING THE
FIRST RESPONDERS PRIMARY CARE MEDICAL HOME PILOT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.29 et seq. the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) provides health coverage to qualified employees and retirees of the State and participating local employers; and

WHEREAS, the SHBP was enacted in 1961 for the purpose of providing affordable health care coverage for public employees on a cost effective basis; and

WHEREAS, all SHBP plans, with the exception of Medicare Advantage plans, are self-funded, which means that the money paid out for benefits comes directly from an SHBP fund supplied by the State, participating local employers, and member premiums; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2015, the SHBP Plan Design Committee (SHBP PDC) adopted a resolution that established a Direct Primary Care Medical Home (DPCMH) Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2019 the SHBP PDC passed Resolution #2019-02 establishing a First Responders Primary Care Medical Home Pilot Program that would expire three years from the resolution of the pilot; and

WHEREAS, due to the extensive timeline of the negotiations between Horizon and Integrity Health, and the unforeseen impact of a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the SHBP PDC still recognizes that first responders, including but not limited to, employees of police and fire departments, emergency medical service personnel, dispatchers, park rangers, State and local correctional facility personnel, child protection and permanency investigators, medical examiners, Office of the Attorney General investigators and county prosecutor's office investigators, both paid and volunteer, as well as their dependents, and certain designated support staff, may require specialized medical care and ease of access to that care in light of the trauma they may experience, emanating from their roles as public safety and emergency service personnel, whether they be local or State public employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The SHBP PDC hereby extends the First Responders Primary Care Medical Home Pilot Program for a period of five years from the date of this resolution with all of the terms and conditions initially set forth in Resolution #2019-02.

This 24 day of March 2021.