

Resolution No.: 15-1403  
Introduced: April 4, 2006  
Adopted: April 18, 2006

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: Health and Human Services Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation  
FY06 Operating Budget  
Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
\$700,940  
Maternity Partnership Program

**Background**

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. On February 23, 2006, the County Council learned from the County Health Officer that the Maternity Partnership Program, a local health program for uninsured pregnant women and their newborns, will close the program in mid-April to stay within the program's current budget.
3. The County Executive in correspondence dated August 16, 2005 stated that he had no plans to request a supplemental appropriation for this program.
4. The Health and Human Services Committee recommends a special appropriation to the FY06 operating budget of the Department of Health and Human Services as follows:

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DHHS	<u>\$700,940</u>	Operating	General Fund Undesignated Reserves
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5. This amount will provide prenatal care, dental services, and delivery costs for 422 additional women from mid-April until the end of the fiscal year. The amount is calculated at the cost of \$581 per woman for prenatal care; \$360 per woman for dental care; and \$720 per woman for delivery care. The delivery costs are recaptured each year and returned to the County general fund subsequent to the County billing the State's Emergency Medical Assistance Program.
6. Of the total amount, \$245,180 will be to fund the prenatal care services; \$151,920 will fund the dental services; and \$303,840 will fund the delivery services. The net cost to the County, once reimbursed for the delivery care, will be \$397,100.
7. The source of funds for this special appropriation to the FY06 Operating Budget will be General Fund Undesignated Reserves.
8. Notice of a public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

**Action**

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

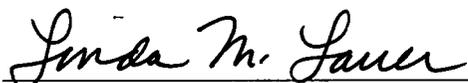
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The County Council states that this action is necessary to act without delay in the public interest.

The County Council intends that the Department of Health and Human Services increase its non-competitive contract with Holy Cross Hospital in the amount of \$245,180 to expand the prenatal program. This resolution amends Section G of Resolution 15-1015 to increase the amount of funds to the Holy Cross Hospital by \$245,180 for comprehensive prenatal clinical care.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council