

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

-2022

REPEALING Ordinance No. 305-2001; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to take all necessary action required to amend the City of Cincinnati's health insurance plans administered by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield to include coverage for elective abortion-related health services.

WHEREAS, the City is self-insured and administers its health insurance for eligible City employees and officials; and

WHEREAS, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield ("Anthem") serves as the City's third-party administrator for its health plans; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2001, Council passed Ordinance No. 305-2001, which authorized and directed the City Manager to exclude voluntary abortion coverage from the City's health insurance plans administered by Anthem; and

WHEREAS, in December 2002, the City's administration informed all City employees that effective immediately, all medical coverage for elective abortions would be eliminated from the City's health insurance plans; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Council desire to amend the City's medical coverage to include coverage for elective abortion-related health services, in furtherance of a policy that supports people's autonomy, equality, and reproductive health; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 305-2001, passed on September 19, 2001, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to take all necessary action required to amend the City of Cincinnati's health insurance plans administered by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield to include coverage for elective abortion-related health services.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to comply with the terms of Section 1 and 2 hereof.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide City employees with necessary health care and to recognize, honor, and protect people's reproductive rights.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk