STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

RESOLUTION

Subject: Health Benefit Purchasing and Data Transparency

WHEREAS, (1) The Institute of Medicine (IOM) estimates that 30 percent of U.S. health care spending is on unsafe and ineffective care, which it calls waste.

WHEREAS, (2) Implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will expand health care coverage for uninsured California residents and provide opportunities to promote health, reduce harm, minimize waste, and stabilize health care costs.

WHEREAS, (3) California is a leader in the early support of and efforts to implement the ACA and is well-positioned to reduce costs by expanding coverage, increasing the quality of care, and reducing waste.

WHEREAS, (4) Health care utilization and costs continue to vary widely and these variations are significantly shaped by provider behavior, health system characteristics, and patient medical needs and population health.

WHEREAS, (5) Health care clinical and claims data are largely controlled by health plans and providers that constrain access to that data by purchasers and other stakeholders.

WHEREAS (6) Broad public access to that data holds the promise of advancing better outcomes and lowering costs for all Californians.

WHEREAS, (7) Multi-party collaboration in a growing number of U.S. communities demonstrates that system-wide improvements in quality and costs are achievable.

WHEREAS, (8) These collaborative efforts share data among those who pay for, receive, and deliver care, in addition to aligning financial incentives with care delivery and quality.

WHEREAS, (9) Quality and cost transparency motivates and accelerates improvement efforts and is widely accepted as essential for provider and health system performance accountability.

WHEREAS, (10) The California Public Employees' Retirement System's (CalPERS) mission, in part, is to provide responsible and efficient stewardship of the System to deliver promised health benefits, while promoting wellness for its members and beneficiaries.

WHEREAS, (11) CalPERS provides health benefit programs for almost 1.4 million California public employees, retirees and their dependents, and is a national leader in innovations in health care.

WHEREAS, (12) CalPERS has worked collaboratively with other purchasers for many years to advance improvements in the health care delivery system and has demonstrated its commitment to transparency and accountability and recognizes that much remains to be done to improve outcomes and affordability.

RESOLVED, (A) That, pursuant to the foregoing, CalPERS will seek, support and participate in the establishment of multi-payer all-claims databases providing all stakeholder groups, purchasers, the public and other health plan beneficiaries, researchers, insurers, and providers access to comprehensive quality, outcomes, and cost data that each can use to evaluate, choose, and compete on quality and value.

RESOLVED, (B) That CalPERS will continue and expand collaboration with health care purchasers, unions, health plans, providers, and other major stakeholders in California.

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I, hereby certify that on the 21st day of February, 2013, the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System made and adopted the foregoing Resolution.

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ROB FECKNER
BOARD PRESIDENT
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM