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3 From the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting
4 authorization to establish a non-lapsing risk reserve for the Children’s Community
5 Options Program, by recommending adoption of the following:
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7 **A RESOLUTION**

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9 WHEREAS, the Disabilities Services Division (DSD), Department of Health and
10 Human Services (DHHS), provides a wide array of services to adults and children with
11 physical and developmental disabilities; and
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13 WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2016, the funding for one of the children’s
14 programs that the DSD, DHHS, previously operated, the Family Support Program,
15 merged with the portion of the Community Options Program allocated to children; and
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17 WHEREAS, the new program, the Children’s Community Options Program
18 (CCOP), provides support and services to children living at home or in the community
19 who have one or more of the following long-term disabilities: intellectual, physical, or
20 severe emotional disturbances; and
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22 WHEREAS, CCOP is funded by State of Wisconsin general purpose revenue
23 and covered services include home modifications, respite care, adaptive equipment,
24 transportation, care management, and communication aids; and
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26 WHEREAS, per Section 46.272(13)(f), Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes)
27 counties are permitted to create a risk reserve for unspent CCOP funding in an amount
28 not-to-exceed 10 percent of a county’s total allocation; and
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30 WHEREAS, one of the allowable uses of a CCOP reserve is to defray the cost of
31 the Children’s Long-Term Support (CLTS) Program which is funded through the Federal
32 Medicaid Waiver Programs and State Community Options Program with an emphasis
33 on diversion or relocation of persons with disabilities from nursing homes or other
34 institutions to community-based settings; and
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36 WHEREAS, the purpose of the reserve would be to maximize the availability of
37 services within the CLTS Program so that counties can utilize CCOP funding as the
38 local match to draw down Federal revenue to fund services for additional waiver
39 enrollees; and
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41 WHEREAS, if there is an available balance of CCOP at the end of the year, the
42 reserve would provide flexibility to the DSD, DHHS, by ensuring service dollars are fully
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WHEREAS, per State Statutes, the risk reserve must be set up in a separate interest-bearing account in a financial institution that is authorized to do business under State and Federal law and the total amount of the risk reserve, including interest, may not exceed 15 percent of the county's most recent allocation; and

WHEREAS, based on Section 46.272 of the State Statutes, Milwaukee County could place up to \$93,018 in the reserve based on the DSD, DHHS', 2017 allocation of \$930,182; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of December 11, 2017, recommended adoption of File No.17-758 (vote 7-0); now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to establish a non-lapsing risk reserve for the Disabilities Services Division's Children's Community Options Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate Milwaukee County staff are hereby authorized to create a "reserve" within the General Fund and open a separate interest-bearing bank account specifically for this purpose.

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