

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

File 26-272

DATE: 1/27/2026

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: Request for authorization to extend the Medical and Pharmacy contracts with UnitedHealthcare and Optum RX through the 2030 plan year.

FISCAL EFFECT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures (If checked, check one of two boxes below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures	<input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues	

Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure	0	\$90,000,000
	Revenue		
	Net Cost		
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure		
	Revenue		
	Net Cost		

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions/interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.

A.) This item authorizes the Benefits Division to extend contracts with UnitedHealthcare and Optum Rx to provide administrative Medical and Pharmacy services and the voluntary fully-insured Medicare Advantage option through the 2030 plan year.

B.) There is no impact to the current year, other than the time of existing staff. The contract extension modifies existing financial terms, leaving all other terms unchanged, and extends the agreements through 2030. The proposal includes a market check provision for 2025. Fully-insured Medicare Advantage rates are subject to a rate renewal on an annual basis. That would be a separate agreement.

C.) There is no impact to the current year. All costs in subsequent years will be reflected in the org.1950 (non-departmental fringe benefits) budgets.

D.) The savings projection was developed by Willis Towers Watson's actuaries, and were subsequently vetted by the Benefits Division. Pharmacy savings are derived by applying the proposed terms to the current enrollment and utilization. Changes to enrollment or utilization will cause a change to savings (positive or negative).

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Authorized Signature 

Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

Did CBDP Review?² Yes No Not Required

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

² Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.