## **RESOLUTION F07-25**

## AUTHORIZATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID

WHEREAS, Medicaid reimbursements, which compensate participating healthcare providers, such as hospitals, for delivering healthcare items and services to Medicaid beneficiaries, constitute critical economic support for the advancement of public health in targeted areas consistent with the Ohio Medicaid State Plan, including the advancement of public health in the region served by Shawnee State University (University); and

WHEREAS, such Medicaid reimbursements are often insufficient to cover the full costs of items and services rendered by such providers, but reimbursements can be enhanced through strategic supplemental Medicaid payments, which serve to ensure the long-term stability and viability of a robust, high-quality, and cost-effective healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS, Intergovernmental Transfers (IGTs) are contributions public entities can make to the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) in order to finance the non-federal share of Medicaid reimbursements to healthcare providers, which then allow ODM to draw down additional, significant federal funds to support the disbursement of strategic supplemental payments to healthcare providers participating in Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, the University currently contributes to the region's healthcare delivery system by educating significant portions of the healthcare workforce and by convening healthcare providers for collaboration to improve regional health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the University operates a College of Health and Human Services (College), with various degree programs in nursing, allied health, dental, and social work, all professions important to the advancement of healthcare in the region; and

WHEREAS, the University qualifies as a public entity which can permissibly make an IGT to ODM in support of strategic supplemental payments to benefit healthcare providers in the region, which deliver critical public health items and services and often employ College and other University graduates; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Shawnee at 40 Strategic Action Plan, including the goal of improving the quality of life for those who work and reside in the region through positive partnerships, the University now seeks to further advance public health in the region by making an IGT to ODM in support of strategic supplemental payments to local healthcare providers, thereby further contributing to the long-term stability and viability of a robust, high-quality, and cost-effective healthcare delivery system in the region;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, or his designee, to enter into an Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement (Agreement) with ODM for the purpose of making an IGT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President, or his designee, shall inform the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the University Chief Financial Officer prior to executing any IGT in order to ensure the proposed Agreement is in the University's best interests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President, or his designee, is authorized and directed to take and perform all lawful actions he reasonably determines are appropriate to effectuate the Agreement.