

ORDINANCE NO. 004-08

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PUBLIC
BIDDING DISADVANTAGEOUS AND
AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICE FOR THE AUTHORITY'S
COBRA AND SURVIVING SPOUSES
PROGRAMS FOR A PERIOD OF 12
MONTHS

WHEREAS, In December 2003 the Chicago Transit Authority's administrator of COBRA and Surviving Spouses Programs (COBRACARE Services) ceased doing business; and

WHEREAS, Due to the demands of the current open enrollment for employee health care benefits, the Benefit Services department cannot assist in the preparation, in a timely fashion, of a Request for Proposals to publicly advertise for these services; and

WHEREAS, The Authority must comply with federal regulations regarding administration of COBRA and Surviving Spouses programs; and

WHEREAS, Unicare, the Authority's current provider of HMO insurance coverage, can provide these services; and

WHEREAS, No other provider could provide these services in the time frame needed by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, Section 54.3-5 of the Regulations Governing Purchase and Sales Transactions provides for the award of contracts in those situations where the Transit Board determines that competitive bidding would be disadvantageous; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. That based on the statements set forth in the preamble of this ordinance, the Transit Board hereby determines that competitive bidding for this service is disadvantageous.

SECTION 2. That the Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Unicare for a period of twelve months, in an estimated administrative cost not to exceed fourteen thousand three hundred and fifty dollars (\$14,350.00) under Requisition No. C03OP09781.

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SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

January 28, 2004

Assistant Secretary

January 28, 2004