



## Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium

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### **Resolution No. 005-2023 - Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Update to Subcommittees for Videoconferencing and Required Attendance of Open Meetings Law Procedures for the Consortium’s Board of Directors and Executive Committee**

MOVED by Ms. Drake, seconded by Ms. Holmes. This resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present, visibly seen members via remote locations due to extraordinary circumstances to approve the following resolution.

WHEREAS, On April 9, 2022, Governor Hochul signed Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 relating to the New York State budget for the 2022-2023 state fiscal year. Included in the bill is an amendment to the Open Meetings Law (OML) to make (semi) permanent (until July 1, 2024) the expanded use of videoconferencing by public bodies to conduct open meetings, under extraordinary circumstances, regardless of a declaration of emergency, and

WHEREAS, the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium (GTCMHIC) adopted resolution No. 005 – 2022 - Adoption of Open Meetings Law Procedures for the Consortium’s Board of Directors and Committees indicating the Consortium shall allow members to attend remotely via an established satellite location with participation counting towards quorum and adopted procedures for members attending remote meetings, and

WHEREAS, the GTCMHIC consists of 60 municipalities within the State of New York within a 90 mile radius and anticipates yearly growth, and

WHEREAS, due to a wide mile radius, travel time limits the availability of Committee members for Committee Meetings and the Consortium struggles to form a quorum for Standing Committees of the GTCMHIC. These subcommittees of the GTCMHIC include: Joint Committee on Plan Structure and Design, Operations, Audit and Finance, Claims and Appeals, and Nominations & Engagement, and

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee recognizes the need to reduce the restrictions of the “extraordinary circumstances”, and allow GTCMHIC subcommittee members belonging to municipality locations that requires several miles of travel, to attend via videoconferencing, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee recommends and carries the importance that the Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meetings must continue the “extraordinary circumstance” that excuses a member from in-person participation to allow for voting, discussion, and Board Meetings of such individuals, therefore now be it,

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, to hereby adopt the full use of videoconferencing for meetings of the Consortium’s subcommittees to establish quorum and abolishes the rules set in Subdivision (c) of section 103 of the Public Officers Law to solely videoconference due to an “extraordinary circumstance.” and,



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RESOLVED FURTHER that the GTCMHIC will continue to allow Executive Committee members and Board of Director Members remote attendance to count for quorum only via an established satellite location, with the following criteria being met: a satellite location must provide notice of the publicly accessible location from which they will attend as soon as possible but no later than within 48 hours of the meeting for posting on the Consortium’s website. Members attending remotely from a publicly accessible location where proper notice has been given will be counted towards quorum.

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STATE OF NEW YORK )  
GTCMHIC ) ss:  
COUNTY OF TOMPKINS )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Greater Tompkins County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Executive Committee on behalf of the Board of Directors on April 19, 2023.

Lynne Sheldon, Clerk of the GTCMHIC Board