

**JOINT RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BURKE, CATAWBA, CLEVELAND, GASTON, IREDELL,
LINCOLN, RUTHERFORD, SURRY, AND YADKIN COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, Partners Health Management (“Partners”) is the Area Authority and Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO) for Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Rutherford, Surry, and Yadkin Counties, consistent with N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 122C-3(1), (20b) and (20c) and -116(a);

WHEREAS, current state law at N.C. Gen. Stat. §122C-118.1 limits the maximum number of voting members of an Area Authority board of directors to twenty-one (21), absent approval by the Boards of County Commissioners of that Area Authority and the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) “to appoint members of the area board in a manner or with a composition other than as required by [that statute]”;

WHEREAS, Partners’ Board on May 20, 2021, approved revised bylaws to add a voting member for each new county joining Partners’ Catchment Area or Region, which would include as of September 1, 2021, Cabarrus, Union, and Stanly Counties and foreseeably one more county thereafter, bringing the total catchment population to over the 1,250,000 minimum needed for a statutory exception;

WHEREAS, the revised Partners bylaws would thereby exceed that maximum of 21 voting members, but otherwise make no other substantive changes and would continue with compliance with the other legal board requirements in that statute.

WHEREAS, the Boards of County Commissioners of Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Rutherford, Surry, and Yadkin Counties do not object to this statutory exception;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED JOINTLY THAT Partners’ board of directors may be appointed in a manner or with a composition other than as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. 122C-118.1, including that the voting members of Partners’ board of directors may exceed the twenty-one (21) maximum stated in that statute and as reflected in the Partners-approved bylaws.

This Joint Resolution shall be effective immediately when signed, and no later than September 1, 2021.

ADOPTED AND RATIFIED in counterparts by the Boards of County Commissioners of Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Rutherford, Surry, and Yadkin Counties.

[SIGNATURES FOR EACH COUNTY FOLLOW ON NEXT PAGE]

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BURKE COUNTY

Approved: _____, 2021

By: _____
Chairman

This the _____ day of _____ 2021

ATTEST: _____
Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CATAWBA COUNTY

Approved: _____, 2021

By: _____
Chairman

This the _____ day of _____ 2021

ATTEST: _____
Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLEVELAND COUNTY

Approved: _____, 2021

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Chairman

This the _____ day of _____ 2021

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF GASTON COUNTY

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Chairman

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF IREDELL COUNTY

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Chairman

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY

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Chairman

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY

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Chairman

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SURRY COUNTY

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Chairman

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Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF YADKIN COUNTY

Approved: _____, 2021

By: _____
Chairman

This the _____ day of _____ 2021

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Clerk to the Board