# COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

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| Department: | Commissioners | Presenter(s): | Jack Krakeel, County Administrator |
| Meeting Date: | Wednesday, February 2, 2011 | Type of Request: | Old Business |

Wording for the Agenda:

Reconsideration of the County's participation in a Federal program for the reimbursement of health care expenses incurred by retired County employees eligible for the post-retirement insurance benefit.

Background/History/Details:

As part of the Federal Government's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), a new program has been introduced by the Department of Health and Human Services known as the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program. The program allows eligible entities such as Fayette County Government to participate in a program that will reimburse the County for health care expenses incurred by qualified early retirees that have health care coverage provided by the County. The program allows expenses above $15,000 and not to exceed $90,000 to be reimbursed to the County. Recognizing that the County enacted a self-funded health care plan last year, the Board previously authorized staff to notify our third party administrator of the County's interest in the program. Meritain has provided an application to the plan for consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval to pursue the filing of an application with the Department of Health and Human Services for participation in the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

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| Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past? | Yes | If so, when? | |
| Do you need audio-visual for the presentation? | No | Back-up Material Submitted? | Yes |

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| Approved by Finance | Not Applicable | Reviewed by Legal | Yes |
| Approved by Purchasing | Not Applicable | Approved by County Clerk | Yes |
| Administrator's Approval | Yes | | |

Staff Notes: