

RESOLUTION R:252-2023

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO TERMINATE ALL PARTICIPATION UNDER THE
STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM (SHBP) AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES'
HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM (SEHBP)**

WHEREAS, in 2022, during the Annual Rate Renewal meeting of the State Health Benefits Commission (SHBC), the trustees voted to approve a nearly 23% local government health insurance rate increase and a 21% increase in state employee health insurance rates for 2023; and in 2023, there is an anticipated increase of over 7% in local government health insurance rate increases for 2024; and

WHEREAS, these costs are outside the municipal cap, revenue will still have to be identified to cover the increased costs that will be paid for by municipalities, local government employees, and property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe deems it is in the best interest of its employees and taxpayers to seek out alternative sources for healthcare coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe will secure benefit plans for its employees and retirees with the same or better coverage in the market, independent of the New Jersey State Health Benefits program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Monroe hereby terminates its participation in the Program (Medical Plan, Prescription Drug Plan, and/or Dental Plan coverage) thereby canceling coverage provided by the SHBP and/or SEHBP (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq.) for all its active and retired employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect the first of the month following a 60-day period beginning with the receipt of the resolution by the State Health Benefits Commission or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe on October 9, 2023.

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

CNCL. PRES. CAROLANN FOX

ATTEST:

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, held on the 9th day of October 2023 in the Municipal Complex located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

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ROLL CALL VOTE

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cncl. Adams				
Cncl. Garbowski				
Cncl. Heverly				
Cncl. McKinney				
Cncl. O'Reilly				
Cncl. Valcourt				
Cncl. Pres. Fox				
Tally:				