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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

APPROVAL OF CREATION AND FUNDING OF A UK / NORTON HEALTHCARE
JOINT CORPORATION FOR QUALITY AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the leadership of UK HealthCare to collaborate with Norton Healthcare in jointly incorporating and funding a new not-for-profit corporation (Corporation) for the purposes of improving the quality of health care delivered across Kentucky, beginning with stroke and cerebrovascular disease. UK and Norton Healthcare each will have a 50 percent membership in the new entity. This Quality Collaborative Board of Directors of the Corporation will approve all operating and capital budgets.

Background: UK HealthCare and Norton Healthcare signed a Memorandum of Agreement on November 8, 2010 to collaborate on improving access to and the quality of care for Kentuckians close to their homes while making sure that patients with complex medical issues receive the care they need without having to leave the state. This Memorandum of Agreement has since been extended and, pursuant thereto, an analysis conducted of health care needs of Kentucky that could be served better through collaboration between UK and Norton. This proposal is a result of that analysis. The goal of the first project of the Corporation is to support community health care providers in the area of stroke and cerebrovascular disease, traditionally provided in the emergency department, on how to best prepare for stroke patients. This education is done in person, with clinicians. Additionally, the new entity will educate local communities on healthy living, perform community stroke screenings with affiliated hospitals, and drive basic research in the area of stroke by creating the first ever state-wide stroke registry. A white paper providing more information about this project is attached as Exhibit A. Additional projects are in development for joint research and similar initiatives directed toward other diseases, such as cardiovascular disease, cancer and women's health. In order to commence operations, both UK and Norton each will contribute \$250,000 to the Corporation. The proposed Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Corporation are attached as Exhibits B and C, respectively.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____