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ARTICLE XI **Withdrawal of a Member District**

11.1 Process of Withdrawal.

Withdrawing from Mandatory Coverage shall constitute withdrawal from all Cooperative programs, and therefore withdrawal from the Cooperative itself. Withdrawing from an Optional Coverage program does not mean withdrawal from any other program or from the Cooperative itself, but the same process applies to withdrawal from any coverage program. Subject to the limitations of Paragraphs 11.2 & 11.3, a Member District may withdraw from Mandatory Coverage/the Cooperative or from any Optional Coverage only upon the following terms:

- (a)** The Member District must provide written notice of the Member District's decision to withdraw ("Notice of Withdrawal") to the Administrator of the Cooperative;
- (b)** The Notice of Withdrawal must be delivered to the Administrator or Chair not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the last day of the then current Fiscal Year, or else the Notice of Withdrawal shall have no effect;
- (c)** The Member District must attach to the Notice of Withdrawal a true and correct copy of the written resolution or written motion adopted by the governing body of the Member District authorizing the Notice of Withdrawal;
- (d)** The Member District must have participated in the coverages from which it is withdrawing for the minimum period required by the provisions in this Agreement;
- (e)** The Notice of Withdrawal must be accepted by the Administrator or the Chair.

If a Member District withdraws from Mandatory Coverage/the Cooperative itself and later wishes to re-join the Cooperative, it must re-apply to the Cooperative as a new member, subject to all of the provisions of this Agreement. If a Member District withdraws from an

Optional Coverage program and later wishes to re-join that program, it must re-apply for that coverage in accordance with Paragraphs 7.3 and 7.4 above.

11.2 Limit on Member District's Ability To Withdraw.

Subject to the limitations set forth in Section 10.2, a Member District shall have no right to withdraw from the Cooperative for a period of thirty-six (36) consecutive months following admission to the Cooperative. Nothing in this Paragraph shall be construed to limit the power of the Cooperative, under Article XII, to expel a Member District that has not yet participated for three years in the Cooperative.

11.3 Effective Date of Withdrawal.

Withdrawal from a coverage program shall be effective as of the first day of the next Fiscal Year following submission and acceptance of a Member District's Notice of Withdrawal, and no withdrawal shall be effective prior to June 30 of any Fiscal Year regardless of the date that the Member District joined the Cooperative, except that the Executive Committee, excluding the vote of any Executive Committee Member from the withdrawing Member District, may shorten the period of time in which the withdrawal shall become effective, if earlier withdrawal will not be detrimental to the Cooperative at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

11.4 Rights and Duties of Cooperative and Withdrawing Member District.

As of the effective date of withdrawal from the Cooperative, the rights and duties of the Cooperative toward a withdrawing Member District and of the withdrawing Member District toward the Cooperative shall be the same as those with respect to a Member District that has been expelled from the Cooperative, pursuant to Article XII.