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**Meeting Location:
County of Tulare
Board of Supervisors Chambers
2800 W. Burrel Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291
October 28, 2016 9:00 AM**

AGENDA DATE: October 28, 2016

ITEM NUMBER: Item 13

SUBJECT: Approve Proposed Participation Agreement Revisions and Authorize President to Execute SJVIA Participation Agreements and Amendments to SJVIA Participation Agreements, as needed, Effective January 1, 2017 (A)

REQUEST(S): That the Board approve the recommended revisions to the SJVIA participation agreements for new and continuing entities

DESCRIPTION:

Each entity that participates in the SJVIA's program offerings currently executes a participation agreement with the SJVIA. Participating entities may participate in a variety of SJVIA programs including medical HMO and PPO options through Anthem Blue Cross and Kaiser; dental options through Delta Dental of California; and vision options through Vision Service Plan. The participation agreements that are presented to and signed by non-founding entities have a term of three years. Those presented to the founding entities have a term of one year. Each participation agreement includes exhibits that cover the programs the entity has chosen and the benefits and rates that apply to those programs.

Each year at renewal, all SJVIA plans are reviewed and underwritten to cover anticipated costs for the upcoming plan year. Also at renewal, all participating entities have the opportunity to elect or opt out of ancillary programs. That, along with rate changes, creates the need to amend the exhibits attached to each participation agreement for participating entities who are still within the term of their participation agreement. For the entities whose participation agreement is expiring, a new participation agreement is necessary.

AGENDA: San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority

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As part of the January 1, 2017 renewal process, it became apparent that the current participation agreement should be revised to clarify the respective obligations of the SJVIA and each participating entity. As well, the most recent revision of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement creating the SJVIA (effective January 1, 2016) includes some additional requirements for participation agreements that the current template (last revised in 2014) does not include. Staff is recommending that the participation agreement template for new entities, or continuing entities once the term of their current agreement expires, be revised to accomplish those purposes.

Several other changes have been made to the participation agreement template to clarify terms and provisions. The recommended agreement is attached for your review.

For the two entities currently participating in programs under the SJVIA with participation agreements that have not yet expired, staff requests direction to give those entities the option to execute an amendment that incorporates the new terms required by the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, or to terminate their current participation agreement and enter into a new one, effective January 1, 2017, using the new template.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



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