

Meeting Location:
**Fresno County Employees' Retirement
Association Board Chambers**
1111 H Street
Fresno, CA 93721
March 18, 2016 9:00 AM

AGENDA DATE: March 18, 2016

ITEM NUMBER: 14

SUBJECT: Execution of Confidentiality Agreement with Anthem Blue Cross Regarding Sutter Health (A)

REQUEST(S): That the Board authorize and execution of the Confidentiality Agreement with Anthem Blue Cross

DESCRIPTION:

Effective January 1, 2016 Anthem Blue Cross (Anthem) has renewed their provider contract with Sutter Health (Sutter). The new contract requires Anthem to seek from its self-funded customers, including the SJVIA, a signed attestation that those self-funded customers, even though they are not parties to the agreement between Anthem and Sutter, will comply with a number of provisions relating to dispute resolution, claims payment, utilization management, coordination of benefits and other items. The attestation is a document establishing that the SJVIA has reviewed the new Sutter contract with Anthem and agrees to be bound by those provisions.

Anthem cannot provide a copy of the Sutter contract until the SJVIA signs a confidentiality agreement. That means the SJVIA cannot review the Sutter agreement to see what obligations the attestation might cover until the SJVIA enters into a confidentiality agreement.

For that reason, SJVIA staff recommends that the SJVIA Board approve and authorize its President to sign a Confidentiality Agreement with Anthem. The Confidentiality Agreement requires the SJVIA to maintain the confidentiality of the agreement between Anthem and Sutter Health, unless ordered by a court to disclose the agreement. This Confidentiality Agreement will allow Anthem to provide the SJVIA with a copy of its agreement with Sutter to review. After review of the contract between Anthem and Sutter, SJVIA Staff and Council will make a recommendation to the Board to approve or reject the attestation.

AGENDA: San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority

DATE: March 18, 2016

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Financial Impact at this time. Failure to sign the attestation will result in Sutter Health claims being processed as non-participating out of network claims.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Rhonda Sjostrom
SJVIA Manager



Paul Nerland
SJVIA Assistant Manager