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**Meeting Location:**  
**County of Tulare**  
**Board of Supervisors Chambers**  
**2800 W. Burrel Avenue**  
**Visalia, CA 93291**  
**June 29, 2017 9:00 AM**

**AGENDA DATE:** June 29, 2017

**ITEM NUMBER:** Item 12


**SUBJECT:** Receive Consultant’s Report on Converting the SJVIA’s Anthem HMO Plan to an Anthem EPO Plan and Approve Eliminating the Anthem HMO Plan and Implementing the Anthem EPO Plan Effective January 1, 2018 (A)

**REQUEST(S):** That the Board receive the consultant’s report and eliminate the Anthem HMO and implement the Anthem EPO effective January 1, 2018

**DESCRIPTION:**  
The Report outlines the process the Consultant went through to evaluate and determine the cost differential between the current Anthem HMO plan and the proposed Anthem EPO plan. The EPO plan design would duplicate the current HMO plan design. The change to the EPO plan would eliminate the need to have a primary care provider (PCP) assigned to each member and allow the membership to self-refer for care. There would be a change in the provider network from the HMO network to the EPO/PPO network (the EPO and PPO network are the same network). No disruption in provider access or loss of a provider is anticipated.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**  
Elimination of the Anthem HMO and implementation of the Anthem EPO is estimated to save the SJVIA \$2.8 million annually.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**


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Paul Nerland  
SJVIA Manager


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Rhonda Sjostrom  
SJVIA Assistant Manager