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**Meeting Location:
County of Fresno
Fresno County Board of Supervisors
Chambers
2281 Tulare Street, #301
Fresno, CA 93721**

AGENDA DATE: February 23, 2018

ITEM NUMBER: Item 13

SUBJECT: Receive and File Consultant's Update on New Pharmacy Benefits Manager, EmpiRx, Effective January 1, 2018 (I)

REQUEST(S): That the Board receive and file the Consultant's update on the pharmacy plan through EmpiRx.

DESCRIPTION:

Effective December 18, 2017¹, EmpiRx Health became the new pharmacy benefit manager for the SJVIA. In the first six weeks of the program over 17,000 claims have been processed. In addition to direct access to the EmpiRx Account Management team for escalated issues and weekly update calls, the Clinical Management of EmpiRx includes direct calls to physicians from the Clinical Pharmacy Team to determine the needs of members. Some of these interactions have resulted in a prescription change that is clinically appropriate while providing significant costs savings for SJVIA. Notifications of four separate prescription changes resulted in an estimated annual savings of \$110,409. Each of these cases will continue to be monitored by the Clinical Pharmacy Team.

Claims by Entity:

- County of Tulare: 6,123
- County of Fresno: 10,888
- City of Marysville: 100

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

To be determined.

¹ County of Fresno's Plan Year began December 18, 2017 while other entities began on January 1, 2018.

AGENDA: San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



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