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**Meeting Location:
County of Tulare
Human Resources & Development Dept.
Innovation Conference Room
2500 W. Burrel Avenue
Visalia, CA 93291**

AGENDA DATE: August 26, 2022

ITEM NUMBER: Item 13

SUBJECT: Receive Consultant's Report on the Marketing for a Plan Administrator and Pharmacy Benefits Manager for the Self-Funded Medical and Prescription Drug Plans for Plan Year 2023 and Approve Staff Recommendation to Renew Plan Administration Services and Pharmacy Benefit Manager Services with the Incumbents Anthem Blue Cross and EmpiRx Health (A)

REQUEST(S): That the Board receive the consultant's report on administrative services marketing for self-funded medical and pharmacy plans for PY 2023 and approve staff recommendation to renew with the incumbents Anthem Blue Cross and EmpiRx Health.

DESCRIPTION:

Under the direction of the SJVIA Board, Keenan prepared an RFP to secure the following services for the SJVIA's self-funded medical and prescription drug program:

- Medical: Administrative Services Contract Only (ASC or ASO) or Third-Party Administration (TPA)
- Medical: Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) network
- Prescription Drug (Rx): Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM)

The responses from the vendors were thorough and competitive. Keenan and SJVIA staff carefully reviewed each proposal, finalist interviews were conducted, and the following factors were considered: impact on members (disruption analysis), EPO/PPO network strength, PBM rebate guarantees, PBM discount evaluation, reference checks, and pricing,

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After careful consideration, SJVIA staff and Keenan recommend the SJVIA enter into agreements with the following vendors for Plan Year 2023:

- Medical EPO/PPO provider Network: Anthem Blue Cross
- Medical Administrative Services: Anthem Blue Cross
- Pharmacy Benefit Manager: EmpiRx

The only change recommended is the elimination of IngenioRx as the PBM for the SJVIA's high deductible health plans (HDHPs). EmpiRx would provide the services to the HDHPs as well.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

To be determined.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



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