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**Meeting Location:
Tulare County Employees' Retirement
Association Board Chambers
136 N Akers St
Visalia, CA 93291
November 7, 2014 9:00 AM**

AGENDA DATE: November 7, 2014

ITEM NUMBER: 13

SUBJECT: Authorize the Execution of the Agreement with Pacific Coast Medical Services effective January 1, 2015

REQUEST(S): That the Board authorizes the execution of the agreement with Pacific Coast Medical Services effective January 1, 2015

DESCRIPTION:

For the last three years, the SJVIA has offered onsite mammography screenings at no charge to its health plan participants through the SJVIA wellness program. The last offering of mammography screenings, which was held in November of 2013, had increased participation over the prior year. Therefore, staff is requesting that the SJVIA contract with Pacific Coast Medical Services to again offer these screenings. The contract would allow for multiple days of onsite screenings with a guarantee of 30 exams conducted per day. Offering the screenings as an onsite service is of great benefit to both the SJVIA and the employee. Currently, under the Anthem Blue Cross health plans, a mammogram costs the plan around \$300 and is covered as a preventive care benefit. Each exam through the recommended vendor costs \$95, a discount of almost 70%. In addition, the employees that participate in this event are spending much less time away from work, thus improving efficiency while providing a heightened awareness of healthy behavior. In 2012, 339 mammograms were performed for both County of Fresno and County of Tulare employees; in 2013, a total of 182 mammograms were completed for County of Tulare employees. The next round of screenings will be held in the first quarter of 2015.

This item requests the authority of the Chair to execute a one year agreement with Pacific Coast Medical Services effective January 1, 2015.

AGENDA: San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority

DATE: November 7, 2014

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Under the prior agreements, the Counties of Fresno and Tulare have each contracted for six days of mammography services. Under the new agreement, the cost is estimated to be approximately \$38,000 and will be treated as Anthem medical claims, paid through the SJVIA budget.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



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