

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

**AGENDA DATE:** September 12, 2025

**ITEM NUMBER:** Item 5

**SUBJECT:** Item One (A)

**REQUEST(S):**

- a) Receive Pharmacy Benefits Manager Marketing Report and Recommendation from Ad Hoc Committee;
- b) Discuss and Vote to Approve a Pharmacy Benefits Manager between three choices as follows:
  - i. EmpiRx, with an adjusted claim cost of \$32,726,268 and an administration fee of \$565,296, for a total 2026 cost of \$33,291,564.
  - ii. CarelonRx, with an adjusted claim cost of \$29,677,649 and an administration fee of \$317,979, for a total 2026 cost of \$29,937,308.
  - iii. CVS Caremark, with an adjusted claim cost of \$30,227,902, with an administration fee of \$227,236 and a coalition fee of \$252,484, for a total 2026 cost of \$30,707,621.
- c) Authorize Consultant and SJVIA Staff to Negotiate Agreement with Awarded Pharmacy Benefits Manager, and Authorize SJVIA President to Execute Agreement with Awarded Pharmacy Benefits Manager, Subject to Approval of SJVIA Counsel and Staff.

**AGENDA:** San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority

**DATE:** September 12, 2025

**DESCRIPTION:**

At the August 22, 2025 SJVIA Board Meeting, the Board approved a motion to establish an Ad Hoc committee comprised of Director Micari and Director Magsig to collaborate with Staff and Keenan in reviewing and evaluating the pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) proposals submitted by the two finalists: CVS Caremark and CarelonRx compared to the incumbent PBM program with EmpiRx.

**Recommendation**

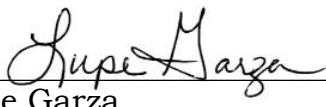
Select CarelonRx as the SJVIA's PBM starting with the 2026 plan year and authorize SJVIA President to execute agreement with awarded Pharmacy Benefits Manager, subject to approval of SJVIA Counsel and Staff.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Savings for CarelonRx are projected at \$3,354,256 (10.1%) over EmpiRx for the 2026 renewal.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

  
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Hollis Magill  
SJVIA Manager

  
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Lupe Garza  
SJVIA Assistant Manager