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Don Moulds
Chief Health Director
Health Policy and Benefits Branch, CalPERS

Via email: donald.moulds@calpers.ca.gov

Re: Anthem Blue Cross / Salinas Valley Health contract negotiations

Dear Mr. Moulds:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Monterey, we join with other leaders in respectfully requesting that you urge Anthem Blue Cross to negotiate a fair and equitable contract with Salinas Valley Health. During its seven decades of service to the community, Salinas Valley Health has built a reputation for being a compassionate, considerate, and trustworthy medical provider for generations of families.

Anthem's decision to exclude Salinas Valley Health from its network negatively impacts the ability of thousands of Monterey County residents – its members – to affordably access the network of medical facilities and healthcare providers they were promised.

Like medical centers across the nation, Salinas Valley Health faces substantial increases in cost, yet Anthem continues to pay below-market reimbursement. This is not sustainable.

Please contact Anthem Blue Cross and urge them to act swiftly to reach a fair agreement with Salinas Valley Health. It is the right thing to do for everyone involved.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

LUIS A. ALEJO
Chair, Monterey County Board of Supervisors