



Members Stop the ER Copay Increase!

Our success continues to grow as the San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority (SJVIA) board voted to take no action on increasing Emergency Room Co-pays for thousands of workers covered under the Anthem Plans. Members from Fresno and Tulare along with other union advocates from our Better Valley Health Coalition shared their stories of how this increase would impact workers and their families that depend on emergency rooms for care when there are no other options available. We urged the SJVIA Board to put more focus on designing Wellness Programs that include aggressive outreach and education to workers about plan utilization and accessing the right care at the right time.

Supervisor Pacheco commented during the meeting, "It is the intent of the Board that any changes (to the emergency room copay) would happen after meeting with Labor Groups (per the meet and confer process) and with the consultant. I don't foresee any changes occurring until the next plan year (2018)."

The SJVIA board also terminated their contract with Gallagher Benefit Services. Our new broker is Keenan and Associates.

It's up to us to hold SJVIA and our County Supervisors accountable for decisions that impact our healthcare.

Workers should not have to make decisions on whether to get Emergency Care based on affordability. Quality, affordable healthcare is a human right!

– Santiago Ocegueda
HBAC Co-Chair, Fresno County Chapter



Get Involved with Better Valley Health!

Better Valley Health Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 28

6 p.m. Meeting

5:30 p.m. Dinner

SEIU 521, 5228 E. Pine Ave., Fresno
Unity Hall

Healthcare Study Session

Saturday, March 18

10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Lunch will be served

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