It’s time to step up and plan the future

We’ve had a lot of success with the San Joaquin Valley Insurance Authority (SJVIA) over the past few years. The Board is now on the brink of implementing plan changes and new programs. We need more members involved to get the best possible plan.

Despite the positive changes, workers are still struggling with access and affordability. Because of our work, Fresno County recently increased their contribution to our healthcare which helped cushion increases, but we know that our co-workers are still taking minimal coverage based on cost, and not on the care they need.

As we move forward into the new plan year, we hope that the savings generated from the proposed plan change will be reinvested to lower costs even further in the future by implementing data-driven wellness programs, stabilizing SJVIA reserves, and reducing out-of-pocket costs for workers so they are getting care at the first signs of illness or injury.

We need to come together to urge the SJVIA Board to put more focus on designing data-driven Wellness Programs that include aggressive outreach and education to workers about plan utilization and accessing the right care at the right time.