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RE: Termination of Blue Shield and Adventist Health Contract

The Lake County Board of Supervisors demand that Adventist Health and Blue Shield continue to sit at the negotiating table until an agreement is reached. The sudden termination of the Blue Shield contract with Adventist Health has led to community members having to seek out other facilities, most which are located outside of the county to meet their healthcare needs.

While Blue Shield does not represent a large portion of the health coverage in Lake County it still represents a significant portion of our community members being impacted by this terminated contract. Lake County is 56th out of 58 counties when reviewing our health rankings in the State of California. Any action that breaks the continuity of care that our community members require exacerbates the health issues that we are already encountering across our county.

In addition, we know that transportation can be difficult for many in our community. Blue Shield suggest that their Lake County members travel to Enloe Medical Center, Queen of the Valley Medical Center, Oroville Hospital, or Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital for Blue Shield facilities that can provide the care they need. All of these options are out of county.

The health of our community members is important to the Board of Supervisors and we urge you both to find an agreeable term so that health care can be provided to our community members within the proximity of where they live, not out of county.

Respectively,

Jessica Pyska, Chair
Lake County Board of Supervisors