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Hi Joel, Supervisors,

On March 14, 2023 (6), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer to work with Grossmont Healthcare District to initiate a rural health post-hospital discharge program in Mountain Empire which includes the communities of Boulevard, Campo, Jacumba, Potrero, and Tecate.

In terms of numbers, that In the first six (6) months of the pilot program, the unplanned 30-day readmission rate dropped to 4.0% for patients receiving those services compared to 13.9% for those who did not participate and resulted in an estimated cost avoidance of \$350,000 annualized to the Sharp Healthcare System is absolutely great.

Thank you, Joel. Good idea!

Authorizing County and CAL FIRE staff to be reimbursed for groceries, basic hardware supplies to fix appliances (including but not limited to toilet, sinks, and lights), and medical devices is critical to ensuring patients' needs are holistically met, homes are safe to live, and hospital readmissions are reduced.

I also note that by promoting healthier people, this program cuts down on the beds needed in the previous items, also reducing the County's cost for 'step down' beds.

The only note of caution I have is that I hope that this program does not replace Indigenous medical practice with Western medicines such as the jab or psychotropic unless absolutely necessary.

Again, the program sounds great and I hope it is continued and at a larger scale.

Regards,

Paul Henkin