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WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQUEST FORM

Date: 11-24-15

Weekly Agenda Date: 12-01-15

DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Ed Gilliland

SUBJECT: Wellmark Specialty Pharmacy and Pharmacy Management

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Give Direction

Other: Informational

Attachments

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM: Wellmark Specialty Pharmacy and Pharmacy Management, Discussion and Action.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND: We want to honor our commitment to the bargaining units to provide the negotiated benefits, and we want to control cost without reducing benefits. To help accomplish this goal one step would be to utilize the services of Wellmark's Specialty Pharmacy to provide more complete service to our employees and their families and to save money. The savings are decent, but the key is that the savings affect the area most experts see as the source of the greatest medical inflation the next few years. This is also an area of concern as these are typically injectable drugs that must be administered correctly. Proper adherence to the medication's protocol is typically much more important than with most other meds and the specialty provider is supposed to have staff to help ensure that the patient is taking the medication as recommended. There is no increase in out of pocket cost to the employee. While this is not a subject of bargaining because the benefits are not being changed, we want to make everyone aware of this and work with everyone in advance of any change.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION:

ACTION REQUIRED/PROPOSED MOTION: Motion to Approve Wellmark Pharmacy and Pharmacy Management.