AGENDA STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE:	11/17/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION:	Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S):	All Districts
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:	Health Care Agency
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S):	Veronica Kelley, 714-834-7024 James Kim, 714-834-3882

SUBJECT: Appointment to the CalOptima Health Board of Directors

CEO CONCUR	**COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW**	**CLERK OF THE BOARD**
Concur	No Legal Objection	DISCUSSION 3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: N/A	**Current Year Cost:** N/A	**Annual Cost:** N/A
Staffing Impact: No		**Sole Source:** No
Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A	**Funding Source:** N/A	**County Audit in Last 3 years:** No
Levine Act Review Completed? N/A		

Prior Board Action: 6/25/2024 #S70F, 12/19/2023 #S35F, 5/23/2023 #S59A, 12/7/2021 #S35B

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Appoint one candidate, Matthew Lomeli or Ryan Gibney, to serve on the CalOptima Health Board of Directors in the seat designated for a person who is a licensed physician in current practice and who is also a representative of a contracted independent physician's association or health network, to complete the term ending August 3, 2028, pursuant to Sections 4-11-11 and 4-11-12 of the Orange County Codified Ordinances and Welfare & Institutions Code Section 14087.59.

SUMMARY:

As recommended by the CalOptima Health Board of Directors Selection Panel, the Health Care Agency is requesting that the Board of Supervisors appoint one individual to serve on the CalOptima Health Board of Directors in the seat designated for a person who is a licensed physician in current practice and who is also a representative of a contracted independent physician's association or health network.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Your Honorable Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the following actions:

Board Date	Action
June 25, 2024	CalOptima Health Board of Directors Appointment
December 19, 2023	CalOptima Health Board of Directors Appointment

May 23, 2023	CalOptima Health Board of Directors Appointment
December 7, 2021	CalOptima Health Board of Directors Appointment

Article 3 of Division 11 of Title 4 of the Orange County Codified Ordinances, as amended on August 8, 2017, and Welfare & Institution Code (WIC) Section 14087.59, which provide for the governance of CalOptima Health and its board of directors, requires that the Health Care Agency (HCA) conduct the recruitment of members of the CalOptima Health Board of Directors; present all applications for membership to the CalOptima Health Board of Directors Selection Panel (Selection Panel); and present the Selection Panel's recommendations of at least two persons to the Board of Supervisors (Board) for consideration.

Per Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 14087.59, the CalOptima Health Board of Directors is comprised of nine positions appointed by the Orange County Board of Supervisors. The person serving in the position of 'for a person who is a licensed physician in current practice and who is also a representative of a contracted independent physician's association or health network,' submitted his resignation on June 10, 2026, thereby creating a vacancy on the CalOptima Health Board of Directors for this seat. On July 30, 2026, HCA initiated a recruitment for this seat. Recruitment efforts by HCA were extensive and included: conducting community outreach, encouraging the Board to share the recruitment notice and application until the recruitment concluded, and posting a Press Release online at www.ochealthinfo.com/caloptima and at the Orange County's CEO Office in Santa Ana.

After receiving eight applications, HCA extended the original recruitment deadline of August 31, 2026. The recruitment was extended to September 18, 2026. HCA received two additional applications, for a total of ten applications, and the Notice of Call for a Special Meeting was posted online at www.ochealthinfo.com/caloptima and posted at the Orange County's CEO Office in Santa Ana. In accordance with WIC section 14087.59 and Orange County Codified Ordinances 4-11-12, the Board is responsible for appointing one person to serve in the following currently vacant seat on the CalOptima Health Board of Directors:

For a person who is a licensed physician in current practice and who is also a representative of a contracted independent physician's association or health network.

Upon completion of the recruitment for the vacant position, HCA presented the applications to the Selection Panel for review. The Selection Panel must recommend to the Board at least two individuals per vacant seat. On October 16, 2026, the Selection Panel met in a noticed, public hearing and made the following recommendations, with recommended candidates listed in alphabetical order:

Matthew Lomeli (See attachment A for the Application and Resume)
Ryan Gibney (See attachment B for the Application and Resume)

The Health Care Agency now requests that the Board select one of the recommended candidates for the appointment to the CalOptima Health Board of Directors, as referenced in the Recommended Actions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
N/A

STAFFING IMPACT:
N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:
N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A – Matthew Lomeli, Application Package
Attachment B – Ryan Gibney, Application Package
Attachment C – Article 3 of Division 11 of Title 4 of the Orange County Codified Ordinances
Attachment D – Welfare & Institution Code Section 14087.59