Date: January 24, 2020

To: Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

From: Jo Coffaro, Regional Vice President

Subject: January 28, 2020 Board Item #14 – Board Referral on Subsidized Medication Pilot Program

The Hospital Council supports the intent of the referral to explore options for a Subsidized Medication Pilot Program to improve availability and distribution of certain medications for low-income residents of Santa Clara County.

Prescription drugs should be affordable for patients. California’s hospitals are committed to ensuring the availability of life-saving and life-changing prescription drugs. More than 180 California hospitals participate in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program which provides discount drugs to low-income patients. Savings generated through the program support services – such as mobile primary care clinics, diabetes screenings, and HIV clinics – that keep patients healthier.

The Hospital Council would welcome the opportunity to participate on a working group convened to develop the program details.

Sincerely,

Jo Coffaro
Hospital Council

cc: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
    Dr. Jeffrey Smith, County Executive
    René Santiago, Deputy County Executive