

Attachment B

August 13, 2025

Marina Owen, CEO
CenCal Health
4050 Calle Real
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Dear Ms. Owen:

The Central Coast Medical Association has approved the reappointments of René Bravo, MD, and Edward Bentley, MD, as the Medical Association's appointments to the CenCal Health Board of Directors. The new term will be January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027.

Dr. Bravo's and Dr. Bentley's understanding of the patient base and of CenCal Health's mission and operational structure will be beneficial for CenCal Health, the physicians, and the patient community.

Dr. Bravo is a pediatrician, having lived and practiced pediatrics here on the Central Coast since 1986. A graduate of the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine, Dr. Bravo did his internship and residency at Stanford University Medical Center. A longtime advocate for children and families, René is currently in private practice in San Luis Obispo. Active in many community endeavors, he has served as the Chief of Pediatrics at Sierra Vista and French Hospitals. He was the past Chief of Staff at SLO General Hospital. Dr. Bravo is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is the current President Elect of the California Medical Association (CMA). A family man, René lives in San Luis Obispo with his wife and their five sons.

Dr. Bentley was born November 16, 1952, and grew up in Connecticut. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma Medical School in 1978 and completed his fellowship training in Gastroenterology at the University of Southern California Medical Center. Dr. Bentley is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology and has been elected to fellowship in the American College of Physicians and Gastroenterology. He is past president of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society, former trustee of the Cancer Center of Santa Barbara and current trustee of Santa Barbara Cottage Health. He has been in Santa Barbara since 1986. Dr. Bentley and his wife Terri have two children, John and Jennifer.

We encourage the Board of Supervisors to reappoint Drs. René Bravo and Edward Bentley to the CenCal Health Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



Todd Engstrom, MD
President
Central Coast Medical Association