



# BUTTE SCHOOLS SELF-FUNDED PROGRAMS

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Mike Wiltermood, President and COE  
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Enloe Medical Center

via email to [mike.wiltermood@enloe.org](mailto:mike.wiltermood@enloe.org)  
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Dear Mr. Wiltermood and Trustees,

As members of the Butte County community, I am sure you are each aware of the far-reaching ways in which the November 8, 2018 Camp Fire has impacted all of Butte County. Transportation, commerce and education sectors are each significantly impacted. With the loss of Adventist Health Feather River Hospital, at a minimum through calendar year 2019, healthcare delivery has also been significantly constricted to Chico and Oroville.

On the morning of November 9, Enloe responded to the Camp Fire with an extension of its contract with Anthem through December 31, 2018. Thank you, again, for that immediate and appropriate response.

Today we know that the Camp Fire will impact delivery of healthcare in the Butte County community for a minimum of calendar year 2019 and likely longer. Once again, I implore you to act in the immediate interest of the community you serve, above the long-term program and financial goals of Enloe Medical Center, and renew the Anthem contract at a reasonable increase for a minimum of a 24 month period. We agree with representatives of CalPERS who have indicated to you that increases above 3% annually put our members at financial risk. The added stress associated with a lack of Anthem network hospital-based services within Chico is too much for the Butte County community given the uncertainty of so many other things following the Camp Fire.

Don't allow the upcoming holiday weeks to be an excuse for why a contract wasn't finalized before the extension expires. On behalf of all patients and community members covered under Anthem's commercial contracts, including the over 8700 Butte County residents covered within BSSP, finalize a multi-year agreement with Anthem during your meeting this week.

Sincerely,

Christy R. Patterson  
Executive Director

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