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Dear Supervisors,

I have seen the devastation of RSV to young children and their families in the past 11 years I served in the Ventura County health system. RSV is a virus that creates thick mucus and causes children to struggle to breathe, and there is no antiviral treatment available. I already have 3 patients who were diagnosed with RSV--the season is well under way. We are trying to offer this new preventive medication nirsevimab, but I have not been able to give out any doses that we already purchased in the past week as we await this Authorization from the Board. I urge that you support this agenda item, so we can offer this potentially life-saving medication to families who desire it, as soon as possible, regardless of their insurance status. Thank you for your consideration.

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