



Interoffice Memorandum

September 4, 2024

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

FROM: Lisa Snead, Assistant County Administrator,
County Administrator's Office

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SUBJECT: BCC Agenda Item – Public Hearing for September 24, 2024 Rate Resolution, Assessment Roll, and Letter of Agreement for Local Provider Participation Fund

On August 24, 2021, the BCC adopted Ordinance No. 2021-35, authorizing the Local Provider Participation Fund (“LPPF”) to provide an opportunity to narrow the gap on hospitals’ unreimbursed Medicaid costs by having the County generate funding as a portion of Florida’s non-federal share of Medicaid funding, making available additional federal dollars for reimbursement. The funding is generated through the imposition of a non-ad valorem special assessment on properties owned by private for-profit and not-for-profit hospitals providing in-patient services. The funds collected by the County through the LPPF assessment will then be sent to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (“ACHA”).

During the subject public hearing, the hospitals and staff seek the BCC’s consideration and approval of a rate resolution, assessment roll, and a Letter of Agreement with ACHA to approve the imposition and collection of the special assessment, and the transfer of the assessment funds to ACHA. Additionally, the rate resolution establishes the assessment roll, specifically identifying each property subject to the special assessment, and sets the rate of assessment at 2.28% of hospital net patient revenue for each assessed hospital property. Finally, the resolution sets forth the timing and method of collection of the assessment. The County and the Comptroller maintain the duty to enforce the prompt collection of the Assessment. The hospitals are required to pay to the County the full assessment promptly upon the passing of the resolution, but in no event later than December 31, 2024.

The Letter of Agreement (“LOA”) with ACHA provides that the County will remit the assessment funds collected to ACHA through an intergovernmental transfer. The LOA requires ACHA to maintain the necessary records and supporting documentation applicable to the health services covered by the LOA according to public records laws and retention schedules.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Rate Resolution, Assessment Roll, and Letter of Agreement for the Local Provider Participation Fund.

cc: Byron W. Brooks, AICP, County Administrator
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