



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

June 11, 2025

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

THRU: Raul Pino, M.D, Director
Health Services Department

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Health Services Department
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SUBJECT: BCC Agenda Item – Public Hearing for July 1, 2025, Ordinance Change
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 are then sent to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration ("ACHA").

The current ordinance requires each hospital to sign a specific Hold Harmless and Indemnification agreement before they can participate in the program. However, as new hospitals have become eligible to participate in the LPPF, they have requested to utilize other forms, in lieu of the Hold Harmless and Indemnification form. Unfortunately, the current ordinance doesn't allow for this option. Therefore, in an effort to ensure full participation in the program, staff is recommending changes to the ordinance that would allow the County to accept other forms, in lieu of the Hold Harmless and Indemnification form. Additionally, the proposed changes will not materially affect the County's liability.

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION FUND IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 25, ARTICLE XI, SECTION 25-345 OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CODE ("HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION") TO ALLOW FOR MODIFICATION OR REPLACEMENT OF A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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