

August 18th, 2023

Board of Trustees
North Lake County Hospital District

Re: Funding Request/Allocation

Dear Board Members:

All the providers in the District continue to face many challenges while still providing great care to the communities they serve. Distributions of District funds to providers are based on actual qualified claims, which in the most recent years have been difficult to predict and obtain all the necessary documentation from the patients. We believe that this will continue to be the case in the near future.

We anticipate the need of all the providers being more than the total available funding from the district; we recommend and support fully allocating funding requests to the free clinics and LifeStream and split the remaining available funds between the acute care hospitals in the district. This is consistent with historical application of the funding and the fairest way to ensure funding is available to both acute care hospitals. Any unspent funds by one hospital would be provided to all other hospitals and clinic providers at the end of the year if their submissions exceed their respective allocation. We request the District make available and allocated to UF Health Leesburg Hospital the remaining amount as described above and at a minimum of \$3 million which is similar to the most recent allocations.

Further, eligible providers, such as UF Health Leesburg Hospital, may also have the opportunity to participate in the State of Florida Low Income Pool funding. It may be necessary, and as provided for in the District's legislation, that eligible providers request that the District send its allocated dollars to the State of Florida in the form of an intergovernmental transfers and signed letter of agreements. This will enable the State of Florida to draw down additional funds from the federal government that will then be used to provide additional support to the providers.

While the exact process and amount of potential dollars is still being determined by the State of Florida and the Agency for Health Care Administration, we do know that every dollar determined necessary will be very important to the State and providers. We therefore also request that upon the request of eligible providers that the Chairperson of the District again as in the past be granted the authority to enter into letters of agreement to secure additional dollars for Low Income Pool funding up to the amount allocated to that eligible provider.

We have included a slide presentation to provide you with additional information and data about the important services UF Health Leesburg Hospital provides. We look forward to further discussions and information sharing at the August 31st meeting where we hope to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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