

July 01, 2021

Chairman Joseph E. Flescher
Board of County Commissioners
Indian River County
1801 27th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Dear Chairman Flescher:

Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital cares for Medicaid managed care beneficiaries on the Treasure Coast. We are writing to express support for the Indian River County Local Provider Participation Fund (LPPF). Creation of this fund is intended to provide supplemental funding to help cover the cost of caring for Medicaid patients without burdening local or state taxpayers. The increase in reimbursement, implemented through a hospital directed payment program (recently approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services), should provide Florida's hospitals with supplemental funding desperately needed to help serve our local communities and continue to respond to the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Sincerely,



J Gregory Rosencrance, MD, FACP
President
Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital