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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
DATE: September 14, 2021
SUBJECT: Local Provider Participation Fund (LPPF) Assessment Resolution

BACKGROUND.

On September 14, 2021, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) voted to enact an ordinance establishing a local provider participation fund (LPPF) to assist in local hospitals covering unreimbursed Medicaid costs. Now that the Board has approved the LPPF, the Board is now in the position to consider an assessment resolution for the three properties that will be subject to the special assessment. The proposed assessment resolution and assessment roll includes the following payment schedule:

- 1) Cleveland Clinic Health System - \$6,232,389
- 2) Encompass Health - \$625,798
- 3) Steward Health Care System - \$1,988,149

Once collected, these funds, minus administrative costs, as identified in the LPPF ordinance, will then, through intergovernmental transfers, be provided to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (“AHCA”). Please note that the County will need to send a Letter of Agreement (“LOA”) to AHCA by October 1st.

FUNDING.

The proposed assessment is on real properties that are licensed as a hospital and provide in-patient services. These assessments total \$8,846,336. The County will collect these assessments and send the funds, minus administrative costs, to AHCA, which will be able to draw down additional Medicaid dollars from the Federal government.

RECOMMENDATION.

County staff recommends that the Board open the public hearing, take public comment and then vote whether to approve the assessment resolution. If the Board approves the assessment resolution, County staff also recommends that the Board authorize the chair to execute the Letter of Agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the assessment.

ATTACHMENTS.

Draft Assessment Resolution
Draft Assessment Roll
Directed Payment Program Letter of Agreement