

# Office of INDIAN RIVER COUNTY ATTORNEY

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# MEMORANDUM

- TO: Board of County Commissioners
- FROM: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney

**DATE:** September 13, 2022

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. The proposed assessment resolution and assessment roll for 2022 includes the following payment schedule:

- 1) Cleveland Clinic Health System \$2,281,523
- 2) Encompass Health \$216,606
- 3) Steward Health Care System \$667,846

Once collected, these funds, minus administrative costs if applicable, 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

### FUNDING.

The proposed assessment is on real properties that are licensed as a hospital and provide in-patient services. These assessments total \$3,165,975. The County will collect these assessments and send the funds, minus administrative costs if applicable, to AHCA, which will be able to draw down additional Medicaid dollars from the Federal government.

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#### **RECOMMENDATION.**

County staff recommends that the Board open the public hearing, take public comment and then vote to approve the assessment resolution. County staff also recommends that the Board authorize the County Administrator or the County Attorney 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