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NOTICE OF HEARING
REGARDING IMPOSING AND
COLLECTING A NON-AD
VALOREM SPECIAL
ASSESSMENT
FROM SPECIFIED HOSPITAL
PROPERTIES

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, will conduct a public hearing pursuant to Ordinance No. 2021-012 to consider the approval of the imposition and collection of a non-ad valorem special assessment against each private for-profit and not-for-profit hospital that provides inpatient hospital services and that holds a right of possession and right of use to real property in Indian River County (each, an "Assessed Property"). The list of affected hospitals is included at the conclusion of this notice.

The assessment is intended to finance intergovernmental transfers, provided consistent with federal guidelines, which fund the non-federal share of certain Medicaid and/or Medicaid managed care payments. As a result, the assessment directly and specially benefits Assessed Properties and supports the provision of health care services to Medicaid, indigent, and uninsured members of the County's community.

The public hearing will be held in the Board of County Commissioners chambers at Indian River County Administration Building A, located at 1801 27th St., Vero Beach, Florida, on September 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. At that time, the Board will receive public comment on the proposed special assessment.

The Indian River County office has prepared the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll being considered for approval. The roll contains the names of the Assessed Properties, the assessment rate, and the amount of the special assessment to be imposed against each Assessed Property. The Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll is available for inspection at the Indian River County budget office during regular business September 3, 2024 through September 23, 2024. The assessment rate set forth in the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll to be levied against the net patient revenue of each Assessed Property is 0.56%.

At the date and time set forth in this notice, the Board of County Commissioners may: (1) approve the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll, with such amendments as it deems just and right, and (2) adopt a resolution (the "Assessment Resolution") that describes: (a) the Medicaid payments proposed for funding from proceeds of the assessment, (b) the benefits to the Assessed Properties, (c) the methodology for computing the assessed amounts, and (d) the method of collection, including how and when the assessment is to be paid.

All interested persons have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board prior to the resolution vote. All objections to the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll being considered for approval must be made in writing, and filed with the County by September 9, 2024. Written objections should be sent to the attention of the Indian River County office at 1801 27th St., Vero Beach, FL 32960.

The amount of the assessment is to be collected pursuant an additional and alternative method, as specified in § 197.3631, Fla Stat. Details will be included in the Assessment Resolution.

If you are a person with disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact accessibility@indianriver.gov or (772) 226-1391 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public hearing if you need special accommodations.

Pursuant to § 286.0105, Fla Stat., if a person decides to appeal any decision of the Board of County Commissioners on any matter considered at the public hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings. For such purpose, a person appealing the decision may need to ensure the creation of a verbatim record, which captures the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Indian River County, FLORIDA
List of Affected Properties:

The special assessment is to be levied against each private for-profit and not-for-profit hospital operating under a Florida hospital license affiliated with the following providers of inpatient hospital services that holds a right of possession and right of use to real property in Indian River County, Florida:

Hospital Name: Cleveland Clinic Medical Center / Indian River Hospital
Hospital Address: 1000 36th St., Vero Beach, FL 32960
Parcel ID: 32392600000300000001.0
Hospital Name: Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Treasure Coast
Hospital Address: 1600 37th St., Vero Beach, FL 32960
Parcel ID: 32392600000700000001.4
Hospital Name: Sebastian River Medical Center
Hospital Address: 13695 US-1, Sebastian, FL 32958
Parcel ID: 30382500000002000006.1
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