



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE:** August 18, 2015  
**AGENDA ITEM NO.** 18

**Consent Agenda** ☐

**Regular Agenda** ☒

**Public Hearing** ☐

**County Administrator's Signature:**

**Subject:**

Approval of Delegated Authority to the County Administrator to approve and execute agreements related to the Medicaid Low Income Pool/ Buy Back Program.

**Department:**

Human Services

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Lourdes Benedict, Director

**Recommended Action:**

I RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION (AHCA) RELATED TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

**Summary Explanation/Background:**

Human Services is seeking opportunities to assist local hospitals eligible to participate in the Low Income Pool (LIP) program in the coming fiscal year. A very short turnaround time is anticipated for the County to participate if the opportunity arises. In order to react quickly, Human Services is requesting that the County Administrator be delegated the authority to execute agreements with AHCA.

The State Legislature, through the General Appropriations Act of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015-2016, has designated funding for the purpose of providing assistance to hospitals that provide inpatient and outpatient health care services to low income citizens. This funding potentially allows local governments to participate in the program, although details are still preliminary. If available, local governments may increase certain Medicaid hospital payments by providing the required State Medical Assistance Percentage (SMAP) through Intergovernmental Transfers (IGTs). The source of SMAP must be locally generated tax dollars.

**Fiscal Impact/Cost/Revenue Summary:**

Funding under this program is an investment that returns additional revenue to local healthcare providers serving low income residents. Human Services has identified up to \$10.1 million currently allocated to multiple providers of indigent healthcare that could be available for transfer to AHCA during FY16, should the opportunity for participation arise. This amount includes three hospital contracts (\$3 M), the indigent health care pharmacy contract (\$5 M) and other contracts with local providers of indigent health and behavioral health including the Pinellas County Health Department, BayCare Home Care, and Personal Enrichment for Mental Health Services (up to \$2.1 M). These providers have service locations throughout the County. Historically, funding available to local hospitals as a result of LIP and Buyback agreements have ranged from 108% to 245% of transferred funds. Actual amounts available to individual hospitals are based on utilization, the State-determined allowable level of participation, and compensation available under existing county service contracts.

**Exhibits/ Attachments**

N/A

# LIP Delegated Authority Request

F/Y	Category	Hospital	County Funded IGT	+ State/Federal Revenue	= Total available to Hospital	Return %
14-15	LIP 6	Morton Plant	\$353,294.00	\$518,880.00	\$872,174.00	146.9%
	LIP 6	North Bay	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,762,420.00	\$2,962,420.00	146.9%
	LIP 6	St Anthony's	\$208,191.00	\$305,770.00	\$513,961.00	146.9%
	LIP 6	M. Countryside	\$378,529.00	\$555,920.00	\$934,449.00	146.9%
	LIP 6	Mease Dunedin	\$37,853.00	\$55,590.00	\$93,443.00	146.9%
	LIP 6	Bayfront	\$2,263,066.00	\$3,323,730.00	\$5,586,796.00	146.9%
	LIP PAS	Morton Plant	<u>\$772,132.00</u>	<u>\$65,631.22</u>	<u>\$837,763.22</u>	8.5%
			\$5,213,065.00	\$6,587,941.22	\$11,801,006.22	

- FY16 State budget does not currently include an opportunity to participate in Low Income Pool
- Delegated authority is being requested in the event an opportunity arises

# LIP Delegated Authority Request

- **FY16 Program funding available for Low Income Pool**

Medical Service	Contracted Vendor	FY16 Budget Request
Hospital Services	Local Hospital Providers	\$3,000,000
Home Health Care Services	Baycare Hospital Network	\$550,000
Pharmacy Services	Pending results of competitive bid	\$5,000,000
Crisis Stabilization Unit	Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services (PEMHS)	<u>\$1,550,000 *</u>
	Total	\$10,100,000

\* - amount rounded down, actual appropriation \$1,693,066