

## Strengthening safety net programs in Palm Beach County, Florida through the use of intergovernmental transfers



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## What is the Low Income Pool (LIP)?

- In October 2005, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved an 1115 Research and Demonstration Waiver application for the state of Florida
- The Low Income Pool was established “to ensure continued governmental support for the provision of health care services to Medicaid, underinsured and uninsured populations.”
- Capped annually at \$1 Billion



- LIP is funded by local governments, hospital and health taxing districts and other state agencies
- LIP funds may be used to pay for health care expenditures (medical care costs or premiums) for the uninsured or underinsured
- LIP Council makes recommendations to the state legislature regarding LIP allocation

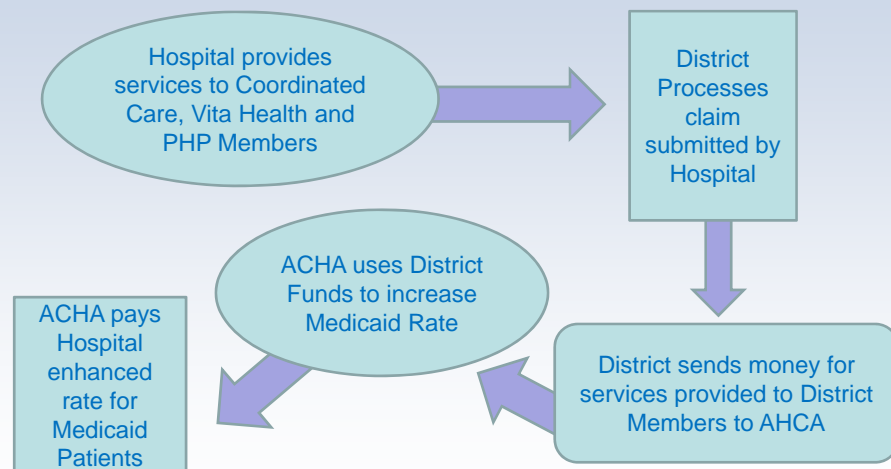


## Health Care District of Palm Beach County

- Local taxing district with independent taxing authority
- Health System includes
  - Aeromedical
  - School Health
  - Healey Center (Skilled Nursing Facility)
  - Lakeside Medical Center (Acute Care Hospital in rural area)
  - Trauma Center funding
  - Primary Care Clinics (Federally Qualified Health Centers)
  - Managed Care Programs where dollars follow eligible patients



### Low Income Pool Process How it works in Palm Beach County



## Medicaid

- Reduced Medicaid funding from states means that federal dollars go unmatched
- LIP allows a local match thereby drawing down the federal dollars
- Eligible providers see this as an enhanced reimbursement or “buy back” to their Medicaid rates



## Additional revenue to hospitals and other providers

- LIP payments help providers recoup losses from Medicaid cuts
- LIP payments allow providers to continue care to uninsured and underinsured patients
- LIP payments afford sustainability to providers with small profit margins



## Current

Facility	Buyback and Exemption Amount	Total Net Benefit
Bethesda Memorial Hospital	2,950,569.00	5,298,900.00
Boca Raton Community Hospital	415,654.00	241,500.00
West Palm Hospital	989,463.00	1,674,800.00
Delray Community Hospital	684,623.00	2,907,000.00
Good Samaritan Hospital	2,510,452.00	3,492,400.00
JFK Medical Center	3,978,676.00	7,388,100.00
Jupiter Hospital	507,612.00	850,500.00
Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center	805,110.00	2,260,700.00
Palms West Hospital	2,918,676.00	3,508,300.00
St. Mary's Hospital	3,311,053.00	23,253,700.00
Wellington Regional Medical Center	1,522,625.00	1,608,200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,594,513.00</b>	<b>52,484,100.00</b>



## Clinics, Health Departments and Other Practice Settings

	IGT Amount	Gross Amount
PBC Health Department	\$1,392,263	\$3,368,663
Foundcare FQHC	\$141,142	\$341,500
Lakeside Obstetrics	\$1,126,243	\$2,725,000
JFK Primary Care (IM residency)	\$261,600	\$1,000,000
Genesis FQHC	\$87,413	\$423,000
Florida Community Health Centers (FQHC)	\$167,990	\$286,330



## Future of LIP Pool

- Expansion of Medicaid and availability of coverage in the Health Insurance Marketplace (Exchanges) was supposed to eliminate need for these additional payments
- Sunsets after this current state fiscal year
- The Agency for Health Care Administration of the state of Florida is asking CMS for an expansion to \$3 billion/year and an extension for the next three years

