



Teaching Hospitals

Broward Health
Jackson Health System
Mount Sinai
Medical Center
Orlando Health
UF Health Shands Hospital
UF Health Jacksonville
Tampa General Hospital

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Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida Names Justin Senior New Chief Executive Officer

Public Hospitals

Halifax Health
Lee Health
Memorial Healthcare System
Sarasota Memorial
Health Care System

ORLANDO, Fla. (November 27, 2018) – In a move to further enhance its team of professionals and advance its mission of providing essential health care to Floridians, the Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida announced today that Justin Senior, the outgoing Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration, is joining the organization as its Chief Executive Officer.

Senior, who will start in his new position in January, will work alongside Lindy Kennedy, who is assuming the title of President and Chief Operating Officer.

Children's Hospitals

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital
Nicklaus Children's Hospital

"I am honored and excited to be a part of an organization whose hospital members are beacons in their communities, providing vital services that benefit those who need them most," Senior said. "I look forward to ensuring our hospitals have the resources and attention they need to ensure all Floridians have access to affordable, high-quality health care."

Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Center

Sacred Heart Health System

The addition of Senior builds upon the Safety Net Alliance's longstanding mission of providing essential, highly specialized medical care to Floridians through its 14 systems of teaching, public, children's and regional perinatal intensive care hospitals located in every major region of the state.

Melinda Kennedy
President

"We are delighted that Justin is joining our already strong senior leadership team to further build upon our mission of ensuring that all Floridians have access to vital health care services, close to home," said Edward Jimenez, SNHAF board chairman and CEO of UF Health Shands. "Justin's mission-driven vision is very much aligned with our organizations', and today's announcement is good news for the Safety Nets and for patients across Florida."

Anthony Carvalho
Immediate Past President

Senior became AHCA Secretary in October 2016 and prior to that served as AHCA's Medicaid Director from 2011 to 2016, overseeing the procurement, implementation and operation of Florida's Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program. Before joining AHCA, he was a litigation attorney in the private sector for more than 11 years. He has a bachelor's degree from McGill University and a law degree from the University of Florida.

“Justin’s background and expertise are a great match for Florida’s Safety Net hospitals and will enhance our efforts to navigate today’s ever changing, complicated healthcare system and stay true to our mission of caring for all residents,” Kennedy said.

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The Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida is a 14-member coalition of teaching, public, children’s and regional perinatal intensive care hospitals that together make up only 10 percent of the state’s hospitals, yet provide the majority of the state’s highly specialized medical care, train tomorrow’s doctors, and provide almost half of the Medicaid and charity care.