



#### 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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#### Statement from Lindy Kennedy, executive vice-president of the Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida, on the Governor's proposed 2018-19 budget

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (Nov. 14, 2017) - The Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida today applauded Gov. Rick Scott for recognizing that safety net hospitals cannot sustain further Medicaid reimbursement cuts.

It is a relief to see that the Governor's 2018-19 budget did not include another round of steep cuts. Last session, drastic cuts pulled \$651 million out of hospital care to low-income pregnant women, fragile neonates and vulnerable children. The cuts were slightly softened by the Legislature's last-minute addition of \$130 million in nonrecurring revenue, but the impact to hospitals providing care to Medicaid patients was still severe.

Currently, hospitals on average lose 40 cents on every dollar of care provided to patients enrolled in Medicaid. It is our hope that the state of Florida will reinstate reimbursement rates to safety net hospitals that are continually asked to do more with less. We respectfully ask the Legislature to take the next step by reinstating the \$130 million in one-time dollars. To think Florida hospitals can continue to withstand these deep cuts without any workforce consequences or impact on services is shortsighted and wishful thinking.

#### Public Hospitals

Halifax Health

Lee Health

Memorial Healthcare System

Sarasota Memorial  
Health Care System

#### Children's Hospitals

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital

Nicklaus Children's Hospital

#### Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Center

Sacred Heart Health System

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