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Teaching Hospitals

Broward Health

Jackson Health System

Mount Sinai  
Medical Center

Orlando Health

UF Health Shands Hospital

UF Health Jacksonville

Tampa General Hospital

For Immediate Release

**Statement from Lindy Kennedy, Executive Vice President of the  
Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida, on the Legislature’s  
commitment to retain vital hospital funding program  
for Medicaid patients**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (March 8, 2018) – The Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida today applauded legislators for concurring on a 2018-19 budget that puts patients before profits by maintaining a funding program for hospitals serving large numbers of the state’s Medicaid patients.

Public Hospitals

Halifax Health

Lee Health

Memorial Healthcare System

Sarasota Memorial  
Health Care System

We are grateful to lawmakers for their continued acknowledgment that safety net hospitals ensure the highest level of care to all Floridians, regardless of their ability to pay. By leaving intact this important funding policy, legislators showed compassion for the needs of low-income elderly, pregnant women, critically ill children and fragile newborns.

Children’s Hospitals

Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital

Nicklaus Children’s Hospital

Without the enhanced payment, safety net hospitals would have faced an even deeper financial hole caused by years of budget cuts. Over the last five years, 14 safety net hospital systems have sustained half of the \$688 million in combined net Medicaid cuts, putting vital programs and services at risk and adding pressure on communities to cover the cost of caring for their residents. Unfortunately, Medicaid only reimburses hospitals about 60 cents for every \$1 of care provided.

Regional Perinatal Intensive  
Care Center

Sacred Heart Health System

The Legislature faced many issues of societal importance this session. We thank them for placing the preservation of the unique, special mission of safety net hospitals among their priorities. Across the state, our communities are better off for having this funding retained.

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Anthony Carvalho

President

*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.*