

Florida Healthcare Pass/Fail List - Legislative Session 2022



Budget



PASSED: \$37.7 billion Medicaid budget with...



Automatic Rate Enhancements zeroed out – 28 hospitals benefited from this \$309 million in supplemental funding since 2016, while 200+ hospitals (which provide most of the state's Medicaid care) received little more than base rates.



No cuts to Medicaid base rates – The House's initial budget proposed significant cuts to base rates (10.9% inpatient; 8.8% outpatient), a \$43 million impact to HCA Healthcare. Fortunately, no base rate cuts made it into the final version of the budget.



Directed Payment Program (DPP) – All hospitals providing Medicaid care are eligible for a share of this new supplemental funding, totaling approx. \$1.2 billion annually. Local dollars draw down federal Medicaid dollars to fund DPP with the intent of helping bridge the gap between reimbursement rates and the cost of care.



PASSED: Increased GME Funding – HCA Healthcare received \$6.4 million in additional funding to support its graduate medical education efforts.



Policy



PASSED: COVID-19-related Claims Against Health Care Providers (HB 7014) – Extends COVID-19 liability protections through June 2023.



PASSED: Clinical Laboratory Testing (SB 1374) – Exempts RNs from clinical laboratory personnel licensure requirements under certain circumstances when performing moderate-level or waiver-level clinical laboratory testing.



PASSED: Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Program (SB 1950) – HCA Healthcare lobbied for this version of the bill, which excluded language requiring hospitals to negotiate with managed care plans on contracts or forfeit receiving DPP/LIP funds.



PASSED: No Patient Left Alone Act (SB 988) – Guarantees that Florida families can visit loved ones receiving care in hospitals, hospices, and long-term care facilities, establishing clear visitation policies and procedures, and requiring in-person visitation under certain circumstances.



FAILED: PIP Insurance Reforms – Efforts to modify motor vehicle personal injury protection (PIP) that would have made Med-Pay optional.



FAILED: Consumer Privacy Protection Act (SB 1864) – Harmful data privacy legislation would have subjected businesses to massive compliance costs and frivolous litigation.



FAILED: Patient-Consumer Credit Protection – Bill language would have imposed excessive hurdles for healthcare facilities to take collection action against nonpayment.



FAILED: Invalid Restrictive Covenants in Health Care (SB 842) – Bill would have regulated private businesses in contract negotiation.



FAILED: Damages Recoverable by Parents of an Adult Child in Medical Negligence Actions (SB 262) – Bill language to allow parents of an adult child to recover damages in medical negligence lawsuits, and eliminate pre-suit notice requirements.



FAILED: M&A Reporting (SB 1112) – Bill would have required any entity conducting business in Florida to file a Notification and Report Form with the Office of the Attorney General for certain mergers and acquisitions.