



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

ELIZABETH DUDEK
SECRETARY

Key Messages Regarding Low Income Pool Request to the Federal Government

- The low income pool would be distributed amongst providers serving Medicaid and other low income Floridians. This request is not associated with Medicaid expansion in any way. They are 2 separate issues. While the amount requested in the application is larger than the current allocation, the Agency will not reduce its request if the state decides to expand Medicaid, and will not increase its request if the legislature opts not to expand. These two issues have NO link.
- While the state has requested an increase of funding up to \$4.5 billion, it is important to note that: the LIP pool has been limited at \$1 billion for 8 years, with no adjustments upward for inflation; and Florida's peer states, like California, Texas, and New York, receive significantly more of these types of funds.
- Florida is in favor of moving away from "pay for utilization" models and into "pay for performance" models for the funds in the pool. This is a continuation of some of the milestones already incorporated into the current LIP program. Florida does, however, believe that this transition should be an evolutionary one, with the percentage of funds going toward pay for performance projects increasing over time.
- Florida believes in true accountability and supports a system in which pay for performance models truly pay for performance. While funding in the early years will be tied to seeding projects, funding in later years may be tied to those projects demonstrating achievement of certain performance metrics.
- Florida does not believe that entities who receive pool funds should have complete freedom to determine their own projects. We do not want to oversee or administer an endless litany of projects large and small; rather we believe the Agency and the federal government should work with stakeholders on developing a handful of targeted health care goals in the state and support projects that support these targeted goals.
- There is urgency for a known amount and agreement prior to going into the state legislative session in order to allow for budget development. To meet this short timeframe, it may be that Florida and the federal government can agree on a year 1 pool structure quickly, and create an opening for a second round of negotiations around future years.

