



VIA EMAIL

May 18, 2015

Commission on Healthcare and Hospital Funding  
Email: [flhospitalcommission@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:flhospitalcommission@ahca.myflorida.com)

Re: Receipt of letter from Governor Scott dated May 13, 2015 by Simply Healthcare Plans, Inc. (the "Plan") and Response from the Plan

Dear Commission on Healthcare and Hospital Funding ("Commission") and Governor Scott:

We are writing to acknowledge receipt by the Plan of the letter from Governor Scott dated May 13, 2015 ("Letter") in connection with Florida's critical budget issues regarding the low income pool (LIP) funding and to provide a response attached hereto to the same.

While the Letter did not provide much time to the Plan to gather the requested data, the Plan understands the importance of Governor Scott's request and the need to analyze such data from all Medicaid plans in Florida so that a financial change can be made to support these plans in serving the Florida Medicaid community.

Accordingly, the Plan is providing a spreadsheet responsive to the Letter's requested deliverables, with the exception of certain information that is either not applicable to the Plan or is confidential and proprietary information to the Plan. In addition, the Plan is not providing the percent of Medicaid fee schedule paid for inpatient and outpatient services ("Service Data"). Please note that the Plan is unable to provide this Service Data due to legal constraints and contractual obligations of confidentiality and trade secrets in its hospital contracts that protect both the Plan and the hospitals with which it contracts. The Plan therefore respectfully requests that the Commission recognize the Plan's legal, contractual and statutory obligations as the information requested by the Governor will be publicly available and the Plan cannot jeopardize its position with the hospitals that assist so greatly in rendering care to its members. If the Commission is compelled to seek this information, the Plan recommends obtaining it from the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) as they already possess similar data.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions at [lrvivas@simplyhealthcareplans.com](mailto:lrvivas@simplyhealthcareplans.com) or 305-921-2648 or the Plan's General Counsel at [dgryniuk@simplyhealthcareplans.com](mailto:dgryniuk@simplyhealthcareplans.com) or 305-921-2651.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lourdes', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lourdes Rivas  
Chief Executive Officer  
Simply Healthcare Plans, Inc.