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Via E-mail to: [flhospitalcommission@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:flhospitalcommission@ahca.myflorida.com)

Secretary Elizabeth Dudek  
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Healthcare Administration  
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Dear Secretary Dudek:

Please treat this correspondence as a response to your letter dated July 17, 2015, regarding Agency for Health Care Administration's ("Agency's") request for certification of compliance with Florida Statutes, s.409.975(6) governing MMA plan reimbursement to hospitals within the Statewide Medical Managed Care Program ("MMA"):

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, s.409.975(6),

- "Managed care plans and hospitals shall negotiate mutually acceptable rates, methods, and terms of payment....
- Such payments to hospitals may not exceed 120 percent of the rate the agency would have paid on the first day of the contract between the provider and the plan,
- Unless specifically approved by the agency..."

Accordingly, UF Health Jacksonville has gone through a process of negotiating in good faith with the MMA health plans and has reached mutually acceptable agreements where it was possible.

UF Health Jacksonville hereby certifies that, as of July 24, 2015, to the best of its knowledge, the base rate by the MMA plans participating in the MMA program after May 1, 2014, does not exceed 120 percent of the rate the Agency would have paid on the first day of the contract between the provider and the plan. The only exception to this certification is our limited access contractual agreement for all lines of business with Coventry, which had a different intent when executed.

UF Health Jacksonville is committed to providing high quality care to Florida Medicaid recipients at a reasonable rate. Historically, and under the MMA program, the reimbursement rate, even at 120%, has been below the actual cost to provide care, a fact that has not deterred the organization from fulfilling its safety net mission for the citizens of Florida. Each year, we care for thousands of Floridians with critical health care needs.

Secretary Elizabeth Dudek

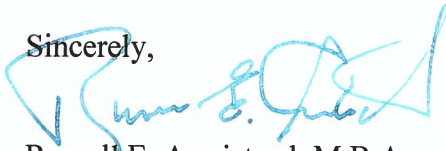
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These individuals have suffered devastating injuries – severe burns, traumatic accidents – and been diagnosed with significant illnesses – cancer, heart disease – requiring intensive care, including organ transplant. Accordingly, we have negotiated outlier provisions in our contracts to help offset a portion of the cost of care provided to our neediest patients.

We support the Agency’s intention to promote the triple aim of access, quality, and cost control in healthcare, not only in hospitals but also in the pharmaceutical industry, the physician community, and other ancillary providers.

Sincerely,



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