



May 18, 2015

The Honorable Rick Scott
Office of the Governor
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Scott,

We have received your communication regarding formation of the Commission of Health Care and Hospital Funding, as well as your requests for data from our hospital.

We are looking forward to working with the Commission on finding healthcare solutions for Florida's large population of uninsured residents. This issue is of critical importance to our state, our businesses and our families, and we are grateful the dialogue is continuing.

Florida Hospital regularly reports financial and hospital utilization data to the Agency for Health Care Administration, as required by state law. We believe our submissions are up to date, accurate and readily available to the public for review. In order to meet your urgent request, we respectfully refer you to consult AHCA to obtain this comprehensive information.

As a hospital leader, my first obligation is to consider the health needs of the communities I have pledged to serve. Each day, we see first-hand that a person's health is best served when he or she has access to preventative primary care through health insurance. The alternative is emergency room care and often hospitalization, after a health crisis erupts. That is why Florida Hospital supports efforts to expand health care coverage to more than 800,000 Floridians. This is the most compassionate, sustainable and fiscally prudent approach to deal with the state's uninsured population.

As a not-for-profit, faith-based organization, we are proud of the work we do serving our communities, both inside and outside the walls of our hospital. We are pleased to share examples about how we achieve our sacred mission – to extend the healing ministry of Christ.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Bergherm", written in a cursive style.

Bruce Bergherm
President