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Carlos Beruff, Chair  
Commission on Healthcare and Hospital Funding  
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Dear Mr. Beruff,

The Nemours Children's Hospital (NCH) is pleased to respond to the Commission's request for quality and financial data.

As is noted in the attached letter sent to Governor Scott on May 21, NCH is one of only three specialty licensed freestanding children's hospitals in Florida. Approximately 65 percent of patients that are seen at NCH receive health insurance coverage from Medicaid or other government sponsored programs. As a specialty licensed children's hospital, NCH is unable to utilize Medicare and higher commercial volumes to offset the significant Medicaid population that is treated at our freestanding children's hospital.

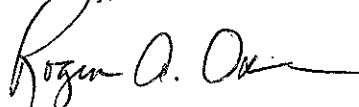
NCH has an established partnership with the State of Florida via the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to provide an extensive amount of patient, quality, financial and operational data. We work with AHCA on the submission of this data to ensure the public has access to a variety of data so they are able to make informed health care choices in partnership with their doctor. In fact, nearly 90 percent of the data requested in the survey has already been submitted in a uniform and consistent manner to AHCA and posted on FloridaHealthFinder.gov.

NCH encourages the Commission to use the data that have already been reported based on current rules and definitions, and which provides a scientific basis for comparability. To do otherwise would be inefficient and potentially lead to inaccurate outcomes.

Some of the rate information requested is confidential through current state statute or contractually with private payers. Both hospitals and private insurers treat managed care rates as proprietary information and public reporting would be anticompetitive.

We share your goal of delivering the highest quality care at the lowest possible cost to more Florida children and stand ready to work with the Governor and Legislature to address issues critical to the State's health care system.

Sincerely,



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President, Nemours Children's Hospital