

May 18, 2015

Office of Governor Rick Scott
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Edward Jimenez
Chief Executive Officer

P.O. Box 100326
Gainesville, FL 32610-0326

Phone: 352.733.1500

Fax: 352.733.1501

Cell: 201.887.8018

edward.jimenez@shands.ufl.edu

UFHealth.org

Dear Governor Scott:

I am writing in response to your May 13, 2015 letter requesting hospital profile data. I am pleased that you have included UF Health Shands Hospital in Gainesville in the conversation regarding hospital financing. I additionally support your commitment to a data- and analytics-based approach to advancing the conversation.

Your commitment to supplemental funding through the LIP program benefits thousands of patients we serve. On behalf of all our patients, we appreciate your efforts to explore funding solutions.

On the worksheet you sent to us, we have provided our submission. As you will see, in a few instances we have definitional questions and need further guidance from your staff. In the remaining areas, we have provided the data which we have regularly submitted to various state agencies on a regular basis. I would also direct your attention to the accompanying letter and worksheet submitted to you by the Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida. The package reflects our sentiment as well.

I look forward to working with you, your staff and the Commission on Healthcare and Hospital Financing as we explore strategies to address the health care needs of Florida's most vulnerable populations. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Edward Jimenez

CEO, UF Health Shands