

Miami-Dade County Hospitals to receive additional funding to serve medically-needy, low income residents

The Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved an ordinance creating the Medicaid Hospital Directed Payment Program (DPP). The legislation will help provide financial relief to Miami-Dade hospitals that incur \$524 million in unreimbursed Medicaid costs each year.

“I am so pleased that the County Commission unanimously supported this innovative mechanism for drawing down more funding to cover the costs of care for our low-income residents. Our local hospitals treat patients with professionalism and compassion. They deserve our support so they can meet the healthcare needs of Miami-Dade families,” said Mayor Daniella Levine Cava. “Special thanks to Senator René García and his team for spearheading this initiative.”

The newly-approved DPP is a Medicaid matching program that will help reduce this shortfall and will be funded through local non-ad valorem special assessments on local hospitals, so it will not impose additional burdens on either the state or local taxpayers.