

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2017 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

HB 883 — Memory Disorder Clinics

by Reps. Miller, M., Plakon, and others (SB 1050 by Senator Simmons)

The bill establishes a memory disorder clinic at Florida Hospital in Orange County.

There are 15 state-funded Memory Disorder Clinics in the state of Florida that provide comprehensive assessments, diagnostic services, and treatments to individuals that show signs of Alzheimer's disease and related memory disorders. The Memory Disorder Clinics are also required to conduct specific research in coordination with the Department of Elder Affairs. The clinics are established at medical schools, teaching hospitals, and public and private, not-for-profit hospitals.

Florida Hospital in Central Florida opened a self-funded memory disorder program in 2012. The Florida Hospital Maturing Minds Clinic serves patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in Orange, Seminole, and Osceola counties. The state designation as a memory disorder clinic will assist the clinic in seeking national and local grants.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 119-0