



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2175

1. Title of Project: Inequity in Specialty Children's Hospital Reimbursement

2. Senate Sponsor: David Simmons

3. Date of Submission: 02/12/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Correct the inequity in the reimbursement rate for Nemours Children's Hospital through recurring funding. The Agency for Health Care Administration has recognized this funding inequity and submitted a Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Legislative Budget Request issue titled "Funding to Address the Inequity in Reimbursement Rate." However, the LBR does not take into account the Medicaid service volumes experienced by the hospital through Medicaid managed care. (Over 70% of the hospital's patient volume is Medicaid.)

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Agency for Health Care Administration

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	43,012,943
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	43,012,943

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	43,012,943	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	43,012,943	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$43,012,943

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	The recurring funds provided through correction of the Medicaid reimbursement to Nemours will allow it to be reimbursed in the same manner as the other specialty children's hospitals, and will be used to pay salaries and benefits of clinical and medical professionals for the delivery of and improved access to care to pediatric patients in need of inpatient and outpatient services.	25,807,766
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The recurring funds provided through correction of the Medicaid reimbursement to Nemours will allow it to be reimbursed in the same manner as the other specialty children's hospitals, and will be used to pay for expenses, equipment, and supplies needed to support the inpatient and outpatient services provided to pediatric patients.	17,205,177
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		43,012,943

11. Program Performance:

a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

Maintain or expand inpatient and outpatient hospital services to the under-served and Medicaid pediatric population in the immediate Central Florida area and statewide.

b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Improve access to pediatric care, improve parental care, increase preventative care, increase parental education, improve pediatric outcomes and safety, and decrease over-utilization of the emergency department.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Inpatient and outpatient services to pediatric patients.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Over 800 pediatric patients.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome



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will be measured?

Strategies will be put in place to improve access to care, develop and expand programs and initiatives to meet the unique needs of the pediatric patient such as telemedicine, patient centered medicine, critical care transport, language/interpretation services, family education programs, and social services resources.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

None

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** The Nemours Foundation d/b/a Nemours Children's Hospital
- b. **County:** Orange
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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