

2024 Legislative Session Overview

The focus of the 2024 Legislative Session was on health care, as the Live Healthy Act brought historic wins for Florida’s health care delivery system. Below is an overview of hospital-impact legislation & funding.



Senate President
Kathleen Passidomo



Live Healthy Act SB 7016/SB 7018/SB 330/HB 7089

Key Provisions:

- ✔ **Medicaid Rate Increase for Hospital Labor & Delivery Care (\$134 M)**
- ✔ Medicaid Reimbursement for Hospital @ Home Services
- ✔ \$150 M to Increase Medicaid GME Funding
- ✔ \$50 M Yearly for Health Innovation Revolving Loans
- ✔ \$30 million to increase award amounts through the FRAME student loan repayment program
- ✔ \$5 M to expand LINE Nursing Education Partnerships
- ✔ Creates a Free Health Screening Grant Program
- ✔ Creates Behavioral Health Teaching Hospitals (\$321 M)
- ✔ Promotes Interstate Mobility, Licensure Compacts, Temp Licenses

FHA Amended 3 Areas of Concern →

Hospital ED Diversion

- Strong EMTALA language
- Increased impetus on insurance companies

Advanced Birthing Centers

- FHA secured rulemaking authority
- Consistently opposed with key lawmakers – prepared draft safety improvements

Hospital Price Transparency

- Now allows for price estimator tools
- Delayed implementation of good faith estimates

FHA-Sponsored Legislation & Funding

Rural Hospitals Secured \$10 M for Capital Improvement / Passed SB 644 – REH

FHA-led funding request & legislation to preserve and protect rural hospitals.



Rep. Jason Shoaf (R – Port St. Joe)



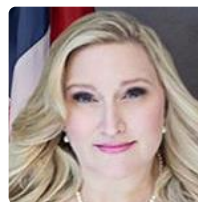
Senator Cory Simon (R – North Florida)

Managed Care Plan Transparency Amended to State Budget & Passed

Create transparent, real-time reporting that gives lawmakers the information they need to make policy decisions for the Medicaid program.



Senator Gayle Harrell (R – Stuart)



Rep. Kim Berfield (R – Clearwater)

Payer Accountability (HB 1475 / SB 1574)

Stalled










Comprehensive legislation in both chambers to address prior authorization, prompt pay, and downcoding for ALL PAYERS

340b Provider Protections (SB 1608)

Stalled

FHA Championed Legislation protecting 340b provider from harmful, discriminatory pricing and regulatory arrangements

FHA Defeated These Unnecessary Regulations On Hospitals

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|  Mandatory Surgical Smoke Protection Devices |  Mandatory Hospital Staffing Ratios |  Prohibition on Non-Competes with Physicians |
|  Directed Payment Program Restrictions on LIP, DSH, IME |  Wrongful Death New Plaintiffs Class |  Emergency Department Pediatric Care Regs |
|  Hospital Requirements for Vaccinations & Reporting |  PIP Repeal & Harmful Payer Mix Shifts |  Review of Independent Hospital Districts |