NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING IMPOSING AND COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FROM SPECIFIED HOSPITAL PROPERTIES

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, will conduct a public hearing pursuant to the Hospital Directed Payment Program Ordinance adopted on April 23, 2024 to consider the approval of the imposition and collection of non-ad valorem special assessments against each private for-profit and not-for-profit hospital that provides inpatient hospital services and that holds a right of possession and right of use to real property in Pinellas County (each, an "Assessed Property"). The list of affected hospitals is included at the conclusion of this notice. **The imposition and collection of the non-ad valorem special assessments is in alignment with Pinellas County Ordinance 24-16 establishing the Pinellas County Local Provider Participation Fund in April 2024.**

The assessments are intended to finance intergovernmental transfers, consistent with federal guidelines, that fund the non-federal share of certain supplemental payment programs for certain Medicaid and/or Medicaid managed care payments. As a result, the assessments directly and specially benefit Assessed Properties and support the provision of health care services to Medicaid, indigent, and uninsured members of the County's community.

A public hearing on the Resolution with virtual public participation and an on-site participation option, to be held on **Tuesday**, **June 17**, **2025**, **at 9:30 A.M.** or thereafter in the **Palm Room**, **333 Chestnut Steet**, **Clearwater**, **Florida 33756**, with virtual participation utilizing Communications Media Technology (CMT) on the Zoom platform.

The public hearing will be streamed live at https://youtube.com/pcctv1 and www.pinellascounty.org/TV, and broadcast on the Pinellas County cable public access channels:

Spectrum Channel 637

Frontier Channel 44

WOW! Channel 18

Members of the public wishing to address the body may attend in person, attend virtually or provide comments in advance.

To address the County Commission in person, members of the public are encouraged to preregister at https://pinellas.gov/bccagendacomment. Preregistration is encouraged but not required if individuals plan to attend the meeting at the Assembly Room. Those who have not preregistered may register when they arrive.

Members of the public wishing to address the body virtually via Zoom or by phone are required to preregister by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting by visiting pinellas.gov/comment. The registration form requires full name, address and telephone number if joining by phone, along with the topic or agenda item to be addressed. Members of the public who cannot access the registration form via the internet may call (727) 464-3000 to request assistance preregistering. Only members of the public who have preregistered by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting will be recognized and unmuted to offer comments. If a member of the public does not log in with the same Zoom name or phone number provided in the registration form, they may not be recognized to speak.

Members of the public wishing to provide comments in advance may call the Agenda Comment Line at (727) 464-4400 or complete the online comment form at https://pinellas.gov/bccagendacomment. Comments on any agenda item must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting. All comments on any agenda item received by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting will be included as part of the official

record for this meeting and will be available to be considered by the County Commission prior to any action taken.

Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may provide public input on any agenda item through use of the <u>State of Florida's relay service</u> at 7-1-1.

The agenda for this meeting and information about participation options can be found at <u>pinellascounty.org/bcc</u>. Interested parties may appear at the hearing or use one of the other methods above to be heard regarding the proposed Resolution:

TITLE OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

AN ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY **COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS** COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND **ADOPTING NON-AD VALOREM** SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY LIMITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BENEFITING ASSESSED PROPERTIES THROUGH SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL SERVICES; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IS SPECIALLY BENEFITED BY THE ASSESSMENT; COLLECTING THE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER IMPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS AND THE METHOD OF COLLECTION; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH: PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS AND DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY AS NECESSARY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Resolution can be viewed online at https://www.pinellascounty.org/BCC_agenda.htm. The Resolution can also be inspected at the County Board Records Department, 315 Court Street, Fifth Floor, Clearwater, Florida 33756.

Pinellas County has prepared the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll being considered for approval. The roll contains the names of the Assessed Properties, the assessment rates, and the amount of the special assessments to be imposed against each Assessed Property. The Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll is available for inspection at the Pinellas County Board Records Department, 315 Court Street, Fifth Floor, Clearwater, Florida 33756 during regular business hours. The assessment rates set forth in the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll are comprised of two bases: **18.46%** of inpatient net patient revenue without Medicare and **1.61%** of outpatient gross patient revenue.

At the date and time set forth in this notice, the Board of County Commissioners may: (1) approve the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll, with such amendments as it deems just and right, and (2) adopt a resolution (the "Assessment Resolution") that describes: (a) the supplemental payments proposed for funding from proceeds of the assessments, (b) the benefits to the Assessed Properties, (c) the methodology for computing the assessed amounts, and (d) the method of collection, including how and when the assessments are to be paid.

All interested persons have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board prior to the resolution vote. All objections to the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll being considered for approval must be made in writing, and filed with the County by 5:00 P.M. June 16, 2025. Written objections should be sent to the attention of the County Board Records Department, 315 Court Street, Fifth Floor, Clearwater, Florida 33756.

The amount of the assessments is to be collected pursuant to an additional and alternative method, as specified in § 197.3631, Fla. Stat. with specific details to be included in the Assessment Resolution.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO NEED REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS TO EFFECTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING ARE ASKED TO CONTACT PINELLAS COUNTY'S OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY EMAILING SUCH REQUESTS TO ACCOMMODATIONS@PINELLAS.GOV AT LEAST THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE NEED FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION. YOU MAY ALSO CALL (727) 464-4882 (VOICE) OR (727) 464-4062 (TDD). MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADA, AND REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION, MAY BE FOUND AT PINELLAS.GOV/ACCESSIBILITY-ASSISTANCE.

Pursuant to § 286.0105, Fla. Stat., if a person decides to appeal any decision of the Board of County Commissioners on any matter considered at the public hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings. For such purpose, a person appealing the decision may need to ensure the creation of a verbatim record, which captures the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

KEN BURKE, CLERK TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS By: Derelynn Revie, Deputy Clerk

List of Affected Properties:

The special assessments are to be levied against each private for-profit and not-for-profit hospital operating under a Florida hospital license affiliated with the following providers of inpatient hospital services that holds a right of possession and right of use to real property in Pinellas County, Florida:

Hospital Name: Adventhealth North Pinellas

Address: 1395 South Pinellas Ave., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Parcel ID:13-27-15-00000-340-0100

Hospital Name: Baycare Alliant Hospital Address: 601 Main Street, Dunedin, FL 34698

Parcel ID: 27-28-15-00000-440-0300

Hospital Name: Bayfront Health St. Petersburg

Address: 701 6th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Parcel ID: 19-31-17-03478-001-0011

Hospital Name: Encompass Health Rehab Hospital of Largo Address: 901 Clearwater Largo Road N, Largo, FL 33770 Parcel ID: 28-29-15-37989-001-0010

Hospital Name: HCA Florida Largo Hospital Address: 201 14th Street NW, Largo, FL 33770

Parcel ID: 33-29-15-50250-000-0010

Hospital Name: HCA Florida Northside Hospital Address: 6000 49th Street N, St. Petersburg, FL 33709

Parcel ID: 33-30-16-69948-400-4501

Hospital Name: HCA Florida Pasadena Hospital

Address: 1501 Pasadena Ave., St. Petersburg, FL 33707

Parcel ID: 30-31-16-18180-000-0300

Hospital Name: HCA Florida St. Petersburg Hospital Address: 6500 38th Ave. N, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Parcel ID: 08-31-16-78382-001-0010

Hospital Name: All Children's Hospital

Address: 501 6th Ave. S, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Parcel ID: 19-31-17-59257-001-0010

Hospital Name: Mease Countryside Hospital

Address: 3231 McMullen Booth Road, Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Parcel ID: 21-28-16-00000-210-0400

Hospital Name: Mease Dunedin Hospital Address: 601 Main Street, Dunedin, FL 34698

Parcel ID: 27-28-15-00000-440-0300

Hospital Name: Morton Plant Hospital

Address: 323 Jeffords Street, Clearwater, FL 33756

Parcel ID: 21-29-15-00000-120-1500

Hospital Name: St. Anthony's Hospital

Address: 1200 7th Avenue N, St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Parcel ID: 13-31-16-77879-000-0100

Hospital Name: Kindred Hospital Bay Area St. Petersburg Hospital

Address: 3030 6th Avenue S, St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Parcel ID: 31-31-17-01323-001-0010

Hospital Name: Windmoor Healthcare of Clearwater Hospital

Address: 11300 U.S. 19 N, Clearwater, FL 33764

Parcel ID: 16-30-16-69732-200-2401