

RESOLUTION NO. 17- 70

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE LETTER AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO INITIATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXPANDING HEALTHCARE SERVICES

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, the Florida Legislature, through the General Appropriations Act, has designated funding for the purpose of providing assistance to hospitals that provide inpatient and outpatient health care services through the Medicaid Program;

WHEREAS, the Medicaid Low Income Pool (LIP) and other similar programs allow local governments to increase certain Medicaid hospital payments by providing Intergovernmental Transfers (IGTs);

WHEREAS, the source of IGTs must be locally generated tax dollars;

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of funding available for IGTs within the Human Services budget has been approximately \$10 million annually;

WHEREAS, based on the turnaround time of agreements with the state, delegated authority has been previously granted to the County Administrator for up to \$10.1 million;

WHEREAS, under delegated authority for FY2017, IGTs in the amount of \$2,233,192.00 have been executed with local hospital partners; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation that the State Legislature may continue to designate funding for the purpose of providing assistance to hospitals through LIP or similar programs to expand healthcare services, Human Services is seeking to extend the current delegation of authority including and beyond FY2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, in a public meeting duly assembled this 26th day of September 2017 that the County Administrator is authorized to execute necessary agreements with the state and with local partners to initiate IGTs up to the amount of appropriated funds budgeted to Human Services and identified by Human Services as appropriate for LIP and similar programs to expand health services for low-income and charitable care in FY 2018 and in each fiscal year beyond FY 2018 with a report every five (5) years to the Board.

Commissioner Justice offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Morrone, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Long, Welch, Eggers, Gerard, Justice, Morrone, and Seel.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:



Office of the County Attorney