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Challenges in Healthcare

Today's health care industry is extremely complex and it is challenging for patients to understand what their health care services might cost. In addition, consumers are having to take on greater financial responsibility for their health expenses. FH supports public policies that lower the cost of care while maintaining high quality and safety standards.

FH supports increasing transparency in health care. Transparency is not just a hospital issue, but should be a collaboration between hospitals, physicians, insurance companies, employers, lawmakers, and patients. In 2014, FH provided over 90,000 personalized procedure estimates to patients in advance. FH supports the efforts of the Florida Hospital Association to create a transparency website that will be a starting point for patients to research different hospitals. Any pricing websites should include quality and price information, as well as the more meaningful information on how patients can obtain customized estimates based on their health history and insurance.

- **Support FHA statewide transparency website**

Florida Hospital opposes legislation to allow overnight stays at Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs). For more serious procedures that would necessitate an overnight stay, it is important that a patient has access to the full medical backup of a hospital. ASCs have no existing requirement that ensures they provide care to the poor and uninsured. Expanding overnight stays in this environment would create competition inequities and would result in overall increased cost.

- **Oppose SB 212/HB 85, establishing recovery care centers and allowing overnight stays at ASCs**

Florida Hospital supports the continuation of the existing Certificate of Need (CON) process in Florida. Studies show that health care costs in non-CON states are up to three times higher than in CON-states. Movement to do away with CON would be destabilizing to the health care sector in this time of uncertainty.

- **Oppose SB 1144/HB 437, removing the CON process for hospitals**

Florida Hospital is a not-for-profit hospital system with 22 hospitals in 11 counties. We are part of Adventist Health System, the largest protestant not-for-profit hospital system in the US. We have received the #1 hospital ranking in Florida the past 3 years. Our flagship campus in Orlando serves more Medicare patients than any other hospital in the US.

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