



THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

BILL GALVANO

President of the Senate

JOSE R. OLIVA

*Speaker of the House of
Representatives*

July 18, 2019

The Honorable Jimmy Patronis
Chief Financial Officer
Plaza Level 11, The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear CFO Patronis,

Section 409.915(8), F.S., requires the Chief Financial Officer to transfer a portion of medical hospital fees from the General Revenue Fund to the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund beginning in the 2013-14 fiscal year. Specifically, the statute requires the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to certify the amount to be transferred to the Chief Financial Officer by July 20 of each year.

The statute provides for the calculation of the transfer amount as follows:

... an amount equal to the amounts transferred to the General Revenue Fund in the previous fiscal year ... reduced by the amount of refunds paid ... which are in excess of the official estimate for medical hospital fees for such previous fiscal year adopted by the Revenue Estimating Conference on January 12, 2012, as reflected in the conference's workpapers.

The total amount of medical hospital fees transferred to the General Revenue Fund in FY 2018-19 was \$298.7 million, compared to the January 12, 2012, estimate for FY 2018-19 of \$354.2 million.

Consequently, no transfer to the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund is required for FY 2019-20. Projections for future years are attached. These projections are based on the March 2019 General Revenue Estimating Conference.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy J. Baker".

Amy J. Baker
Coordinator

Attachment: Medical Hospital Fees Forecast

**Calculation of repayments to the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund required by
section 409.915, F.S.**

	January 2012 forecast	MAR 2019 GR REC Medical-hospital Fees estimate⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Required Repayments to the LCEF
FY 2012-13	286.8	332.1	
FY 2013-14	328.9	296.1	45.3
FY 2014-15	362.0	289.6	0.0
FY 2015-16	341.2	301.6	0.0
FY 2016-17	332.3	301.5	0.0
FY 2017-18	338.2	295.3	0.0
FY 2018-19	354.2	298.7	0.0
FY 2019-20	370.8	302.1	0.0
FY 2020-21	388.2	330.8	0.0
FY 2021-22	406.4	335.7	304.7

⁽¹⁾ 2012-13 through 2018-19 medical-hospital fees reflect actual receipts.

⁽²⁾ "Medical-hospital Fees" shown as "Counties' Medicaid Share" on GR REC documents.