

## **Statement from Agency General Counsel**

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## Today, AHCA's General Counsel, Stuart Williams sent the following to Social Service Estimating Conference principals:

"There has been discussion in the press about what the law does and does not allow concerning what information the conference can consider. The statute [§§215.133-.134, Fla. Stat.] clearly allows varying assumptions to be requested and considered.

The December 17th AHCA forecast was based on a series of assumptions used to determine cost. As of today, we have been asked by other principals to provide other estimates based on other assumptions. AHCA is responding to these requests.

There is no limit in the statute to what can be <u>requested</u>, <u>produced or discussed</u>. The only limit is that, unless all the principals agree otherwise, current law and current administrative practices are to be used in what the conference <u>adopts</u>."