



Statement from the Secretary

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Statement from Secretary Dudek about Agency's ability to resolve Medicaid billing administrative disputes with 66 counties

“I am thankful for the collaboration from Florida’s county governments in helping the Agency resolve the ongoing and outstanding dispute about the county share of cost for Medicaid recipients. Only four counties chose to exercise their right to file an administrative petition challenging the amount of their retrospective Medicaid bills as certified by the Agency: Bay, St. Lucie, St. Johns and Broward. Bay County later voluntarily dismissed its administrative challenge. Through mediation both St. Lucie and St. Johns Counties have recently settled their administrative challenges. We will continue to work with Broward County to attempt to finally resolve the last remaining administrative challenge.

“Successfully working through this process was possible because of collaboration with many partners, including the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Revenue, the Florida Association of Counties, the Small Counties Coalition of Florida, and local officials and staff from Florida’s county governments. Further, the Agency will continue to plan for a change in the county share of cost system that will take effect July 1, 2013, upon implementation of the diagnosis related group (DRG) system for hospital in-patient services.”

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