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## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

### Healthcare Leaders Applaud Governor Scott's "Keep Florida Working" Budget

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Today, Governor Scott signed his 2015-2016 *Keep Florida Working* budget, strengthening Florida's position as a leader in health care quality.

**Elizabeth Dudek, Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration**, said, "It's good to see this budget building on the success of previous budgets and supporting innovative and groundbreaking programs that improve healthcare quality and promote efficiency. Keeping our best and brightest right here in Florida is a top priority and thanks to Governor Scott's steadfast support for graduate medical education, we will continue to retain talent."

**John P. Fogarty, M.D., Chair of the Council of Florida Medical School Deans**, said, "Today's medical students will be the doctors that treat our children and grandchildren in the future. Making sure that they remain in Florida after completing their residency is a vital part of providing quality healthcare to Floridians for many years to come. Each of the medical schools is working hard to increase the number of residency positions in the state, which is the best way to keep them here to practice when they finish their training. I applaud the Governor's focus on graduate medical education and appreciate his continued dedication to the Statewide Residency Program."

**Bob McClure, Ph.D., President and CEO, James Madison Institute**, said, "Governor Scott should be commended for continuing to seek out a greater price transparency in healthcare delivery systems for Florida's Medicaid program, and ultimately Florida's taxpayers. Gaining efficiency in the current system is paramount. This study will help create a more consistent, transparent, and equitable payment system for outpatient services and facilitate precisely the kind of positive healthcare reforms that JMI has championed."

To view the complete list of Governor Scott's *Keep Florida Working* Budget allocations, please visit <http://www.KeepFloridaWorking.com>.

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