

CHAPTER 2004-460

House Bill No. 1609

An act relating to the North Lake County Hospital District, Lake County; amending chapter 2002-348, Laws of Florida; providing for payment of tax proceeds to designees of the Florida Hospital Waterman, Inc., and Leesburg Regional Medical Center, Inc., under specified circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections D and E of section 4 of section 3 of chapter 2002-348, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

Section 4. POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND DUTIES.—

D. Tax proceeds to charitable foundations; hospitals.—All future tax proceeds generated from within the Northeast Territory, less one-half of the amount reserved annually by the board to pay for maintenance and services for the board, shall be paid by the board of trustees to Florida Hospital Waterman Foundation, Inc., or other entity determined by Florida Hospital Waterman, Inc., if it so desires in order to maximize moneys received, upon written request by Florida Hospital Waterman Foundation, Inc., that the funds are needed for health care. All future proceeds generated from within the Northwest Territory, less one-half of the amount reserved annually by the board to pay for maintenance and services for the board, shall be paid by the board of trustees to Leesburg Regional Medical Center Charitable Foundation, Inc., or other entity determined by Leesburg Regional Medical Center, Inc., if it so desires in order to maximize moneys received, upon written request by Leesburg Regional Medical Center Charitable Foundation, Inc., that the funds are needed for health care.

E. LifeStream Behavioral Center.—Leesburg Regional Medical Center Charitable Foundations, Inc., and Florida Hospital Waterman Foundation, Inc., have brought to the attention of their the respective boards that LifeStream Behavioral Center should be entitled to receive the following sums, after submission of a written request by LifeStream Behavioral Center certifying that the funds are needed for indigent health care. The request shall be made to Florida Hospital Waterman Foundation, Inc., and Leesburg Regional Medical Center Charitable Foundation, Inc. Florida Hospital Waterman Foundation, Inc., and Leesburg Regional Medical Center Charitable Foundation, Inc., shall pay the following sums to LifeStream Behavioral Center from their respective share of tax funds collected and received by Florida Hospital Waterman Foundation, Inc., and Leesburg Regional Medical Center Charitable Foundation, Inc.

1. For each year after calendar year 1993, LifeStream Behavioral Center shall be paid \$100,000 or $\frac{1}{20}$ of 1 mill of the tax moneys due Florida Hospital Waterman Foundation, Inc., from the Northeast Territory, whichever is greater, plus \$100,000 or $\frac{1}{20}$ of 1 mill of the tax moneys due Leesburg Regional Medical Center Charitable Foundation, Inc., from the Northwest

Territory, whichever is greater. If Florida Hospital Waterman Foundation, Inc., or Leesburg Regional Medical Center Charitable Foundation, Inc., refuses to pay LifeStream Behavioral Center the funds due under this section in any given year, during the next fiscal year of the Board of Trustees of the North Lake County Hospital District, the Board of Trustees of the North Lake County Hospital District shall directly pay LifeStream Behavioral Center an amount equal to the funds withheld during the previous year by the subject provider payable from funds that ~~which~~ would otherwise be payable to the subject provider.

2. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this act, the obligation to pay tax revenues to LifeStream Behavioral Center under this act shall permanently terminate in the year:

a. When a countywide health taxing district is created and funded pursuant to chapter 154, Florida Statutes, the countywide health taxing district provides for reimbursement on an accountability basis to medical providers for medical, hospital, and emergency care, including psychiatric care provided to indigents ~~indigent~~ residing within the county, and the countywide health taxing district actually reimburses LifeStream Behavioral Center for medical services in an amount greater than or equal to the tax revenues received under the provisions of this act in 1 calendar year; or

b. If LifeStream Behavioral Center, for any reason, loses, relinquishes, or forfeits its accreditation as a hospital.

Any reimbursement for medical services paid to LifeStream Behavioral Center by any future countywide health taxing district shall be deducted from the amount of tax revenues to be paid under this act. It is the intent of this act that the tax revenue ~~revenues~~ payments provided for LifeStream Behavioral Center in this act be reduced by the same amount that is actually paid to the hospital by the countywide taxing district.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 17, 2004.

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