

The Low Income Pool (LIP) Program Overview

Federally Qualified Health Centers
(FQHCs)



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History of FQHC LIP Categories

- LIP funds were provided for eligible providers to cover health care costs for which compensation was not available from other payors.
- LIP provided government support for providers that furnished uncompensated care to the Medicaid, underinsured, and uninsured populations.



History of FQHC LIP Categories (Cont.)

- LIP was also designed to establish new, or enhance existing, innovative programs to improve the quality of care for low income populations.
 - \$7.2 million Department of Health (DOH) funds
 - To provide funds for county health initiatives emphasizing the expansion of primary care services and rural health networks.
 - Primary Care Initiatives
 - To provide services most needed by local communities; expand local capacity to treat patients; reduce unnecessary emergency room visits and preventable hospitalizations.
 - \$11 million
 - To provide Medicaid low-income pool payments to FQHCs to support primary care services in medically underserved areas.



Historical LIP Funding

State Fiscal Year	Total LIP Funds Distributed to FQHCs
2006 – 2007	\$14,549,318
2007 – 2008	\$14,984,328
2008 – 2009	\$13,295,893
2009 – 2010	\$17,877,241
2010 – 2011	\$27,757,096
2011 – 2012	\$27,975,963
2012 – 2013	\$39,620,423
2013 – 2014	\$40,222,124
2014 – 2015	\$41,746,808
TOTAL	\$238,029,194



Additional Non-LIP Funding for FQHCs SFY 2015 - 2016

- FQHCs were not included in LIP for SFY 2015-16 and SFY 2016-17, but were eligible to receive funding from other sources.
- Grant Program for Community Primary Care Services
 - Available funding: \$28,550,939
 - Increase access to primary care services in order to expand primary care clinic services for the uninsured and underinsured. Intended to reduce unnecessary emergency room visits and preventable hospitalizations.
- Department of Health Grant for Community Health Centers
 - Available funding: \$18,276,256
 - Distribution of funds to eligible FQHCs in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 216, Florida Statutes.

2015-2016 General Appropriations Act (Senate Bill 2500)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015A/2500A/BillText/er/PDF>



Additional Non-LIP Funding for FQHCs SFY 2016 - 2017

- Department of Health Grant for Community Health Centers
 - Available funding: \$9,000,000
 - Distribution of funds to eligible FQHCs in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 216, Florida Statutes.

2016-2017 General Appropriations Act (House Bill 5001)

<http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2016/5001/BillText/er/PDF>



New LIP STCs

- Beginning in SFY 2017-18, the STCs for LIP changed significantly from previous demonstration years.
- The new LIP program provides government support for safety net providers for the costs of uncompensated charity care for low-income individuals who are uninsured.
- Uncompensated care (UC) includes charity care for the uninsured but does not include UC for insured individuals, “bad debt”, or Medicaid and CHIP shortfall.
- The total allotment for LIP (\$1,508,385,773) was calculated solely on total hospital charity care costs.



Changes to Payment Methodology

- Providers may be categorized in up to three groups:
 - Hospitals
 - Medical School Physician Practices
 - FQHCs/Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
- Each group can be divided up to five tiered subgroups based on ownership, UC Ratio, or ownership and UC Ratio.
- UC Ratio is the amount of a provider's uncompensated uninsured charity care costs, expressed as a percentage of its privately insured patient care costs.
- FQHCs/RHCs are limited to a \$50,000,000 allotment each year.



Changes to Payment Methodology (Cont.)

- All providers within a subgroup (tier) must be paid the same percentage of their charity care costs.
- A subgroup (tier) with a lower range of UC Ratio cannot be paid a greater share of their charity care costs than providers in tiers with higher UC Ratio.
- LIP payment calculation is not based on Intergovernmental Transfers (IGTs) contribution.
- IGTs are voluntary and there is no guaranteed return.



Participation Requirements

- FQHCs must meet participation requirements to be eligible to receive LIP funds.
- FQHCs must contract with at least 50% of Standard Plan MCOs in their region.
- Providers must be enrolled in Medicaid.
- A provider who meets the participation requirements must be paid their portion of LIP funds regardless of IGT contribution.



Q&A



References

Link to New STCs:

http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/Policy_and_Quality/Policy/federal_authorities/federal_waivers/docs/mma/Special_Terms_and_Conditions_CMS_Approved_June_8_2018.pdf

Link to LIP/DSH Unit Website:

<http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/Finance/finance/LIP-DSH/index.shtml>



SFY 2017-18 LIP Distribution

017234400	Agape Community Health Center	\$ 135,542
029543400	Azalea Health	\$ 1,383,862
013881900	Banyan Community Health Clinic	\$ 215,995
060551400	Bond Community Health Clinic	\$ 360,731
029554000	Borinquen Health Care Center	\$ 2,599,882
688693100	Brevard Health Alliance	\$ 1,917,066
680027100	Broward Community & Family Health	\$ 356,975
008037100	C.L. Brumback Palm Beach	\$ 2,245,566
680002500	Camillus Health Concern, Inc.	\$ 801,737
003407900	Care Resource	\$ 1,203,202
010930500	Center For Families & Child Enrichment	\$ 216,595
029551500	Central Florida Family Health Centers	\$ 1,411,079
029549300	Central Florida Health Care - Frostproof	\$ 805,352
688571300	Citrus Health Network	\$ 1,124,491
029152800	Collier Health Services, Inc.	\$ 1,413,270
029572800	Community Health Center South Florida	\$ 4,575,025
029545100	Community Health Centers	\$ 2,254,900
029565500	Community Health Centers Pinellas	\$ 1,235,229
010739700	Empower-U	\$ 81,470
692990700	Escambia Community Clinics	\$ 911,663
029570100	Family Health Center of SW Florida	\$ 1,049,770
687955100	Family Health Source - Pierson	\$ 172,652
684660200	Florida Community Health Centers	\$ 998,720
001182600	Foundcare	\$ 680,168
006608600	Genesis	\$ 257,342
687429100	Health Care for The Homeless	\$ 1,193,157
001718300	Heart of Florida Health Center	\$ 507,394
029540000	Jessie Trice Community Health Center	\$ 2,550,562
029547700	Langley Health Services	\$ 356,238
014789100	Lee Community Healthcare	\$ 198,213
029561200	Manatee County Rural Health Services	\$ 3,812,207
029544200	Miami Beach Community Health Center	\$ 1,427,011
262263700	Neighborhood Medical Center	\$ 340,418
027973100	New River - Union County County Health Department	\$ 145,445
029568000	North Florida Medical Center	\$ 423,836
010433900	North Port Health Center - Sarasota	\$ 753,062
020530900	Osceola Community Health Services	\$ 677,247
029506000	Palms Medical Group	\$ 964,834
689693600	PanCare Health Center	\$ 595,671
688412100	Pinellas County Health and Community Services	\$ 379,863
029550700	Premier HealthCare Group	\$ 1,311,844
006558500	Rural Health Network of Monroe County	\$ 178,842
686032000	Sulzbacher Ctr for the Homeless	\$ 625,953
029557400	Suncoast Health Community Center	\$ 2,656,871
029548500	Tampa Community Health Center	\$ 1,722,467
680005000	Treasure Coast	\$ 431,592
027976500	Walton County Health Department	\$ 338,989
Totals Group 3 - FQHCs		\$ 50,000,000