

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

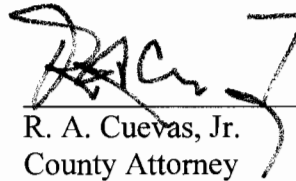
DATE: September 1, 2009

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Congress
to increase Federal
reimbursements to Jackson
Health System for its existing
residency program

Resolution No. R-1076-09

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.



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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Mayor's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO INCREASE FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENTS TO JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM FOR ITS EXISTING RESIDENCY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Jackson Health System is one of the largest hospital teaching programs in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Jackson trains approximately 1,100 future doctors each year, and this is a very important facet of Jackson's mission and vision especially given the growing concern over physician shortages; and

WHEREAS, Florida currently ranks 43rd in physician residents per capita, along with the states of North Dakota, Oklahoma and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, teaching residents, interns and fellows are very costly; and

WHEREAS, while the federal government reimburses some portion of the cost associated with graduate medical education, it doesn't cover the entire cost and has capped reimbursement for Jackson at around 638 residents since the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, the federal government does not fund the remaining 462 residents; and

WHEREAS, Jackson receives some additional reimbursement from other hospitals, such as the Miami Veteran's Administration Hospital and Mount Sinai Medical Center, for approximately 200 residents who train in these facilities, but there is still a large number of residents that are completely unfunded and for which Jackson must absorb the cost; and

WHEREAS, Jackson spends approximately \$28 million a year on teaching residents, interns and fellows that goes unreimbursed; and

WHEREAS, we must not only increase the number of residency slots in Florida, but also adequately reimburse existing residency programs such as Jackson's; and

WHEREAS, given the financial challenges that Jackson currently faces, it is critically important that federal funding for Jackson residents be increased,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges Congress to increase reimbursements to Jackson Health System for its existing residency program.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs that the 2009 and 2010 Federal Legislative Packages be amended to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Joe A. Martinez. It was offered by Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	aye	
	Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	aye	
Bruno A. Barreiro	absent	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dorin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 2009. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK



By: **DIANE COLLINS** _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JMM", is written over a horizontal line.

Jess M. McCarty