



## Board of Directors Meeting

September 8, 2011

### Approve JWB's Participation in the Medicaid Buy-Back Program

#### Item III.A.

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**Recommended Action:** Approve JWB's participation in the Medicaid Buy-Back Program.

**Budget Impact:** Up to \$3.5M will be provided to the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on behalf of All Children's Hospital. All Children's Hospital will partner with JWB to support children's community behavioral health services, which will reduce JWB's investment in the Suncoast Center. Up to \$350K will be added to the Program Stability Fund.

**Strategic Plan Goal:** Wisely invest public dollars. Advance the Strategic Plan goals in the areas of school readiness, school success and elimination of child abuse and neglect.

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#### Background:

ACH is a free-standing, 259-bed Children's Hospital located in St. Petersburg. ACH is part of the All Children's Health System, which includes the foundation and other affiliates including physician practices, community outreach, and pediatric behavioral health services. As of April 1, 2011, ACH was integrated with Johns Hopkins Health System based in Baltimore, Maryland. Nearly 70% of ACH's patient services are provided to Medicaid enrollees.

Staff is proposing JWB's participation in the Medicaid Buy-Back Program. Provisions were included in legislation to allow hospitals with qualified Intergovernmental Transfers (IGTs) to buy back rate reductions. JWB would provide IGT's on behalf of All Children's Hospital for services rendered to Medicaid eligible children. Medicaid eligibility is determined as follows:

Children under 1 year of age – 200% Federal Poverty Level  
1-5 – 133%  
6-18 – 100%

The legislation authorizing the Buy-Back Program is as follows:

Florida General Appropriations Act 2011-12 (Conference Report SB 2000, Specific Line Items 177 & 182 and SB 2002 Implementing Bill)