



The Briefing – Thursday – August 18 – 2022

The last Briefing was Tuesday - August 16, 2022

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The Quick

Counties Requested to Provide Information Regarding Estimated Cost to meet the Minimum Wage Requirement for Direct Care Employees of Medicaid Providers

[Survey of Cost to comply with Mandate for Minimum Wage for Medicaid Provider Direct Care Employees .docx](#)

The Small County Coalition is working with the Florida Association of Counties to clarify and resolve confusion regarding the Proviso Language mandating a minimum wage of \$15.00 per hr. for county Medicaid direct care employees. We are engaged with the leadership of the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Governors Office. The following survey was sent to County Officers yesterday requesting information regarding the impact of this mandate at the local level. We are seeking answers that will give us information on the following:

- The total number of the direct care employees employed by the county.
- The number of direct care employees do not currently make a base rate if \$15.00 per hour.
- The estimated cost to implement a base rate the \$15.00 per hour wage for direct care employees that currently paid less than a base rate of \$15.00 per hr.
- The estimated cost to implement a base rate of \$15.00 per hr including estimated overtime for direct care employees that do not currently receive the \$15.00 per hr. wage.

Small County Coalition Officers Request Changes in Draft Broadband Rules Letter Regarding DEO - Draft Broadband Rules, Form, and Scoring - 8-17-22 .docx

Excerpt from Letter sent to Secretary Dane Eagle requesting changes to the Draft Documents posted regarding the Broadband Opportunity Grants Program –

“The Office of Broadband recently posted on the DEO website draft rules, forms, and criteria associated with the implementation of the Broadband Opportunity Grant Program. We have done an initial review of the documents and have requested our members to engage in a review to identify concerns, implementation issues, or items that need clarification. At this point – we understand that the Department will be seeking input into the rules and we intend to encourage our members to participate fully in the workshops that are scheduled through the end of the month.

In our initial review – we have identified the following issues that we request be addressed in terms of inclusion into or modification of the draft documents –

1. *The funding of applications is proposed to be on a reimbursement basis - This will effectively undermine an applicant with limited resources for the long-term benefit this will bring to our citizens and businesses. The program should provide some advanced funds to initiate the project.*
2. *There is nothing in the rule, application, or scoring that mentions engagement with the Local Technology Planning Team. The role of the LTPT, at a minimum, should be to engage with potential applicants to understand and comment on a proposed application. LTPT review should be written into the rule and application process.*
3. *There is no reference to Waiver of Match as required in F.S. 285.0681.*
4. *There is no reference to special consideration for rural areas as required in F.S. 288.019 - Rural considerations in grant review and evaluation processes.”*

Projected State Revenue Collections Adjusted Upward by \$5.3 billion

Executive Summary of General Revenue Calculation

State economists met on Tuesday and increased Florida’s projected general revenue by about \$5.3 billion. The revised projection means state lawmakers will have more money to construct the FY 22-23 budget during the 2023 legislative session. Projected general revenue for the 2022-2023 fiscal year was adjusted upward by \$3.45 billion and increased for the 2023-2024 year by \$1.82 billion. State sales tax made up for the bulk of the increased revenue.

State Board of Education Members Request Review of District LGBTQ Support Documents

Florida Education Commissioner Manny Diaz Jr. gave the Florida Department of Education to review LGBTQ support documents at all school districts. The direction came after a discussion at the State Board of Education meeting asserted that some district guides may violate could violate a controversial new law. The DOE will probe whether any districts’ LGBTQ support guides run afoul of the law.

Headlines from around the State

NWF Daily News: Women Against Matt Gaetz call out Northwest Florida congressman ahead of Niceville High's Academy Night

FlaPol: Marco Rubio connects family history to hospitality industry advancement

WUSF: Dozens of Florida doctors sign letter urging health care companies to stop donating to anti-abortion lawmakers

Times: Are shoppers starting to pull back as Florida's cost of living rises?

FlaPol: Byron Donalds optimistic about Lake O water management, less so about reservoir funding

The Capitolist: Florida receives \$1.5 million grant for rural health workforce training

WLRN: Hunters to help keep 'zombie deer disease' from reaching Florida by donating animal's heads

Herald: Woman fakes being stranded, then kills Florida college student who stopped, AL cops say

The Capitolist: FPL touts 16 new solar energy centers simultaneously under construction

WUSF: Florida's meningococcal disease outbreak is slowing but health officials say it's still a threat

Politico: DeSantis won't say if he thinks 2020 was rigged. But he's campaigning for Republicans who do.

Democrat: Fried and Crist deliver closing statements in Tallahassee for Democrats' race to be governor

Sun-Sentinel: Charlie Crist 'confident but not complacent' as he campaigns across Broward days before governor primary

My News 13: Charlie Crist takes 'Hope for Florida' effort to state Panhandle

Politico: 'Blatant abuse of power': Ousted Florida prosecutor sues DeSantis over suspension

WUSF: Florida prosecutor sues DeSantis over removal over abortion, transgender rights

The Capitolist: Suspended prosecutor sues DeSantis, claims his refusal to enforce state law is a mere "policy difference"

News4Jax: Teachers union leader worries DeSantis plan to address teacher shortage could backfire

The Capitolist: State pulls school LGBTQ support guides for review

The Capitolist: State university system Board of Governors announce two finalists for Chancellor position

FlaPol: Police chiefs endorse Wilton Simpson for Agriculture Commissioner

FlaPol: Retailers back Jimmy Patronis for re-election

Times: USF, seeking more stature, says \$50M from state would go a long way

Democrat: 'No holds barred': Negative campaign season in Tallahassee gets uglier as Election Day nears

Today: Independents now exceed Democrats in Brevard among those registered to vote

Sun-Sentinel: Broward recruits teachers from Philippines to address staff shortage

Sun-Sentinel: Prosecutors errant text message triggers mistrial in South Florida murder case

The Floridian: DeSantis Admin Hits Back at Mike Bloomberg Over Censorship Debate

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis, Marco Rubio get dates for re-election debates

My News 13: Non-affiliated voters carry heavy weight in Florida politics

NBC News: Campaigning in Florida comes down to micro-targeting Latino communities

Post: Increased anti-Semitic rhetoric targeted toward Palm Beach judge magistrate in Trump case

Democrat: As Biden signs Inflation Reduction Act, Florida CFO takes aim at IRS funding

FlaPol: State economists push revenue forecast up by \$5.3B, but downturn looms

TCPalm: Breathing red tide toxins can cause neurological symptoms

PNJ: Matt Gaetz plays defense in Northwest Florida primary battle

FlaPol: Matt Gaetz boasts support from Donald Trump in response to latest Mark Lombardo attack ad
Times-Union: 'Extreme heat': Florida facing costly, deadly rise in summer temperatures. How hot will it get?

FlaPol: Thomas Cerra joins Ballard Partners as firm launches K-12 education silo

FlaPol: Lobbying compensation: Ballard Partners narrowly earns No. 1 in Q2

The Floridian: Florida Companies Tied to School Housing Illegal Immigrants

News4Jax: Monkeypox cases are growing in Florida and Georgia, vaccines arriving

WUSF: The latest on monkeypox in Florida: state records pediatric case, expands vaccine supply

The Capitolist: Web3, cryptocurrency programs expanded at Florida International University in new partnership

WLRN: Gov. Ron DeSantis touts recruiting proposals amid teacher shortage

My News 13: Gov. DeSantis hopes proposal will entice first responders into the classroom

News4Jax: Gov. DeSantis touts 3 new plans aimed at addressing statewide teacher shortage

Herald: Who are the big campaign donors to Charlie Crist, Nikki Fried? Here's a close look

News4Jax: Security costs for Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, family increase

Times: Florida lawmakers could defy DeSantis in Andrew Warren case. They likely won't.

WLRN: Suspended state attorney may request a Florida Senate hearing to determine his employment

FlaPol: Nikki Fried offers 'closing arguments' on why she should be the Democrats' choice for Governor

FlaPol: Charlie Crist's closing ads highlight General Election strength, abortion rights bona fides

TCPalm: 'It's going to take time:' DeSantis appointee defends progress on toxic algal blooms

Democrat: ACLU lawsuit against Leon County Clerk of Courts says Florida bail system is unconstitutional

Sun-Sentinel: Fire burning in Everglades isn't threat to people or buildings

WUSF: Students who want to change their name or pronouns in Sarasota schools must now get parental permission

Herald Tribune: School district quietly updates gender guidelines, requires parental consent

Post: Water managers laud Everglades area farmers for cleaner water coming off fields

On the Docket

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022

- UCF TRUSTEES: The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., University of Central Florida, Fairwinds Alumni Center, Orlando.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3cdrDyKTKU>)

- DEFENSE ISSUES: The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m. Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-support-task-force-fdstfmeeting-106-via-zoom/>)
- DEFENSE ALLIANCE: The Florida Defense Alliance will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-alliance-zoom-meeting/>)
- LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANS: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will continue a series of open houses about the final drafts of management plans for the Harris Chain of Lakes, Kissimmee Chain of Lakes and Lake Okeechobee. (Thursday, 6 p.m., Tavares Community Center, 100 East Caroline St., Tavares.)
- FIRST LADY AT 'WARRIOR GAMES' EVENT: First Lady Jill Biden will speak at a welcome ceremony for the Department of Defense Warrior Games, which includes wounded and injured military members and veterans competing in athletic events. (Thursday, 10:15 p.m., Walt Disney World Resort, Magic Kingdom, Lake Buena Vista.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022

- NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS: The Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. <https://app.gotomeeting.com/?meetingId=434356149>)
- USF TRUSTEES: The University of South Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Friday, 9:30 a.m. Information at <https://www.usf.edu/board-of-trustees/meetings/index.aspx>)
- JOBLESS REPORT RELEASED: The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release a July unemployment report. (Friday, 10 a.m.)
- FIRST LADY SPEAKS AT VETERANS EVENT: First Lady Jill Biden will speak at a Veterans Institute Summit at Walt Disney World. (Friday, 10:45 a.m., Walt Disney World Resort, ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, Lake Buena Vista.)
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: State candidates, political committees and parties face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Thursday.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022

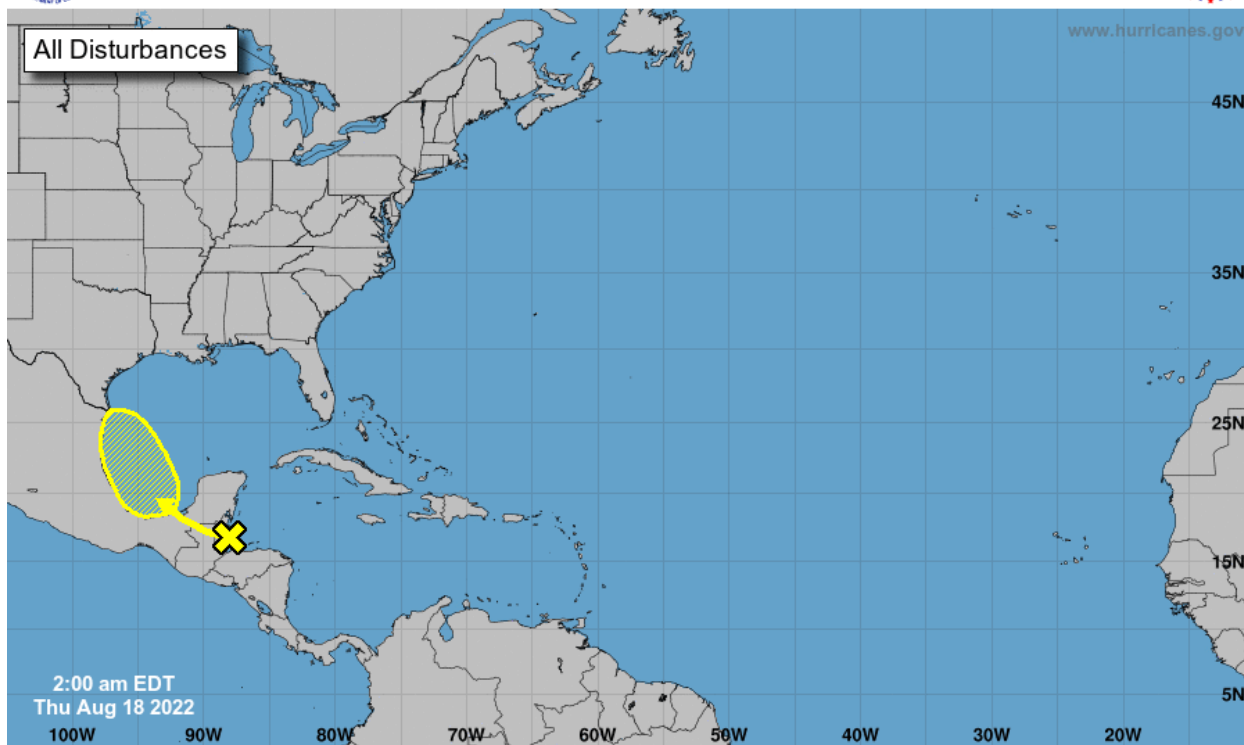
Tropical Outlook

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane

Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

About e Briefing!

The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to County Commissioners and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and School Board members, Superintendents, and staff in districts that are members of the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

Website Links

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