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The Briefing – Thursday – September 1 - 2022

The last Briefing was Wednesday, August 31, 2022

How's your weather - <https://weather.com/>

Things are slow! Have a good Labor Day holiday!

The Quick

Fiscally Constrained Counties Struggle with New Medicaid Minimum Wage Mandate

Counties have continued to inquire with AHCA regarding proviso language passed during the 2022 Legislative Session requiring Medicaid providers to pay direct-care employees a minimum of \$15 per hr beginning Oct. 1, 2022. Although the requirement was part of the General Appropriations Act, information about the requirement did not come to the attention of local governments until local emergency management organizations were contacted by their state organization or in some cases by private providers. Counties are continuing to seek clarification and work at the state level to resolve confusion regarding whether counties will be reimbursed or received funds to bring direct-care employees up to the \$15.00 per hour minimum. Needless to say, it is late in the budget process and counties, primarily fiscally constrained, have indicated that they do not have funds to implement this mandate in their 2022-23 budgets. Here is a link to information that the Small County Coalition received from a county survey documenting the impact of the requirement on their county. [Report on the Proviso Language Requiring Direct Care Employees to be paid \\$15 per hr minimum by Oct. 1.docx](#) Counties that are experiencing concerns regarding compliance with the proviso language should send inquiries directly to AHCA with a copy to their House and Senate member.

Note – Counties were already implementing the constitutionally mandated minimum wage in accordance with the timeframe included in the amendment adopted in the 2020 election cycle.

October 15 Deadline for Submission of Economic and Budget Data to EDR

Legislation enacted in 2019 (i.e., Chapter 2019-56, Laws of Florida), amended ss. 129.03 and 166.241, F.S., to require each county and municipal budget officer to submit certain information regarding their respective government's final budget and economic status to the Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) by October 15th of each year. School districts and independent special districts are not subject to this reporting requirement.

Using data submitted by county and municipal governments and collected from other publicly-available sources, EDR will calculate the following six statutorily-required metrics.

1. Government spending per resident, including the rate for the five preceding fiscal years;
2. Government debt per resident, including the rate for the five preceding fiscal years;
3. Median income within the county or municipality;
4. Average county or municipal employee salary;
5. Percent of the entity's budget spent on salaries and benefits for the entity's employees; and
6. Number of special taxing districts that are located, wholly or partially, within the county or municipality.

Furthermore, legislation enacted in 2020 (i.e., Chapter 2020-27, Laws of Florida), added to this reporting by requiring the reporting of the government's annual expenditures providing for the financing, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of housing that is affordable, as that term is defined in s. 420.0004, F.S. The reported expenditures must indicate the source of such funds as federal, state, local, or other, as applicable.

County and municipal budget officers can find the appropriate form, instructions, and supporting documentation for the 2022 Reporting Cycle, via the following link.

<http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/local-government/local-govt-instructions/index.cfm>

For those that might be interested, the county and municipal government data collected and metrics calculated from all prior years' reporting cycles (i.e., 2019-2021) are available via the following link. Reporting forms from these prior cycles are no longer being accepted.

<http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/local-government/local-govt-reporting/index.cfm>

Week-long Tax Break On Tools Starts Saturday

Florida's first "tool time" sales-tax holiday on tools and other home-repair and construction items will kick off Saturday and run through Sept. 9. The seven-day holiday will allow shoppers to avoid paying sales taxes on numerous home-repair and construction items.

Here are some of the purchases exempt from sales taxes during the tool-time holiday:

- Work gloves that cost \$25 or less.
- Hand tools, LED flashlights, safety glasses, protective coveralls and duffle bags that cost \$50 or less.
- Tool boxes that cost \$75 or less.
- Shop lights, tool belts and electrical-voltage and related testing equipment that cost \$100 or less.
- Handheld pipe cutters, drain opening tools and plumbing-inspection equipment that cost \$150 or less.
- Work boots that cost \$175 or less.
- Power tools and toolboxes for vehicles that cost \$300 or less.

Headlines from around the State

Post: Federal judge now at center of Trump's Mar-a-Lago search a 'stickler for procedure'

FlaPol: After UN rips Florida anti-riot law, Marco Rubio questions taxpayer funding

CBS Miami: Florida Supreme Court urged to take up abortion law case

Sun-Sentinel: NRA using Texas case to build its challenge to Florida law restricting gun buyers to age 21 and older

WLRN: Changes to Florida's voting rules leads to confusion at the polls in South Florida

Times: Florida regulators consider lifting \$700,000 cap on Citizens home insurance policies

FlaPol: As Citizens seeks to shed risk, insolvencies send influx of policies

The Capitolist: Citizens Insurance could raise policy limits as homeowners struggle to find coverage

Herald Tribune: Two decades of Citrus Greening has pressured Florida's famed citrus industry into decline

FlaPol: Labor Day 2022: Sunshine State working conditions improving

Bradenton Herald: Supply chain delays could slow restoring power if Florida gets hit by hurricane

FlaPol: Andrea Doria Kale to challenge Greg Steube on a woman's right to choose

Post: Rising seas threaten Florida's historical sites. This archaeologist wants to fight back.

My News 13: Seminole County kicks off statewide 'We Draw the Lines' tour focusing on redistricting

The Floridian: Waltz Says Afghanistan Withdrawal was 'Incompetent'

My News 13: Movement to get higher wages for Florida airport workers continues

FlaPol: Former presidential candidate will lead Florida League of Mayors

WLRN: As storm flooding worsens, federal report finds Florida has the most to lose along SE Atlantic coast

Sun-Sentinel: Parkland killer's life or death, Day 49: Former neighbor gives more insight into shooter's childhood

WLRN: Lawyers say Parkland shooter's troubles started before birth, as jury considers death penalty

Sun-Sentinel: Parkland shooter 'was just not right,' neighbor testifies

The Capitolist: UF Health announces another data breach; nearly 1,000 patients had personal information accessed

The Capitolist: Florida's monkeypox case count more than tripled in August

FlaPol: Florida takes tech spotlight at Chamber's Technology & Innovation Solution Summit

FlaPol: Business leaders, elected officials convene on affordable housing challenges for Southwest Florida

Bradenton Herald: Are sexual-assault cases against a Miami teacher a problem for Crist's running mate?

FlaPol: National gun control group backs Charlie Crist as Ron DeSantis goes the other way

FlaPol: Charlie Crist to speak at Miami-Dade Democratic Party's Blue Gala on Miami Beach

City & State FL: Florida Gov. DeSantis draws criticism from judges, police for Tampa prosecutor suspension

Sentinel: 115 legal experts decry DeSantis ouster of state attorney

Times: Florida arrested felons for election fraud. It also gave them voter IDs.

Sentinel: DeSantis ban on woke investments could hurt state pension fund, experts say

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis puts onus on felons, local Supervisors to follow Amendment 4

Sun-Sentinel: Will DeSantis appoint a new Broward County commissioner? Here's what we know.

WUSF: With new members sworn in, the majority of Broward School Board are now DeSantis appointees

WLRN: Former fiancée accused new Broward School Board member of abuse. He denies it

Sun-Sentinel: New Broward School Board member was accused of abuse by former fiancée. He says there were 'a lot of lies.'

FlaPol: Sugar farmers say a new study alleging harm from sugarcane burns is 'biased,' misses key context

City & State FL: Five Questions for state Sen. Jeff Brandes

FlaPol: Dane Eagle touts shifts in Gov. DeSantis' economic approach compared to Rick Scott administration

Sentinel: 'Ghost' candidate testifies in case against GOP chair

Sentinel: Political operatives whose feud spilled dark money secrets agree to settle suit

FlaPol: 'Ready to fight for a brighter future': Daniella Levine Cava backs Janelle Perez for SD 38

FlaPol: 'A fighter': Janelle Perez debuts first pair of English and Spanish broadcast ads for SD 38

Democrat: Florida Supreme Court issues reprimand, fine and suspension of Circuit Judge Barbara Hobbs

Times: Tampa is helping people pay rent. But some landlords won't accept it.

News-Press: Lee County School Board approves Parents' Bill of Rights policy

Democrat: Nick Maddox picks up endorsement of former opponent Rudy Ferguson Sr.

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

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