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GOVERNOR

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Secretary Mary Mayhew
Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive
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Dear Secretary Mayhew:

Transparency in our healthcare system is a critical component of needed reforms that will drive affordability for Floridians. Having greater transparency of healthcare provider pricing drives competition and, in turn, drives down healthcare costs for Florida families. Therefore, I am directing the Agency for Health Care Administration (the "Agency") to take the following three actions.


1. Expedite the implementation of the Florida Health Price Finder transparency portal, focusing on the incorporation of facility and provider-level pricing for specific procedures and services for consumers.
2. Expedite the merger of quality and pricing information using the Florida Health Finder and the Florida Health Price Finder transparency tools. This will improve transparency of pricing in conjunction with quality, and identify trends in pricing in the Florida healthcare market, so consumers can identify opportunities for more affordable options for specific services and procedures.
3. Promote the availability of the Florida Health Finder and the Florida Health Price Finder so consumers know about their options to search for higher quality, low cost options and inform insured consumers about their right to obtain estimates of their out-of-pocket costs.

Moreover, I am directing the Agency to support legislation that sets forth a framework for health insurance providers to establish shared savings programs. Such programs allow patients to select the most affordable healthcare services among several options that vary in cost and share in the savings for doing so.

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These directives represent my commitment as Governor to a healthcare system that operates in the sunshine for consumers with the strongest focus on transparency in the country. We will provide Floridians with a healthcare marketplace that fosters competition and empowers consumers to make healthcare decisions that best fits their needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a circular flourish at the end.

Ron DeSantis
Governor