

WHAT AMENDMENT 3 COULD MEAN FOR JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM

Understanding the Potential Impact on Miami-Dade County's Public Health System

Jackson Health System has served the residents of Miami-Dade County for more than a century. As our community's public health system and safety-net provider, Jackson cares for everyone who comes through our doors – regardless of their ability to pay.

Jackson also provides essential and highly specialized services that are critical to the entire community, including trauma and emergency care, transplantation, maternity and pediatric care, behavioral health services, and complex specialty care.

THE ESTIMATED FINANCIAL IMPACT

If Amendment 3 is approved by Florida voters in November, Jackson Health System is currently estimated to experience a significant reduction in property-tax-supported funding:

Approximately **\$34.7 million** in FY 2027

An additional approximately **\$29 million** in FY 2028

Approximately **\$64 million** annually thereafter

This would represent a significant recurring reduction in the resources available to support Jackson's public health mission.

WHY A \$64 MILLION REDUCTION MATTERS

Jackson operates on a very narrow financial margin while caring for a disproportionately large share of Miami-Dade County's uninsured and Medicaid populations.

Over the past several years, Jackson has undertaken an extensive systemwide effort to become more efficient and reduce costs. Those efforts have generated hundreds of millions of dollars in savings and efficiencies, helping Jackson remain financially stable while continuing to invest in patient care, facilities, technology, and its workforce.

Because much of that work has already occurred, absorbing another \$64 million in recurring annual reductions through efficiencies alone would be extremely difficult.

Unlike a one-time budget reduction, this funding loss would continue year after year.

WHAT COULD BE AT RISK?

Jackson has not yet modeled or determined specific service or staffing reductions that could result if Amendment 3 passes. However, a recurring loss of this magnitude would require the health system to examine virtually every area of its operations.

That could include:



Programs and patient services across the health system



Capital investments, equipment, technology, and infrastructure



Staffing and workforce levels needed to support those services



Expansion or enhancement of programs and services



Additional opportunities for efficiencies, where they remain available

Because health care is fundamentally delivered by people, services and staffing are closely connected. If Jackson were ultimately required to reduce or modify services, the workforce supporting those services could also be affected.

No decisions have been made. But given Jackson's already-low operating margin and the extensive cost-efficiency work completed in recent years, it would be difficult to absorb a recurring \$64 million reduction without potentially affecting services, staffing, or both.

WHY JACKSON IS DIFFERENT

As Miami-Dade County's public safety-net health system, Jackson has responsibilities that extend beyond those of a traditional hospital system.

Jackson provides care regardless of a patient's ability to pay and maintains critical services and capabilities that the community depends upon — including services that may not be financially sustainable for private hospitals to provide at the same scale.

That mission makes stable public funding especially important.

OUR COMMITMENT TO MIAMI-DADE

Jackson recognizes that affordability is a real concern for families throughout Miami-Dade County and that property-tax relief can provide meaningful savings for homeowners.

At the same time, voters should understand the potential consequences of reducing the revenues that support essential public services.

Jackson Health System is providing this information so residents can understand the potential financial impact on their public health system and make an informed decision.

Whatever the outcome, Jackson will remain committed to providing one standard of high-quality care to every member of our community, regardless of their ability to pay.