



**Health
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Council** | **Florida
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Health Care Innovation Council Meeting

November 12, 2025
Virtual

Call to Order & Welcome

Jay Collins

Lieutenant Governor of Florida

Council Chair

Today's Agenda

- Roll Call and Approval of Minutes
- Member Introductions
- Agenda Items
 - Health Care Innovation Loan Program Update
 - Health Care Innovation Annual Report
 - Health Care Innovation Pitch Day
- Public Comment
- Closing Remarks

Roll Call and Approval of Minutes

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Division Director, Public Health Statistics and Performance Management
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Roll Call

Membership of the Health Care Innovation Councils includes six state officials, and six members of the public appointed by the Governor, and one member each from the Florida Senate, Florida House of Representatives.



When your name is called, please confirm your attendance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Health Care Innovation Council Meeting

Meeting Date: June 26, 2025

Location: Tallahassee, Florida and
virtual

Chair to Request Motion:

*“Motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2025,
Council meeting as presented.”*

Actions Needed:

Council Member to move for approval
of June 26, 2025, minutes

Second by another member

Vote by the Council

Member Introductions

Chair: Jay Collins, Lieutenant Governor of Florida

Voting Members		Ex Officio, Nonvoting Members
Dr. Deborah German	Dean College of Medicine, University of Central Florida	Dr. Joseph A. Ladapo State Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health
John D. Couris	President and CEO, Tampa General Hospital	Shevaun Harris Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration
Richard Caplin	Founder and Chairman, Caplin Ventures	Taylor Hatch Secretary, Florida Department of Children and Families
Dr. Roberto Diaz	Moffitt Cancer Center	Robert Asztalos Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Dr. Amit Rastogi	President and Chief Executive Officer of Jupiter Medical Center	Michelle Branham Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Dr. Rylan Douthett	Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing at Florida State University	
Thomas Sabatino	Former Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Rite Aid	
Geoffrey Fraser	Founding Partner of Clear Choice Health Care	
Vacant	Employee of a health insurer or health maintenance organization with executive-level experience, appointed by the Governor	

Health Care Innovation Loan Program Update

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Health Care Innovation Loan Program



Aimed at fostering innovation in the health care sector.

Provides low-interest loans to support innovative technologies workforce pathways, and service delivery models.

Administered by the Florida Department of Health.

Loan Eligibility



Eligible Applicants

- 1 Entities licensed, registered, or certified by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) as outlined in Section 408.802, Florida Statutes. *

- 2 Educational or clinical training providers in partnership with eligible health care entities.

* Includes Hospitals, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Nursing Homes, Home Health Agencies, Assisted Living Facilities, Residential Treatment Centers, etc.



Priority Focus

- 1 Prioritizes applicants in rural or medically underserved areas, specifically rural hospitals as defined in Section 395.602(2), Florida Statutes, and nonprofits that accept Medicaid patients.
- 2 Projects must meet specific focus areas as identified by the Council.

Key Features of the Loan Program

Loan Pool \$50 million has been allocated to the Loan Program.

Loan Cap Loans are capped at \$5 million or 10% of total funds available and can cover up to 50% of the total project cost.

Interest Rates and Terms Interest on loans is capped at 1%, with loan terms extending up to 10 years.

Interest Rates and Terms The Department of Health may use up to 3% (\$1.5 million) of the loan funds for administrative purposes.

First Loan Application Cycle

- 45-day window: Oct. 3 – Nov. 17, 2025
- Widely publicized to eligible stakeholders including:



Health care facilities licensed by AHCA



Educational and clinical training providers in partnership with eligible facilities



Rural hospitals and nonprofit entities serving Medicaid patients



Professional associations and industry groups

Health Care Innovation Annual Report and Health Care Innovation Pitch Day

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Health Care Innovation Annual Report

Contents:

- Council Mission, Purpose and Goals
- Strategic Framework
- Loan Evaluation Scoring and Framework
- Loan Review Process
- Digital Infrastructure Development
- Revolving Loan Program
- Preparing for 2026
 - Public Forum Planning
 - Best Practice Development
 - Tracking and Reporting
 - Statewide Innovation Landscape
 - Innovation Recognition

Health Care Innovation Pitch / Council Meeting



SAVE THE DATE!

HEALTH CARE INNOVATION PITCH DAY

SHOWCASE YOUR GROUNDBREAKING HEALTH TECH
INNOVATIONS AT PITCH DAY AND CONNECT DIRECTLY WITH
STATE AGENCY LEADERS AND HEALTH CARE INNOVATORS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

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Date: December 1, 2025
Location: Orlando (location TBD)
Time: Morning

Purpose: Facilitate public meetings across this state at which innovators, developers, and implementers of technologies, workforce pathways, service delivery models, and other solutions may present information and lead discussions on concepts that address challenges to the health care system as they develop in real time and advance the delivery of health care in this state through technology and innovation.

Public Comments

We kindly request that you keep your questions to one minute or less to allow time for everyone.

Thank you!

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Jay Collins

Lieutenant Governor of Florida

Council Chair

Thank you!