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What Amendment 3 Will Mean to Public Hospitals

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Billions in funding lost statewide.

$269.3M in funding at risk for Public Hospitals across Florida over the first 2 years under Amendment 3.

In Florida, local governments like schools, counties, municipalities, and special districts collect property taxes that fund critical public services. Amendment 3 puts these funds at risk. Below you can look at cuts to counties, municipalities, or special districts. Keep in mind, the impact will likely be greater as funding for some services falls within multiple categories.

Public Hospitals Facing Funding Loss

FY 2028 IMPACT
-$95,903,900

FY 2029 IMPACT
-$173,368,900

OVER FIRST 2 YEARS
-$269,272,800

Special Districts	County	FY 2028 Impact	FY 2029 Impact	Over 2 Years
Palm Beach County Health Care District	Palm Beach	-$23.2M	-$43.3M	**-$66.5M**
North Broward Hospital District	Broward	-$35.7M	-$64.7M	**-$100.4M**
Pinellas County Health	Pinellas	-$1.5M	-$2.6M	**-$4.1M**
North Lake Hospital District	Lake	-$2.9M	-$5.2M	**-$8.1M**
Marion County Hospital District	Marion	-$966.4K	-$1.5M	**-$2.5M**
Sarasota County Public Hospital	Sarasota	-$15.3M	-$28.1M	**-$43.4M**
South Broward Hospital District	Broward	-$783.4K	-$1.4M	**-$2.2M**
West Volusia Hospital District	Volusia	-$4.2M	-$7.1M	**-$11.2M**
Citrus County Public Health	Citrus	-$227.8K	-$346.8K	**-$574.6K**
Hernando County Health	Hernando	-$504.8K	-$806.2K	**-$1.3M**
Saint Johns County Health	Saint Johns	-$164.6K	-$328.4K	**-$493K**

Special Districts (continued)	County	FY 2028 Impact	FY 2029 Impact	Over 2 Years
Halifax Hospital Medical Center	Volusia	-$3.7M	-$6.3M	**-$10M**
Monroe County Health Clinic	Monroe	-$77.6K	-$150.9K	**-$228.5K**
Indian River County Hospital District	Indian River	-$3.2M	-$5.7M	**-$8.9M**
Southeast Volusia Hospital District	Volusia	-$976.1K	-$1.7M	**-$2.6M**
Baker County Hospital District	Baker	-$414.2K	-$634.5K	**-$1M**
Hendry County Hospital Operating	Hendry	-$2.1M	-$3.4M	**-$5.5M**
Middle Keys Health Care	Monroe	-$36.4K	-$70.6K	**-$107K**

Special districts are a limited form of local government with a narrow scope of services (e.g., a library special district, a mosquito control special district, etc.) across a specific geography that may receive additional funding from a county or municipality.

Jackson Health System (JHS) is an integrated health care delivery system serving hundreds of thousands of patients in Miami-Dade County. It is not a special taxing district, but as a Public Health Trust, it receives funding from property taxes overseen by the county government. FPI estimates JHS will lose $63.7 million over the next two fiscal years if Amendment 3 passes (and this funding would be captured in the county operating loss projection).

Why the real impact may be larger

It is important to note that funding often overlaps across categories. Special districts have a narrow scope of services and can collect property taxes to fund their activities. Counties and municipalities also collect property taxes and can provide funding for these same services either through a special district or on their own. For example, some communities will have a special library district while others rely on a county or municipality to fund library services.

As another example, some Children's Services and Trusts are funded by a county and not independently. While these programs would not appear as standalone special districts, they are folded into the county's budget.

See the full report

https://amendment3.floridapolicyinstitute.org/services?cat=HOSP

Endnotes

* Revenue Estimating Conference, "Ad Valorem: Homestead Exemption Increases; Assessment Increase Limitation 10% to 5%. CS/HJR 1F," Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research, July 10, 2026, https://edr.state.fl.us/content/revenues/reports/tax-handbook/taxhandbook.pdf.

The state fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30. For this reason, a fiscal year overlaps with two calendar years. The next fiscal year begins July 1, 2027, and ends June 30, 2028.

Amounts are rounded to the nearest $100. Line items where the 'Over 2 Years' amount has an absolute value of less than $1000 are included in totals, but not shown individually. Items may not sum exactly to totals due to rounding and suppression of small line items. To maintain consistency with the official state estimation methodology for this potential mid-year policy change, these values do not include the significant impact for the second half of fiscal year 2027.