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Sheriff Gregory Tony, Ph.D.

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Mr. Michael Ruiz, Assistant County Administrator
Broward County Governmental Center
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 409
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re: **Supplemental Budget Appropriation Request**
Inmate Catastrophic Medical Care

Dear Mr. Ruiz:

The Broward Sheriff's Office requests the Broward County Administrator's assistance with completing a Supplemental Budget Appropriation regarding Inmate Catastrophic Medical Care expenses.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 901.35, the general fund of the county in which a person was arrested for a violation of state law is the funding source of last resort for the medical treatment of injury or illness sustained by the person during the arrest. If an inmate does not have regular medical insurance and is not eligible for Medicaid coverage, and is determined to be indigent, this statutory provision applies.

BSO's agreement with our inmate health services provider excludes charges for treatment received after any hospital admission, to include hospital admissions that are a result of injury or illness sustained by the person throughout the arrest process. BSO works with our inmate health services provider and local hospitals where inpatient treatment is provided to receive, process and validate these medical bills and ensure that only equitable costs are incurred for this Inmate Catastrophic Medical Care service. Upon receipt of supplemental funding from Broward County, BSO then pays these medical bills on behalf of Broward County.

We request that the Broward County Board of County Commissioners authorize a transfer from the County's general fund to BSO's regular operating budget in order to satisfy obligations to local hospitals for Inmate Catastrophic Medical Care.

A summary of the proposed transfer follows:

	Fund	Description	Amount
From:	Broward County General Fund		(\$1,057,473)
To:	Department of Detention	Misc Expense	\$1,057,473

Additional information, including an unredacted detailed listing of all invoices due, is attached.

If further information is required in order to place this request on the upcoming Supplemental Budget Appropriation agenda, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We appreciate the Broward County Board of County Commissioners' continued support in assisting the Broward Sheriff's Office achieve its goals.

Sincerely,

Oscar Llerena

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Chief Financial Officer
Broward Sheriff's Office

cc: Sheriff Gregory Tony, Ph.D.
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att: Invoice Listing