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BROWARD REGIONAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL AWARDED PEDIATRIC QUALITY INDICATORS FUNDING

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL – Health Foundation of South Florida awarded Broward Regional Health Planning Council (BRHPC) \$30,000 to implement the Broward Miami-Dade and Monroe Pediatric Quality Indicators (PDIs) Initiative. The initiative will result in a public access web module identifying pediatric hospital inpatient admissions that may have been preventable with the utilization of high quality primary and preventive care. The module allows users to query these admissions by demographic and geographic variables as well by hospital.

PDIs measure acute illness and chronic conditions as well as preventive care outcomes, reflecting two important preventive care quality components, effectiveness and timeliness. Prevention of these hospitalizations requires effective clinician diagnosis and treatment as well as patients actively participating in their care and adopting healthy lifestyle behaviors.

Broward Regional Health Planning Council is a private not-for-profit agency established in 1982 under Florida Statute. BRHPC will work collaboratively with the Health Council of South Florida, the designated Health Planning Council for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. Pediatric Quality Indicators will be available to the public, once completed, through BRHPC's Florida Health Data Warehouse at <http://HealthData.BRHPC.org>. For more information, please contact BRHPC's Division Director, Michele Rosiere at MRosiere@BRHPC.org.

Health Foundation of South Florida, a nonprofit grant making organization, is dedicated to improving health in Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. By funding providers and supporting programs to promote health and prevent disease, the Foundation makes a measurable and sustainable impact in the health of families. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$84 million in grants and program support. For more information, please call 305.374.7200 or visit the Web site, www.HFSF.org.