

Addendum to the Pasco County Behavioral Health Transportation Plan February 2024

On February 21, 2023, the Pasco County Behavioral Health Transportation Plan 2023 - 2026 was approved by the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners. The Behavioral Health Transportation Plan describes how the community shall support and facilitate access to the Designated Receiving System. This includes the circumstances to guide selection of the most appropriate transportation method (e.g., law enforcement, emergency medical services); how transportation between participating facilities is handled; and respect for individual choice of service providers. The Pasco Acute Care Committee represents the community-based behavioral health system within Pasco County. All agencies and providers that are involved in the acute behavioral health system of care are responsible for participating in the Pasco County Acute Care Committee. The Department of Children and Families and Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, Inc. actively support and participate in this process.

On September 7, 2023, the facility, HCA Florida Trinity West Hospital, notified the Department of Children and Families of its intent to terminate its Baker Act receiving facility status following flooding and water intrusion from Hurricane Idalia. On September 8, 2023, HCA Florida Trinity West Hospital notified the Pasco Sheriff's Office of said termination. On October 10, 2023, HCA Florida Trinity West Hospital provided an update to the Pasco Acute Care Committee. The Pasco Acute Care Committee elected to review the Pasco County Behavioral Health Transportation Plan 2023 – 2026 to include the following updates:

- A. Deletion of HCA Florida Trinity West Hospital and its corresponding information from Attachment A: Designated Receiving Facilities within Pasco County Acute System of Care.
- B. Modifications to the agreement between Pasco Sheriff's Office and Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, Inc., D/B/A TransCare Medical Transportation Services to expand behavioral van services to additional community facilities.