Orlando, FLA. – As Florida continues to experience a high unemployment rate amid the coronavirus pandemic, the loss of health insurance coverage is also a major concern of those who are unemployed. HCA Healthcare hospitals in Central Florida have made available a free insurance hotline to help individuals and families who have lost health insurance coverage find temporary coverage while they are unemployed. The Health Coverage Hotline is available to anyone needing assistance and is live Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at (833) 867-8771.

According to HCA Healthcare leaders in Central Florida, an important part of the hospitals’ mission is to be there in times of need and to ensure lack of insurance coverage and fears about the COVID-19 virus do not preclude people from receiving the health care they need. Any individual who needs help navigating health coverage while unemployed or furloughed can call the Health Coverage Hotline. Hotline advisors can help guide them through the complicated insurance landscape to find the best option for them and their specific health needs.

Hotline advisors can discuss eligibility and advocacy services appropriate for a variety of scenarios, such as:

- Continuing an employer’s existing plan for those who have recently lost a job (COBRA and other options)
- Applying for coverage via a spouse's benefit program
- Resources that may help offset the costs of health insurance
- Medicaid for those that meet certain criteria
- State and federal health insurance exchanges (such as the Affordable Care Act), and how to enroll due to a life changing event like job loss

These services are offered at no cost; HCA Healthcare is not representing any other company or selling insurance plans.

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About HCA Healthcare’s North Florida Division – Orlando Market
HCA Healthcare’s North Florida Division – Orlando Market includes four hospitals: Central Florida Regional Hospital (with Level II Trauma Center) in Sanford, Oviedo Medical Center, Osceola Regional Medical Center (with Level II Trauma Center), and Poinciana Medical Center, as well as four freestanding ERs and multidisciplinary physician practices. It is slated to open UCF Lake Nona Medical Center early 2021.

About HCA Healthcare North Florida Division
The HCA Healthcare North Florida Division is a comprehensive network of 14 hospitals, numerous outpatient surgery centers & imaging facilities, physician practices, medical education training programs and a complete continuum of specialized health programs and services that meet the healthcare needs of residents and businesses in the North Florida and Central Florida communities. HCA Healthcare North Florida physicians and employees continue to provide the quality foundation for delivering care to our patients safely, effectively and compassionately. Its hospitals are Joint Commission Accredited, with designations such as Accredited Chest Pain Centers, Primary Stroke Center Certification and four Level II Trauma Centers in Marion, Okaloosa, Osceola and Seminole County. HCA Healthcare is the nation’s
leading provider of healthcare services composed of locally managed facilities that include approximately 186 hospitals and 124 freestanding surgery centers in 21 states and England.