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FLORIDA STATE SURGEON GENERAL, UF OFFICIALS CELEBRATE LEGACY OF PARTNERSHIP IN HEALTH

Dr. Armstrong joins UF Officials for Building Transfer Ceremony



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Tallahassee, Fla. —Today, Florida State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong joined officials from the University of Florida (UF) and the department for a ceremony highlighting the transition of the UF Health Pediatrics Gerold L. Schiebler Center building from the department to the university.

“Health succeeds through partnerships,” said Florida State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. “The transfer of the Schiebler clinical services building rent-free to UF Health demonstrates our department’s commitment to teamwork in the care of Florida’s most vulnerable children.”

In 1991, the flagship Children’s Medical Service (CMS) regional office in Gainesville was dedicated to children’s advocate and former CMS Director Dr. Gerold Schiebler. The UF Health Pediatrics — Gerold L. Schiebler CMS Center serves as the administrative and nurse case management headquarters for the CMS North Central Florida region. The facility also houses specialized programs contracted by CMS with UF as well as the award-winning UF Pediatric Integrated Care System (Ped-I-Care).

“This building represents decades of important work in pediatrics and collaboration between the University of Florida and the Florida Department of Health,” said Dr. Scott Rivkees, professor

and chair of the department of pediatrics in the UF College of Medicine and physician-in-chief for UF Health Shands Children's Hospital. "We look forward to continuing to advance care for Florida's children."

The CMS program provides children with special health care needs a family-centered, comprehensive and coordinated statewide managed system of care that links community-based health care with multidisciplinary, regional and tertiary pediatric care.

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