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Updates to FloridaHealthFinder.gov Increase Health Information for Consumers and Researchers
~Website received record number of hits in January 2013: 201,725~

Tallahassee, FL – The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) recently upgraded its FloridaHealthFinder.gov Website with a new *Deliveries and Newborns* page, improved State Health Data Directory, and added a "violation" column to the legal sanctions grid on each facility's profile page. These upgrades are additional tools consumers should use to help them make better health care decisions for themselves and their loved ones.

"We cannot overemphasize the importance of making educated decisions about one's health and health care choices," said Secretary Liz Dudek. "With over 200,000 hits a month, it is obvious Floridians are using the tools available and the Agency is pleased to add new information that will further provide value to consumers."

"AHCA, as a publicly recognized agency, is playing an important leadership role in getting out this important health information to women and the public," said Dr. William M. Sappenfield, Director of the Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies, at the University of South Florida.

The new *Deliveries and Newborns* page is an informative resource for women who may be pregnant or planning to become pregnant. This page allows consumers to find information about delivery and newborn outcomes by hospital including volume, charges and length of stay, along with general educational information associated with obstetrics, childbirth and caring for newborns. Consumers are invited to visit the new page at
http://www.floridahealthfinder.gov/LandingPages/DeliveriesNewborns.aspx.

The navigation and functionality of the State Health Data Directory was also improved. This Directory has information on over 110 health care data resources to help researchers find data and statistics from various state agencies. The directory is available at
http://www.floridahealthfinder.gov/StateHealthDataDirectory/Default.aspx.

In addition, a "violation" column was added to the legal sanction information on each facility's profile page to give consumers a more transparent view about why a violation and fine were issued, helping consumers distinguish reporting violations from problems during an inspection. FloridaHealthFinder.gov is an excellent resource available for Floridians to learn about the quality of and to compare health care facilities in their local area.

The Agency for Health Care Administration is committed to better health care for all Floridians. The Agency administers Florida's Medicaid program, licenses and regulates more than 45,000 health care facilities and 37 health maintenance organizations, and publishes health care data and statistics at www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov.

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