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**Agency to Conduct Two Compliance Projects before June 30, 2013**  
*–Unannounced visits to Medicaid providers forthcoming in different regions–*

**Tallahassee, Fla.**— The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) this week sent letters to association partners requesting their assistance in raising awareness and assuring Medicaid program compliance before violations are identified during Agency inspections. A copy of the letter can be found on the Agency’s website at [www.ahca.myflorida.com](http://www.ahca.myflorida.com) under the *Agency News* tab.

“Rather than conduct inspections and issue sanctions when we find violations, the Agency would much rather work with providers and through associations to encourage self-identification of deficiencies and support proactive correction,” said Agency Inspector General Eric Miller. “The ideal situation is for residents to live in safe, homelike environments, receive the services they need and for Medicaid to be billed fairly and accurately.”

The teams that will make unannounced visits include representatives from the Agency’s Medicaid Program Integrity (MPI) and Health Quality Assurance (HQA) units, supported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ Medicaid Integrity Group. The teams will review records and determine if the providers were rendering, billing and documenting services in accordance with Medicaid policy, and ensure health and safety of the residents in the facilities.

*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 40,000 health care facilities and 37 health maintenance organizations, and publishes health care data and statistics at [www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov](http://www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov).*

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