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February Monthly Actions: Agency Took Licensure Action against 10 Providers, Seven Additional Providers Terminated from the Medicaid Program

Tallahassee, Fla.—The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) issued final orders to 10 providers for failure to meet licensure requirements during the month of February. The Agency issued five final orders to deny a license renewal application, four to revoke an existing license and one that resulted in the provider surrendering the license. Some of these providers were enrolled in the Medicaid program; however, the Agency has terminated or is in the process of terminating their participation in the program.

In addition to the final order actions, the Agency issued two emergency orders in February. An immediate moratorium on admissions was issued for Sherrill E. Howard, an adult family care home in Marion County, and another for The Vines, a residential treatment center in Marion County.

"We imposed disciplinary action against hundreds of providers who broke the law last year and we continue efforts to protect residents and patients," said Secretary Liz Dudek. "Laws were put in place to protect Floridians and our job is to make sure those protections are honored. Although our goal is to encourage proactive efforts by all providers, we will continue to act swiftly when serious problems occur."

Seven additional providers were issued final orders terminating them from participation in the Medicaid program in February. These terminations resulted from sanctions imposed for reasons including failure to reimburse the Agency, guilty of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, guilty of conspiracy to solicit or receive cash kickbacks, and revocation of the provider's license. These providers also have been reported to the federal government for placement on the federal exclusion list, which prohibits them from participating in Medicaid and Medicare nationwide.

Name	County	Provider Type	Licensure Action
Ace Health Services, Inc.	Miami-Dade	Home Health Agency	License Revocation
Apple House I	Putnam	Assisted Living Facility	Denied Renewal
Atlantis Home Care Group, Inc.	Miami-Dade	Home Health Agency	License Revocation
Family Quality Home Health Care, Inc.	Miami-Dade	Home Health Agency	License Revocation
Genuine Care Corp	Miami-Dade	Homemaker and Companion Services	Denied Renewal
Josie McNeil	Marion	Adult Family Care Home	Denied Renewal
Marjorie E. Nelson	Volusia	Adult Family Care Home	Denied Renewal

The chart below displays the Agency's February licensure actions:



Pompano Retirement Village	Broward	Assisted Living Facility	License Revocation
Providential Health Care, Inc.	Duval	Home Health Agency	Denied Renewal
Sherrill E. Howard	Marion	Adult Family Care Home	Moratorium on Admissions
The Vines	Marion	Residential Treatment Center	Moratorium on Admissions
Universal Health Provider Corp	Miami-Dade	Home Health Agency	License Surrender

The chart below displays the Agency's February Medicaid final order termination actions:

Name	County	Provider Type
Allison Bradley	Hillsborough	Home Health Agency
Barbara L. Morales-George*	Miami-Dade	Home and Community-Based Services
Gel Homecare, Inc.	Palm Beach	Home Health Agency
God Is First ALF, Inc.	Miami-Dade	Home and Community-Based Services
Kayleen & Denis Care Corp	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services
Orly Pharmacy, Inc. #2	Miami-Dade	Pharmacy

*Provider had two provider numbers terminated

Additional information about the actions and final orders can be found by querying the Public Records Search page at

http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/dm_web/(S(jtrn15fukcfknvhds5vtad1s))/default.aspx. Emergency orders, including moratoriums on admissions and suspensions, can also be found on the Public Records Search page by searching the name of the facility.

In addition, the Nursing Home Watch List identifies nursing homes that are operating under bankruptcy protection or met the criteria for a conditional status during the past 30 months. To download a list of facilities on the Nursing Home Watch list visit http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/nhcguide/FacilitySearch.aspx.

The Agency encourages consumers, advocates and anyone who may have a concern or observes a problem in any health care facility or with any provider regulated by the Agency to file a complaint by calling the Agency's consumer complaint line at 1-888-419-3456 or by reporting online at http://ahca.myflorida.com/Contact/call_center.shtml.

Tips about suspected fraud can be reported by calling the Attorney General's Fraud Hotline at 1-866-966-7226 or the Agency's Consumer Call Center at 1-888-419-3456. Anyone can report fraud online by visiting the Agency's Web site at https://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/InspectorGeneral/fraud_complaintform.aspx.

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