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Better Health Care for all Floridians

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In Case You Missed It... Secretary Liz Dudek Pens Editorial for the Tampa Tribune

Don't miss reading Secretary Dudek's guest column about how our new system of care that provides more oversight for children's care is working. It was published by the Tampa Tribune on Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

For full column, click HERE.

"I am proud of the systems the Agency for Health Care Administration and our partners have implemented in the past year to ensure that medically complex children residing in pediatric nursing facilities, and their families, have our nurse care coordinators as another set of eyes and ears in the health-care setting chosen by the parents."

"The nurse care coordinators visit each pediatric facility at least monthly."

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"A parent's decision as to where his or her medically complex or medically fragile child will receive the best possible care — in the parent's home or in a pediatric nursing facility — is an extremely difficult, personal and individualized decision."

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"Parents of medically complex children are more informed now than ever before as to their choices. And, as a result of the agency's efforts, medically complex children have more staff looking out for their health and welfare, and the specialized facilities that serve them are under consistent monitoring. The improved system of care coordination and facility oversight is working."

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