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**Statement from AHCA concerning VA Hospital Inspections**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration continues its efforts to shine a light on the processes of federal Veterans Affairs hospitals in Florida. The Agency attempted to complete an onsite review this morning at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa, and again were declined the opportunity to review any records at that time.

Secretary Dudek said, "This morning, two surveyors went to the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital at 9:41 a.m. and left at 10:02 a.m. after being declined the opportunity to review any processes. Despite being turned away a third time from a third VA hospital, the Agency remains firmly committed to helping obtain the necessary information that can help ensure our brave veterans receive the care they deserve when visiting a federal VA hospital in Florida."

*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](http://www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov). Additional information about Agency initiatives is available via [Facebook \(AHCAFlorida\)](#), [Twitter \(@AHCA\\_FL\)](#) and [YouTube \(/AHCAFlorida\)](#).*

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