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Federal VA Continues to Rebuff Inspections, Object to Transparency

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, an Agency inspector went to the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville at 1:03p.m. and left at 1:07p.m. after being declined the opportunity to review any records at that time.

Secretary Liz Dudek said, “We were cautiously encouraged by Acting Secretary Sloan Gibson’s visit to the VA Medical Center today. We hoped this visit would be the start of increased transparency regarding the VAs operations, and swift resolution to the issues surrounding the care of our veterans; however, today my staff was again denied access to the Gainesville VA during Secretary Gibson’s visit.

“If the federal government was really serious about fixing the problems plaguing VA hospitals nationwide, they would agree to allow VA hospitals to be monitored by an independent and objective authority. This is necessary to ensure the concerns of our veterans are addressed immediately and are not brushed under the rug. I am calling for Acting Secretary Gibson to take immediate action today by allowing my staff to conduct an impartial review of the VA hospital processes and procedures here 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 34 health maintenance organizations, and publishes health care data and statistics at www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov. Additional information about Agency initiatives is available via [Facebook \(AHCAFlorida\)](#), [Twitter \(@AHCA_FL\)](#) and [YouTube \(/AHCAFlorida\)](#).

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