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**Agency Again Denied Opportunity to Review Processes at Gainesville VA**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – In light of the discovery of a secret waiting list at the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville, Governor Rick Scott called for the Agency for Health Care Administration’s inspectors to attempt a revisit at the VA hospital in Gainesville. The Agency attempted to complete an onsite review yesterday, May 19, at the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center.

Liz Dudek, Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration said, “Yesterday, my staff visited the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center and was again denied access to review the VA hospital system’s processes.

“The VA has repeatedly denied the Agency access to review processes and procedures, and has yet to acknowledge receipt of the Agency’s Freedom of Information Act request that was filed 20 days ago. I am shocked at the VA’s lack of urgency and expected the VA to take this issue seriously given the repeated calls for action and transparency. It is time for the VA to stop hiding behind bureaucratic rhetoric and take the necessary steps to ensure our brave veterans receive the quality healthcare they deserve in a reasonable timeframe.”

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