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December Monthly Actions: Agency Took Licensure Action against Seven Providers, Six Additional Providers Suspended from the Medicaid Program

Tallahassee, **Fla.** – The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) issued final orders to five providers for failure to meet licensure requirements in December.

There was one final order to revoke an existing license, three final orders to deny a license renewal and one that resulted in the provider surrendering their license. Some of these providers were enrolled in the Medicaid program and the Agency has terminated or is in the process of terminating their participation in the program.

The Agency also issued an immediate moratorium on admissions to Great Quality Adult Assisted Living Facility, Inc., an assisted living facility in Polk County, and an immediate moratorium on admissions to Larkin Community Hospital II, LLC, d/b/a Floridian Gardens, an assisted living facility in Miami-Dade County.

In addition, the Agency suspended six providers from participation in the Medicaid program, prohibiting the providers from being paid for claims to the Medicaid program for furnishing, supervising a person who is furnishing, or causing a person to furnish goods or services.

Agency Medicaid terminations and suspensions typically result from failure to return funds due to the Agency within required timeframes; a charge, indictment, or guilty plea to a health care related crime; suspension, termination, or exclusion from Medicare or Medicaid in another state; or a license denial, revocation, suspension or termination by the licensing agency.

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

Name	County	Provider Type	Licensure Action
Enclave Assisted Living LLC	Brevard	Assisted Living Facility	Denied Renewal
Granny's Adult Home ALF Inc	Miami- Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Denied Renewal
Great Quality Adult Assisted Living Facility, Inc.	Polk	Assisted Living Facility	Immediate Moratorium on Admissions
Larkin Community Hospital II, LLC, d/b/a Floridian Gardens	Miami- Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Immediate Moratorium on Admissions
Sylotte Pierre	Lee	Adult Family Care Home	License Revocation
The Reaching Out Group	Pinellas	Homemaker & Companion Services	Denied Renewal
Willow Manor Retirement Living	Broward	Assisted Living Facility	License Surrender



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

Name	County	Provider Type	Medicaid Action
Angel Amado Lazo*	Miami-Dade	Physician (M.D.)	Suspension
Diana Rae Fischer MD	Palm Beach	Physician (M.D.)	Suspension
Gulfcoast Counseling Services of Bay County	Bay	Specialized Therapeutic Services	Suspension
Kwanya Sanders	Brevard	Specialized Therapeutic Services	Suspension
Tropical Pharmacy Inc	Broward	Pharmacy	Suspension

^{*}There were 2 separate Suspension Final Orders issued in December for this provider relating to 2 different Medicaid provider IDs.

Further information about the actions and final orders can be found on the public records search page at http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/dm_web/(S(jtrnl5fukcfknvhds5vtad1s))/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.

The Agency encourages 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 our 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 website at https://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/InspectorGeneral/fraud complaintform.aspx.

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