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**February Monthly Actions: Agency Took Licensure Action against Four Providers, 16 Additional Providers Suspended or Terminated from the Medicaid Program**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) issued one final order to deny a license renewal during the month of February. The Agency also issued an Emergency Suspension Order to Karnella G. Johnson, an adult family care home in Polk County; an Emergency Suspension Order to United Senior Living, Inc., an assisted living facility in Miami-Dade County; and an Immediate Moratorium on Admissions to Advanced ALF Corp., an assisted living facility in Miami-Dade County.

In addition, 12 providers were issued final orders terminating them from participation in the Medicaid program and have been reported to the federal government for placement on the federal exclusion list, which prohibits them from participating in Medicaid and Medicare nationwide. The Agency also suspended four 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 February licensure actions:

Name	County	Provider Type	Licensure Action
Louna Develis	Broward	Adult Family Care Home	Denied Renewal
Karnella G. Johnson	Polk	Adult Family Care Home	Emergency Suspension Order
United Senior Living, Inc.	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Emergency Suspension Order
Advanced ALF Corp.	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Immediate Moratorium on Admissions

The chart below displays the Agency’s February Medicaid final order actions:

Name	County	Provider Type	Medicaid Action
A Better Choice	Escambia	Home & Community-Based Services Waiver	Termination
A Better Choice Supports and Services	Escambia	Home & Community-Based Services Waiver	Termination
A&M Behavioral Services	Broward	Behavior Analysis	Suspension
Aaron A Larkin	Orange	Home Health Agency	Termination



Clara A Salazar Vust	Dade	Physician Assistant	Termination
Clinicare Medical Resources Inc	Hillsborough	Durable Med Equipt/ Medical Supplies	Termination
Dawn D Rhodes	Pinellas	Podiatrist	Suspension
Evergreen Pharmacy Inc	Dade	Pharmacy	Termination
Germaine Pharmacy and Compounding	Hillsborough	Pharmacy	Suspension
Home Sweet Home of Treasure Coast Inc	St Lucie	Home & Community-Based Services Waiver	Termination
Jares Pharmacy	Highlands	Pharmacy	Termination
Jayam K Iyer	Pinellas	Physician (M.D.)	Termination
Miami Smile Studio Corp	Dade	Dentist	Termination
Salvus LLC	Dade	Physician Assistant	Termination
Synergy Pharmacy Services	Pinellas	Durable Med Equipt/ Medical Supplies	Suspension
Valerie C Burns MD	Volusia	Physician (M.D.)	Termination

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\(jtrn15fukcfknvhs5vtad1s\)\)/default.aspx](http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/dm_web/(S(jtrn15fukcfknvhs5vtad1s))/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](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/mpi-complaintform/>.

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