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March Monthly Actions: Agency Took Licensure Action against Five Providers, 10 Additional Providers Suspended or Terminated from the Medicaid Program

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) issued final orders to three providers for failure to meet licensure requirements during the month of March. There were two final orders to revoke an existing license and one final order to deny a license renewal. 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 Emergency Suspension Order to Flora ALF Inc. d/b/a Flora ALF, an assisted living facility in Miami-Dade County and an Emergency Suspension Order to Hope Assisted Living Facility, an assisted living facility in Seminole County.

In addition, three 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 seven 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 March licensure actions:

| Name | County | Provider Type | Licensure Action |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| The Halcyon House at Plumwood | Osceola | Assisted Living Facility | Revocation |
| Sleep Disorder Diagnostic Center | Miami-Dade | Health Care Clinic | Revocation |
| Remanso ALF Inc | Miami-Dade | Assisted Living Facility | Denied Renewal |
| Flora ALF Inc. d/b/a Flora ALF | Miami-Dade | Assisted Living Facility | Emergency Suspension Order |
| Hope Assisted Living Facility | Seminole | Assisted Living Facility | Emergency Suspension Order |

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



| Name | County | Provider Type | Medicaid Action |
|-------------------------------|------------|--|-----------------|
| Bell Road Human Services Inc | Gadsden | Assistive Care Services | Termination |
| Carmen Puliafito | Palm Beach | Physician (M.D.) | Suspension |
| Carol D Clark | Brevard | Specialized Therapeutic Services | Suspension |
| Choices Programs Organization | Volusia | Case Management Agency | Termination |
| Eliscard Joseph | Manatee | Assistive Care Services | Suspension |
| Fairview Manor Inc | Orange | Assistive Care Services | Suspension |
| Jobsmart FL LLC | Palm Beach | Home & Community-Based Services Waiver | Suspension |
| Marys Care Center | Miami-Dade | Assistive Care Services | Suspension |
| Marys Care Center | Miami-Dade | Home & Community-Based Services Waiver | Suspension |
| North Lake Primary Care PA | Lake | Nurse Practitioner (Arnp) | 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\(jtrn15fukcfknvhd5vtad1s\)\)/default.aspx](http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/dm_web/(S(jtrn15fukcfknvhd5vtad1s))/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/mpj-complaintform/>.

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