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## **Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert**

### February 11, 2020

#### Provider Type(s): 65 Moratorium – Home Health Agency Provider Enrollment Extended Through July 29, 2020

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has extended the temporary moratorium on new home health agency enrollments into the Florida Medicaid program through July 29, 2020. The moratorium applies to all newly-enrolling home health agencies in Florida.

The goal of the temporary moratorium is to fight fraud and safeguard taxpayer dollars, while ensuring patient access to care. Authority to impose such moratoria was included in the Affordable Care Act.

In compliance with this moratorium, the Agency for Health Care Administration will deny any new, or pending, applications for licensed home health providers.

Under the moratorium, existing providers and suppliers can continue to deliver and bill for services, but no new provider and supplier applications will be approved. This moratorium does not apply under the following scenarios.

- Home health agencies seeking to enroll as the result of a documented change of ownership of a Medicaid enrolled home health agency, as defined in 408.803, F.S.
- Home health agencies that were registered with Florida Medicaid and in the network of a Medicaid health plan prior to January 1, 2018.

The moratorium does not affect the ability for home health agencies to conduct business pursuant to the provisions of their license, and applies only to participation as a Florida Medicaid provider.

For questions related to this alert, or for assistance with provider enrollment, please call the Florida Medicaid Provider Enrollment Contact Center at 1-800-289-7799, Option 4.

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