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Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert

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Moratorium – Home Health Agency Provider Enrollment Extended Through July 29, 2021

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, 2021. 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 agencies.

Under the moratorium, existing home health agencies may continue to provide and bill for services. However, no new home health agency applications will be approved, except 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 s. 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.

Effective July 29, 2020 Home health agencies (HHAs) may apply for limited enrollment in the following [Florida Medicaid Regions](#): 1 (Western Panhandle), 2 (Central Panhandle), 3 (North-central FL), 4 (Northeast FL), 8 (Southwest FL) if the HHA meets the following criteria:

- Are currently enrolled in the Florida Medicaid program (fully enrolled, registered, or limited enrolled) at an existing service location.

- Are a licensed home health agency in good standing with the Agency's licensure unit.
- Have no outstanding debts to the Agency, whether licensure fees or fines, Medicaid overpayments, or any other monies owed to the Agency.
- Over the six-month period preceding application, served a minimum of 10 children (under 21 years of age) through their active Medicaid enrolled home health locations.

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.

QUESTIONS? FLMedicaidManagedCare@ahca.myflorida.com

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