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Agency Leaders Join with Leading Long-Term Care Experts at Annual Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility Trainings

~New life safety enforcement component added to this year's agenda~

Tallahassee, FL – The Agency for Health Care Administration, the Florida Health Care Association, LeadingAge Florida and the Florida Assisted Living Association have teamed up again to brief nursing home and assisted living facility providers, advocates, state surveyors and other stakeholders about the latest in regulatory compliance. The trainings will highlight the implementation of managed care, critical compliance topics and problematic care areas with guidance for quality outcomes as well as highlight best practice guidelines.

“The Agency is looking forward to teaming up with long term care experts in Florida again this year to talk about the important issues affecting nursing home and assisted living providers,” said Molly McKinstry, Deputy Secretary of Health Quality Assurance. “This training serves as a platform for discussion of changes and trends in the long-term care industry and will provide a wealth of information for new and seasoned professionals in the field.”

“Florida Health Care Association is continually looking at ways to help providers improve outcomes and satisfaction for the thousands of Floridians in long term care,” said Emmett Reed, Executive Director of Florida Health Care Association. We’re pleased to partner with the Agency and other stakeholders on these trainings to give our members access to knowledgeable experts and help them stay informed of the latest developments.”

A new life safety enforcement component was added to the 2014 agenda to address recent physical plant citations across Florida and how to avoid negative survey outcomes. Providers and surveyors will also have the opportunity to hear the same interpretations of compliance requirements and standards of practice for assisted living in Florida.

Other topics that will be covered during the trainings include:

- Update on the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-term Care program
- Top 10 deficiencies and major regulatory concerns
- Practice guidelines for quality outcomes
- Contract negotiations between assisted living facilities and individual residents.
- Adverse incident reporting
- Survey enforcement and civil money penalties.

The trainings will take place in Orlando, Tampa, Davie/Ft. Lauderdale and Tallahassee. Each of the four trainings around Florida has one day focused on nursing home and one day focused on assisted living facility standards.



For more information about the trainings, visit the Florida Health Care Association website at <http://www.fhca.org/calendar/>.

The Agency for Health Care Administration is committed to better health care for all Floridians. The Agency administers Florida's Medicaid program, licenses and regulates more than 45,000 health care facilities and 37 health maintenance organizations, and publishes health care data and statistics at www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov. Additional information about Agency initiatives is available via Facebook ([AHCAFlorida](#)), Twitter ([@AHCA_FL](#)) and YouTube ([/AHCAFlorida](#)).

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