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October and November Monthly Actions: Agency Took Licensure Action against 13 Providers, 11 Additional Providers Suspended or Terminated from the Medicaid Program

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) issued final orders to nine providers for failure to meet licensure requirements in October and November.

There were four final orders to revoke an existing license, four to deny a license renewal, and one that resulted in the provider surrendering its license. 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 Green Acres, an assisted living facility in Pasco County; an Emergency Suspension Order to Touched by Faith, Inc., an assisted living facility in Pinellas County; an Emergency Suspension Order to Claudene Barthelus, an adult family care home in Miami-Dade County; and an Immediate Moratorium on Admissions to PRY, INC. d/b/a Good Samaritan Retirement Home*, an assisted living facility in Levy County.

In addition, six 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 five 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 October licensure actions:

Name	County	Provider Type	Licensure Action
Brothers' Keeper Inc	Seminole	Homemaker and Companion Services	Denied Renewal
Caring Touch	Sarasota	Home Health Agency	Denied Renewal
Eleanor's Retirement Home Inc	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Revocation
Fast Rehabilitation Center Inc	Miami-Dade	Health Care Clinic	Revocation
Green Acres	Pasco	Assisted Living Facility	Emergency Suspension Order



Touched by Faith, Inc.	Pinellas	Assisted Living Facility	Emergency Suspension Order
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The chart below displays the Agency's October Medicaid final order actions:

Name	County	Provider Type	Medicaid Action
A J Handal	Orange	Professional Early Intervention Services	Suspension
Cristina Alonso	Miami-Dade	Specialized Therapeutic Services	Termination
Pedro J Garcia	Miami-Dade	Specialized Therapeutic Services	Suspension
The Pieces Fit Interventions	Orange	Home & Community-Based Services Waiver	Suspension

The chart below displays the Agency's November licensure actions:

Name	County	Provider Type	Licensure Action
Claudene Barthelus	Miami-Dade	Adult Family Care Home	Emergency Suspension Order
Concierge Companions LLC	Palm Beach	Homemaker and Companion Services	Denied Renewal
Crossroads Caring Home LLC	Washington	Assisted Living Facility	Revocation
Happy Home Health Care LLC	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	License Surrender
PM Adult Home Care Corp	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Revocation
PRY, INC. d/b/a Good Samaritan Retirement Home*	Levy	Assisted Living Facility	Immediate Moratorium on Admissions
Touched By Faith Inc	Pinellas	Assisted Living Facility	Denied Renewal

The chart below displays the Agency's November Medicaid final order actions:

Name	County	Provider Type	Medicaid Action
Anthony Handal	Orange	Behavior Analysis	Suspension
At Liberty ALF LLC	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services	Termination
Healthfirst Medical PA	Miami-Dade	Physician (M.D.)	Termination
Jose L Avila	Miami-Dade	Physician (M.D.)	Termination
My Family Home	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services	Termination
Osprey Health Care Center LLC	Pinellas	Home & Community-Based Services Waiver	Suspension
Vinales ALF Inc	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services	Termination

*Subsequently, Good Samaritan Retirement Home's license was suspended and the facility was closed in December.

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.

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