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Op-Ed from Secretary Dudek about FloridaHealthFinder.gov

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The Agency recently made improvements to FloridaHealthFinder.gov. I invite you to print this submission in your newspaper or share it with your members via newsletter.

Thank you in advance for helping the Agency raise awareness about this important consumer tool.

Secretary Liz Dudek

We all should be taking an active role in our own health care, and there are many resources available to help us do just that. One great tool where consumers can find health care information and compare Florida health care facilities and providers is FloridaHealthFinder.gov. The website is presented by the Agency for Health Care Administration, the state agency that licenses and regulates health care facilities and manages the Florida Medicaid program.

If you are already familiar with FloridaHealthFinder.gov, you will discover the Agency has launched a new, fresh look to the site to enhance the navigation and to make it more visually appealing. For those of you who haven't yet discovered FloridaHealthFinder.gov, I invite you to visit the website today. The following are just a couple of ways FloridaHealthFinder.gov can be of use to you and your loved ones:

- The [Facility/Provider Locator](#) tool allows users to find Florida hospitals, home health agencies, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and other providers licensed by the Agency. The site includes addresses and driving directions; links to inspection reports, complaint investigations, and quality care comparison tools; and where applicable, bed types, specialty licenses, service area, and special programs.
- A variety of quality of care and pricing comparison tools on FloridaHealthFinder.gov help consumers make informed health care choices.



- o [Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgery Centers](#)– Find the number of ambulatory surgery visits and the number of hospital stays at Florida facilities as well as a range of charges for 150 medical conditions and procedures. Hospital data also includes the average length of stay and rates for readmission, mortality, and complications/infections.
- o [Health Plans](#) – View quality of care measures and the results of a member satisfaction survey, as well as links to additional health insurance information.
- o [Florida Nursing Home Guide](#) – Find information on individual nursing homes and their inspection performance.
- o [Hospice Providers](#)– View the findings of the Family Evaluation of Hospice Care survey that is given to families whose loved ones received hospice care.
- o [Prescription Drug Prices](#)– Link to MyFloridaRx.com to compare prices of the 150 most commonly used prescription drugs.
- The [Health Encyclopedia](#) and the [Symptom Navigator](#) include thousands of articles, illustrations, and videos. Many of the articles link to health care data on procedures performed at Florida hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.
- The [Medicaid](#) link is a good place to find answers to many questions and includes links to Web content as well as contact information. Topics include Medicaid eligibility, where to apply, covered services, link to a list of doctors, the Florida Medicaid consumer brochure, and more.
- If you or a loved one is uninsured or under insured, you may find helpful information from the [Medical Help Resources](#) section of the website. It lists programs that provide information, referral, direct medical care, or some help with the cost of medical care and other expenses.

I invite you to visit FloridaHealthFinder.gov today. Let me know what you think of the website and if you have questions or comments, there is a contact AHCA link where you can send the Agency a message.

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