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**VALUABLE CONSUMER TOOL—FLORIDAHEALTHFINDER.GOV—REDESIGNED  
FOR EASIER CONSUMER USE**

**TALLAHASSEE**—The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) announces the launch of the newly redesigned FloridaHealthFinder.gov consumer tool. The redesign provides a fresh look for easier navigation and expanded information to assist consumers in making informed health care decisions.

“The Agency is committed to helping consumers have access to useful information about health care facilities so they can make informed choices for themselves or their loved ones,” said Secretary Elizabeth Dudek. “FloridaHealthFinder.gov is one of the most valuable resources AHCA makes available to consumers and we want more people to know about it and use it.”

The Facility and Provider Locator tool allows users to find and compare Florida hospitals, assisted living facilities, home health agencies, nursing homes, and other providers licensed by AHCA. The Locator tool now lists how long the owner has held the license and indicates which providers have legal actions and fines, with links to sanctions. The listings continue to provide links to inspection reports, complaint investigations, emergency actions, and quality of care comparison tools, as well as addresses and driving directions.

The Facility and Provider Locator now also includes information from the Florida Nursing Home Guide. The Advanced Search option can be used to find nursing homes by bed type, languages spoken, payment forms accepted, religious affiliations, special programs and services, as well as Gold Seal Award recipients.

Other comparison tools on FloridaHealthFinder.gov look at hospital and ambulatory surgery centers, nursing homes, hospice providers, health plans, physicians who perform total knee and total hip replacements, and prescription drug prices. The site includes a health encyclopedia, information on Medicaid and programs for the uninsured, consumer publications and reports, and more. The website also contains updated data to reflect health outcome and pricing information on hospitals through March 2011.

The updates are part of AHCA’s ongoing efforts to provide consumers with information about the quality of Florida’s health care system, to promote transparency, and increase access to health care data.

*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 40,000 health care*



*facilities and 51 managed care organizations, and publishes health care data and statistics at [FloridaHealthFinder.gov](http://FloridaHealthFinder.gov).*

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