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**Statement from Secretary Dudek Regarding Governor Scott's 2012-2013 Budget Recommendations**

**TALLAHASSEE** – “I am pleased Governor Scott has included several of the Agency’s priorities in his 2012-2013 budget recommendations. He is providing support for key Agency initiatives that will streamline processes, create efficiencies and ensure our adherence to federal Medicaid requirements, improve the way licensees interact with the Agency, and realize additional savings through fraud and abuse recoveries and cost avoidance.

“At Governor Scott’s request, the Agency created a new hospital rate setting methodology that incentivizes efficiency and simplifies the process. The implementation of the rate-band methodology will result in a projected cost reduction of \$1,377,003,022 in the hospital line and \$476,061,231 in the prepaid health plan line.”

Key budget recommendations include:

- \$472,309 for enhanced background screening for long-term care providers. Conducting additional background checks enhances patient safety while reducing regulatory burden on the private sector. In addition, using technology to create efficiencies allows for a higher volume of screenings without additional resources.
- \$2,322,800 in continuation funding for the on-line licensing project. This project will include full implementation of online licensing for 29 provider types, including online payment, integration with document management, web portal for providers to submit applications, check status, and update licensure information between license renewals.
- \$1,887,500 to expand the telephonic home health service delivery verification project and comprehensive care management pilot. After one year of operations, the project has contributed to decreased expenditures for home health visits in Miami-Dade County, fewer home health agencies billing for reimbursement of home health visits and decreased unduplicated recipient counts. The expansion of these programs will result in Medicaid savings.
- \$8,523,257 for the conversion to the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) 10. The sustained funding of the ICD-10 project will allow for the continuation of federally required Medicaid policy changes.

