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Interagency Team Makes Unannounced Inspection Visit to the Florida Institute for Neurologic Rehabilitation (FINR)

Tallahassee, Fla. — This morning, investigators and staff from three agencies - the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), the Department of Health (DOH), and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) - initiated an unannounced inspection visit to FINR, a transitional living facility, in Hardee County that is licensed to serve individuals with severe head trauma, brain and spinal cord injuries.

“We are all concerned about the care, safety and well-being of the residents of the Florida Institute of Neurological Rehabilitation,” said AHCA Secretary Liz Dudek. “Maintaining a strong partnership among sister agencies is important given the different authorities and roles of each.”

The Agency for Health Care Administration licenses transitional living facilities, while the Department of Health monitors services for persons with traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries. The Department of Children and Families investigates allegations of abuse and neglect of children and vulnerable adults.

“Today shows inter-agency collaboration in action as we work together to protect patients and promote safe environments,” said Department of Health Surgeon General Dr. John Armstrong.

All three agencies will review the information gathered and will determine the most appropriate plan of response depending on the findings.

“We will continue to investigate any allegations of abuse or neglect to this vulnerable population and provide this information to law enforcement and the other agencies involved,” said DCF Secretary David Wilkins.

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 37 health maintenance organizations, and publishes health care data and statistics at FloridaHealthFinder.gov. For more information about the health information exchange, visit AHCA.MyFlorida.com.
The Florida Department of Health’s mission is to protect and promote the health of all residents and visitors in the state through organized state and community efforts, including cooperative agreements with counties. For more information, visit the Department’s website. Follow DOH on Twitter at @HealthyFla and on Facebook.

The mission of the Florida Department of Children and Families is to protect the vulnerable, promote strong and economically self-sufficient families, and advance personal and family recovery and resiliency. For more information about DCF, please visit our website at www.myflfamilies.com.

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