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Statement from Secretary Dudek about Unfounded and Inaccurate Allegations in DOJ Letter

TALLAHASSEE—“The September 4 letter issued by the Department of Justice is wrong. DOJ failed to allow the Agency to review or respond to the letter prior to release, which resulted in unfounded and inaccurate allegations.

“The decision of where a child receives care is up to the parents, in conjunction with the child’s doctor. The Agency will never interfere with a family’s choice for the location of their child’s care. The Agency uses a professional, rigorous, federally-approved, quality control system to ensure every family receives the appropriate level of care for their child.

“The Agency provides for every conceivable Medicaid service, whenever they are medically necessary, in unlimited amount and duration for children under 21. This includes no limit on any medically necessary home health and personal care assistance. Any parent who is unaware of the vast service package available to their child or who would prefer their child receive care in their home, should contact their respective Medicaid area office so that the Agency can assist them.”

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