April Monthly Actions: Agency Took Licensure Action against Three Providers, 14 Additional Providers Suspended or Terminated from the Medicaid Program

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) issued final orders to two providers for failure to meet licensure requirements in April.

There was one final order to deny a license renewal and one to revoke an existing license. Some of these providers were enrolled in the Medicaid program and the Agency has terminated or is in the process of terminating their participation in the program.

The Agency also issued an Emergency Suspension Order to E2 Emerson and Emerson, LLC, d/b/a Brightstar, a home health agency in Lake County.

In addition, seven providers were issued final orders terminating them from participation in the Medicaid program and have been reported to the federal government for placement on the federal exclusion list, which prohibits them from participating in Medicaid and Medicare nationwide. The Agency also suspended seven providers from participation in the Medicaid program, prohibiting the providers from being paid for claims to the Medicaid program for furnishing, supervising a person who is furnishing, or causing a person to furnish goods or services.

Agency Medicaid terminations and suspensions typically result from failure to return funds due to the Agency within required timeframes; a charge, indictment, or guilty plea to a health care related crime; suspension, termination, or exclusion from Medicare or Medicaid in another state; or a license denial, revocation, suspension or termination by the licensing agency.

The chart below displays the Agency’s April licensure actions:

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<td>E2 Emerson and Emerson, LLC, d/b/a Brightstar</td>
<td>Lake</td>
<td>Home Health Agency</td>
<td>Emergency Suspension Order</td>
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<td>Fairway Park Retirement Facility Corp</td>
<td>Miami-Dade</td>
<td>Assisted Living Facility</td>
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<td>Vinales ALF, Inc</td>
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The chart below displays the Agency’s April Medicaid final order actions:

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<td>Browns Boarding Home ALF</td>
<td>Manatee</td>
<td>Assistive Care Services</td>
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<td>Dade Kendall Home Healthcare Services Inc</td>
<td>Miami-Dade</td>
<td>Home &amp; Community-Based Services Waiver</td>
<td>Suspension</td>
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Fairway Park Retirement Facility | Miami-Dade | Assistive Care Services | Suspension
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Florida Foot and Ankle Group PA | Seminole | Podiatrist | Termination
Grannys Adult Home ALF Inc | Miami-Dade | Assistive Care Services | Termination
Joaquin Mendez | Broward | Physician (M.D.) | Suspension
Joaquin Mendez MD PA | Broward | Physician (M.D.) | Suspension
John Luther Lentz Jr | Walton | Physician (M.D.) | Termination
Manulys Adult Care Inc | Miami-Dade | Assistive Care Services | Termination
Marulys Adult Care | Miami-Dade | Assistive Care Services | Termination
Michael Medlin | Polk | Behavior Analysis | Suspension
Soby Management Services Inc | Miami-Dade | Home & Community-Based Services Waiver | Suspension
Stuart H Fox MD | Palm Beach | Physician (M.D.) | Termination
Victoria Kopflle | Lee | Home Health Services | Suspension

Further information about the actions and final orders can be found on the public records search page at [http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/dm_web/(S(jtrnl5fukcfknvhd5vtag1s))/default.aspx](http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/dm_web/(S(jtrnl5fukcfknvhd5vtag1s))/default.aspx). Emergency orders, including moratoriums on admissions and suspensions, can also be found on the public records search page by searching the name of the facility.

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