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Plans Selected to Provide Long-term Care for the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Program ~Florida-based plan selected in every region~

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) has selected the health plans it will contract with for the Long-term Care Managed Care program. Five plans were selected via competitive solicitation and they will serve recipients within the Agency's 11 regions throughout the state. A listing of the plans selected for each region and relevant information about the procurement can be found via the Department of Management Services' Vendor Bid System at http://www.myflorida.com/apps/vbs/vbs www.main menu.

"Agency leadership are very happy about the amount of interest shown in our program and believe the plans selected have demonstrated their ability to provide high quality services for Florida's Medicaid recipients," said Secretary Liz Dudek. "The Agency has selected plans that will be able to meet the needs of the recipients we serve and be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. We look forward to beginning to work with the selected plans and to finalizing negotiations with CMS for waiver approval within the next several weeks."

Some facts of note regarding the selected plans: first, the Agency selected a Florida-based plan in every region of the state; secondly, four plans also have a Medicare health plan in operation in the state, a fact that the Agency hopes will lead to opportunities for better coordination between the Medicare and Medicaid programs for this population.

Recipients who qualify to enroll in a long-term care plan will receive information at least 90 days ahead of when any change will take effect. Providers will receive information about contracting via the selected plans. Additional information about the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program and the opportunity to sign up to receive email updates about can be found on the SMMC website at: http://ahea.myflorida.com/Medicaid/statewide-mc/index.shtml.

Due to the competitive procurement, the Agency is in a statutorily imposed "Blackout Period" until 72 hours after the award announcement and cannot provide interpretation or additional information not included in the LTC ITN documents. As stated in s.287.057(23), F.S., "Respondents to this solicitation or persons acting on their behalf may not contact, between the release of the solicitation and the end of the 72-hour period following the agency posting the notice of intended award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, any employee or officer of the executive or legislative branch concerning any aspect of this solicitation, except in writing to the procurement officer or as provided in the solicitation documents. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response."

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 45,000 health care facilities and 37 health maintenance organizations, and publishes health care data and statistics at www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov.

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