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December Monthly Actions: Agency Took Licensure Action against Eight Providers, Five Additional Providers Terminated from the Medicaid Program

Tallahassee, Fla.—The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) issued final orders to eight providers for failure to meet licensure requirements during the month of December. The Agency issued two final orders to deny a license renewal application, three to revoke an existing license and three that resulted in the provider surrendering the license. Some of these providers were enrolled in the Medicaid program; however, the Agency has terminated or is in the process of terminating their participation in the program.

"Despite our efforts to make sure all providers understand statute and licensing rule requirements, there are still some providers who continue to break the law or fail to adhere to regulations," said Secretary Liz Dudek. "While our goal is to bring all facilities and providers into compliance, we will take regulatory action when necessary."

Five additional providers were issued final orders terminating them from participation in the Medicaid program in December. These terminations resulted from sanctions imposed for reasons including pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit unlawful dispensing of controlled substances, failure to reimburse the Agency and final order issued denying licensure. These providers also have been reported to the federal government for placement on the federal exclusion list, which prohibits them from participating in Medicaid and Medicare nationwide.

Provider Type Licensure Action Name County Biscayne Milieu Health Centers, Inc. Miami-Dade Health Care Clinic License Revocation Gulf Coast Back Specialists, Inc. Escambia Health Care Clinic License Surrendered Health Therapy Center Corp Miami-Dade Health Care Clinic License Revocation Kosher Assisted Living, LLC Broward Assisted Living Facility License Surrendered Miami Dade Medical Solutions, Inc. Miami-Dade Health Care Clinic License Revocation Ronat Home Health Care, Inc. Miami-Dade **Denied Renewal** Home Health Agency Sampedro Residence, Inc. Miami-Dade Assisted Living Facility License Surrendered Assisted Living Facility V & H Care Marion **Denied Renewal**

The chart below displays the Agency's December licensure actions:

The chart below displays the Agency's December Medicaid final order termination actions:



Mohamed Saleh	Duval	Physician
Los Jazmines Home Care Corp	Miami-Dade	Home Health Agency
Oasis De Amor	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services
Paula Black	Broward	Assistive Care Services
Willsand Home Health Agency, Inc.	Miami-Dade	Home Health Agency

Additional information about the actions and final orders can be found by querying the Public Records Search page at

<u>http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/dm_web/(S(jtrnl5fukcfknvhds5vtad1s))/default.aspx</u>. 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.

In addition, the *Nursing Home Watch List* identifies nursing homes that are operating under bankruptcy protection or met the criteria for a conditional status during the past 30 months. To download a list of facilities on the Nursing Home Watch list, <u>click here</u>.

The Agency encourages consumers, advocates and anyone who may have a concern or observes a problem in any health care facility or with any provider regulated by the Agency to file a complaint by calling the Agency's consumer complaint line at 1-888-419-3456 or by reporting online at http://ahca.myflorida.com/Contact/call_center.shtml.

Tips about suspected fraud can be reported by calling the Attorney General's Fraud Hotline at 1-866-966-7226 or the Agency's Consumer Call Center at 1-888-419-3456. Anyone can report fraud online by visiting the Agency's Web site at https://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/InspectorGeneral/fraud_complaintform.aspx.

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