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Statement from AHCA concerning VA Hospital Inspections

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration continues its efforts to shine a light on the processes of federal Veterans Affairs hospitals in Florida. The Agency attempted to complete an onsite review this afternoon at the Miami VA Medical Center, entering at 12:15pm and exiting at 12:29pm, and again were declined the opportunity to review any records.

Secretary Dudek said, "For a third time in as many days, Agency surveyors were turned away from a VA hospital where we are simply asking to able to review processes. This was our fourth facility visit with this same outcome, and after conversing with VA officials, I look forward to receiving the requested documents timely."

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 <u>www.FloridaHealthFinder.gov</u>. Additional information about Agency initiatives is available via <u>Facebook (AHCAFlorida), Twitter (@AHCA_FL)</u> and <u>YouTube (/AHCAFlorida)</u>.

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