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Statement from AHCA concerning VA Hospital Inspections

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. –Today, the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration continued 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 morning at the Bay Pines Medical Center in St. Petersburg, and again were declined the opportunity to review any records at that time.

Secretary Liz Dudek said, “The Agency has yet to receive the follow-up information from our visit to West Palm Beach VA Medical Center last Thursday. Our goal remains to assess implementation of Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement activities required as part of the internal investigations conducted by representatives of the Department of Veteran Affairs. Without an ability to review the processes in place regarding risk management and quality assurance, we cannot ensure that our veterans who have so bravely fought to defend and protect our nation are receiving that quality care.”

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. Additional information about Agency initiatives is available via [Facebook \(AHCAFlorida\)](#), [Twitter \(@AHCA_FL\)](#) and [YouTube \(/AHCAFlorida\)](#).

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