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November Monthly Actions: Agency Took Licensure Action against 10 Providers, Nine Additional Providers Terminated from the Medicaid Program

Tallahassee, Fla.—The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) issued final orders to 10 providers for failure to meet licensure requirements during the month of November. The Agency issued three final orders to deny a license renewal application, one final order to deny change of ownership, five to revoke an existing license and one 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.

"We will continue to encourage providers to take advantage of the numerous education and training opportunities, but we will not let up on our duty to enforce the law and punish those who insist on breaking the law," said Secretary Liz Dudek. "If anyone suspects a provider is unscrupulous, they should call our consumer complaint line at 1-888-419-3456."

Nine additional providers were issued a final order terminating them from participation in the Medicaid program in November. These terminations resulted from sanctions imposed for failing to furnish records within the timeframes established by the Agency, pleading guilty of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, pleading guilty to conspiracy to distribute and dispense controlled substances not for legitimate medical purposes, and termination from the Medicaid program. 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.

The chart below displays the Agency's November final order licensure actions:

Name	County	Provider Type	Licensure Action
Amor Blessed Sweet Home Inc	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Revocation
Ashley Place Assisted Living Inc	Palm Beach	Assisted Living Facility	Denied Renewal
Caron Lasha Brown	Duval	Adult Family Care Home	Revocation
Care Plus Center LLC	Miami-Dade	Health Care Clinic	License Surrender
Elsa's Homes for the Elderly	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Revocation
Golden Age Assisted Living Facility II LLC	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Denied Change of Ownership
Heartbeat Home Health Agency Inc	Miami-Dade	Home Health Agency	Revocation
Highlands Clinical Laboratory Corp	Highlands	Clinical Laboratory	Denied Renewal
Lantana Professional Caregivers	Palm Beach	Nurse Registry	Denied Renewal
United States Home Health Services Inc	Miami-Dade	Home Health Agency	Revocation



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

Name	County	Provider Type
All in One Support Services	Orange	Home and Community Based Services
L'Image PT & Rehab Inc*	Miami-Dade	Home and Community Based Services
L'Image Physical Therapy	Miami-Dade	Therapist
Alicia Chilito MD	Miami-Dade	Physician
Felky RX LLC	Hillsborough	Pharmacy
Alejandrina Cardenas	Broward	Social Worker/Case Manager
Alejandrina Cardenas	Miami-Dade	Home and Community Based Services
Ayoade Idowu	Broward	Home Health Agency

^{*}Provider had two separate licenses suspended.

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

http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/dm_web/(S(jtrnl5fukcfknvhds5vtad1s))/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.

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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