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Secretary Dudek: “The VA is not taking seriously their obligation to provide public records.”

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, the Agency submitted a FOIA appeal for the records the federal Department of Veterans Affairs has failed to provide by the deadline stated in public records law. The appeal can be viewed [HERE](#). This action is independent of the lawsuit the Agency is preparing, at the request of Governor Scott, for the right to gain access to the VA hospitals.

Secretary Dudek said, “To date, I have not even received a courtesy confirmation that my request is being processed, which leads me to believe the VA is not taking seriously their obligation to provide public records. I will follow this appeal with any legal action necessary to force the VA to be transparent.

“Refusing to acknowledge a FOIA request when the VA has been caught keeping secret lists and delaying care to our brave veterans will only add to the already growing public distrust of their department. The VA should provide the records immediately.”

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 34 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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