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Agency for Health Care Administration Issues 13 Certificates of Need to Nursing Home Bed Applicants

Tallahassee, Fla.– The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) today gave the green light and issued Certificates of Need (CON) to 13 applicants for new nursing home beds that were unchallenged.

Projected to create approximately 800 full time jobs, the newly approved CON applicants will have 18 months from the issued date to start construction of the proposed projects.

"Today we are announcing the creation of 762 new nursing home beds across the state. This represents a significant upgrade to Florida's long-term care infrastructure to meet the needs of our elders for decades to come," said Agency Secretary Elizabeth Dudek. "It is also a boost to Florida's economy with the creation of hundreds of new jobs for nursing home staff and a green light to the spending of millions of dollars to construct these new projects."

The chart below displays the 13 applicants that received CONs:

CON No.	County	Applicant/Facility	Proposed Project
10241	ESCAMBIA	NF Escambia, LLC/NF Escambia, LLC	Establish a new 90-bed community nursing home
10243	SANTA ROSA	Sandy Ridge Investors, Inc./Sandy Ridge Health and Rehabilitation	Add 30 community nursing home beds
10245	BAY	PruittHealth - Bay County, LLC/PruittHealth - Bay County, LLC	Establish a new community nursing home of 77 beds
10249	MADISON	Madison Health Investors, L.C./Lake Park of Madison	Add 19 community nursing home beds
10253	ALACHUA	Oak Hammock at the University of Florida, Inc./Oak Hammock at the University of Florida	Add 17 community nursing home beds through the conversion of 17 sheltered nursing home beds
10255	MARION	CMCP-Pinecastle, LLC/Chambrel at Pinecastle	Establish a new 32-bed community nursing home
10260	CITRUS	Surrey Place of Lecanto, LLC/Diamond Ridge Health and Rehabilitation Center	Add 22 community nursing home beds
10270	DUVAL	Five Points Health Care, Ltd./Five Points Health Care, Ltd.	Establish a new 111-bed community nursing home



10272	CLAY	,	Establish a new 120-bed community nursing home
10273	CLAY	County, LLC/PruittHealth - Southwestern	Establish a new community nursing home of 97 beds
10287	PINELLAS	,	Add 33 community nursing home beds
10312	BREVARD	Rrevard Oaks Center C/Rrevard Oaks	Establish a new community nursing home 131 beds
10336	CHARLOTTE	Village Place NH LLC/Village Place Health and Rehabilitation Center	Add 20 community nursing home beds

The Agency received 27 nursing home petitions and 12 hospice petitions on March 16 challenging its initial decisions. A list of the petitions can be found at http://ahca.myflorida.com/MCHO/CON_FA/index.shtml.

From 2001 until 2014, the Florida Legislature had placed a moratorium on the creation of new nursing home beds. The moratorium was lifted on July 1, 2014, generating more than 100 applications in November. The Agency published decisions on February 20 approving CON applications for over 2,600 nursing home beds in 25 counties around the state. The next opportunity for providers to submit applications for nursing home beds will be April 20, 2015.

For more information on the Certificate of Need program, please visit: http://ahca.myflorida.com/mchq/CON_FA/.

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).