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## September Monthly Actions: Agency Took Licensure Action against 6 Providers, 7 Additional Providers Terminated or Suspended from the Medicaid Program

**Tallahassee, Fla.**— The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) issued final orders to 6 providers for failure to meet licensure requirements during the month of September. The Agency issued one final order to deny a license renewal application, four to revoke an existing license, and one that resulted in the provider surrendering their 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.

Four additional providers were issued a final order terminating them from participation in the Medicaid program in September. These terminations resulted from sanctions imposed for pleading no contest with abuse of the elderly and grand theft, failing to reimburse the Agency within the timeframes established by the Agency, and for having a license revoked, suspended or terminated by the licensing agency. 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.

There were also three providers suspended from participation in the Medicaid program prohibiting the providers being paid for claims to the Medicaid program for furnishing, supervising a person who is furnishing, or causing a person to furnish goods or services.

The chart below displays the Agency's September licensure actions:

Name	County	Provider Type	<b>Licensure Action</b>
A & S Quality Care Inc	Orange	Homemaker & Companion Services	License Revocation
Alephzayn Health Services Inc	Miami-Dade	Home Health Agency	License Surrender
Florida National Home Health Care Inc	Miami-Dade	Home Health Agency	License Revocation
Medcorp PIC Inc	Palm Beach	Home Health Agency	Denied Renewal
Medsel Home Health Care Corp	Miami-Dade	Home Health Agency	License Revocation
Viviane Octela	Charlotte	Adult Family Care Home	License Revocation

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

Name	County	Provider Type	Medicaid Action
Comfort Zone Health Care Inc	Broward	H & C Based Services	Termination
Frances Howell	Walton	H & C Based Services	Termination



Julia Levy Adult Family Care Home	Duval	Assistive Care Services	Termination
Marion Provider Care Services Inc	Duval	H & C Based Services	Termination
Miranda W. Smith	Pasco	Dentist	Suspension from Participation
Terri L Schneider	Polk	Hearing Aid Specialist	Suspension from Participation
The Four Seasons ALF Community Inc	Charlotte	H & C Based Services	Suspension from Participation

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 <a href="http://ahca.myflorida.com/Contact/call">http://ahca.myflorida.com/Contact/call</a> 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 <a href="https://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/InspectorGeneral/fraud\_complaintform.aspx">https://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/InspectorGeneral/fraud\_complaintform.aspx</a>.

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