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March Monthly Actions: Agency Took Licensure Action against Eleven Providers, Eight Additional Providers Terminated from the Medicaid Program

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) issued final orders to eleven providers for failure to meet licensure requirements in March.

There were four final orders to revoke an existing license, six final orders to deny a license renewal and one that resulted in the provider surrendering their license. Some of these providers were enrolled in the Medicaid program and the Agency has terminated or is in the process of terminating their participation in the program.

In addition, the Agency terminated eight providers from participation in the Medicaid program, prohibiting the providers from 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 Agency's Medicaid terminations and suspensions typically result from sanctions imposed for failing to reimburse the Agency within the timeframes set; being charged by information or indictment or pleading guilty to a health care related crime; being suspended, terminated, or excluded from the Medicare or Medicaid program in another state; or for having a license denied, revoked, suspended or terminated by the licensing agency.



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

| Name   | County     | Provider Type                      | Licensure<br>Action   |
|--|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| A Plus Medical Equipment & Supply Inc  | Palm Beach | Home Medical<br>Equipment Provider | Denied Renewal        |
| Comforcare Senior Services Broward South   | Broward    | Home Health Agency                 | Denied Renewal        |
| Comforcare Senior Services Broward South   | Broward    | Home Health Agency                 | License<br>Revocation |
| El Palmar Home Care Inc et. Al   | Miami-Dade | Assisted Living Facility           | Denied Renewal        |
| El Palmar Home Care Inc et. Al (Rosario Retirement Senior Home)                                    | Miami-Dade | Assisted Living Facility           | Denied Renewal        |
| El Palmar Home Care Inc et. Al (My Future Home of Miami)   | Miami-Dade | Assisted Living Facility           | Denied Renewal        |
| El Palmar Home Care Inc et. Al (Almar ALF, Inc)  | Miami-Dade | Assisted Living Facility           | License<br>Revocation |
| El Palmar Home Care Inc et. Al (Damabian ALF Center, Inc)  | Miami-Dade | Assisted Living Facility           | License<br>Revocation |
| El Palmar Home Care Inc et. Al<br>(Margarita ALF Home Corp d/b/a<br>Margarita's ALF Home Corp. #1) | Miami-Dade | Assisted Living Facility           | License<br>Revocation |
| Leomay ALF Inc   | Miami-Dade | Assisted Living Facility           | License<br>Surrender  |
| Tender Touch Health Care   | Orange     | Home Health Agency                 | Denied Renewal        |

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

| Name                                       | County     | Provider Type                       | Medicaid Action |
|--|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| *Barbara J Gamble                          | Levy       | Home & Community-<br>Based Services | Termination     |
| Complete Bio Solutions Inc                 | Miami-Dade | Independent<br>Laboratory           | Termination     |
| Ernesto M Ganaim                           | Miami-Dade | Dentist                             | Termination     |
| Golden Age Assisted Living Facility II LLC | Miami-Dade | Assistive Care<br>Services          | Termination     |
| Intracoastal Primary Health Care Inc       | Broward    | Physician (M.D.)                    | Termination     |
| James F Pruchniewski                       | Polk       | Podiatrist                          | Termination     |
| Laurie J Meeks                             | Levy       | Home & Community-<br>Based Services | Termination     |

<sup>\*</sup>There were 2 separate termination Final Orders issued in March for this provider relating to 2 different Medicaid provider IDs.

Further information about the actions and final orders can be found on 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.

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