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## **AHCA Secretary Recognizes Hurricane Preparedness Week**

**TALLAHASSEE**, **Fla.** – Today, Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) Secretary Elizabeth Dudek released the following statement recognizing Hurricane Preparedness Week (May 15<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>):

"With hurricane season just around the corner, it is important that Floridians are prepared should a storm hit our state this year. It is easy to become complacent as a hurricane has not made landfall in Florida for 10 years, but we encourage everyone to be proactive and have a plan."

"The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration recommends using this week to develop a written evacuation plan, make sure your home is properly insured and assemble necessary disaster supplies. It is vital to be as prepared as possible before hurricane season begins. Supplies such as batteries and canned foods are often in short supply as storms approach."

Last month, the Agency sent a letter to providers reminding them to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season. A copy of the letter can be found on the Agency's <u>website</u>.

More information regarding hurricane preparedness and safety can be found by visiting the websites for the <u>Florida Division of Emergency Management</u> or the <u>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</u>.

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