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## November Monthly Actions: Agency Took Licensure Action against Six Providers, 21 Additional Providers Terminated or Suspended from the Medicaid Program

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

There was one final order to revoke an existing license and four final orders to deny a license renewal. 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.

The Agency also issued an emergency suspension order and immediate moratorium on admissions to Pioneer Adult Facility, LLC, an assisted living facility in Miami-Dade County.

In addition, 15 providers were issued a final order terminating them from participation in the Medicaid program and have been reported to the federal government for placement on the federal exclusion list, which prohibits them from participating in Medicaid and Medicare nationwide. The Agency also suspended six 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.

Agency Medicaid terminations and suspensions typically result from failure to return funds due to the Agency within required timeframes; a charge, indictment, or guilty plea to a health care related crime; suspension, termination, or exclusion from Medicare or Medicaid in another state; or a license denial, revocation, suspension or termination by the licensing agency.

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

Name	County	Provider Type	Licensure Action
Manuly's Adult Care	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	License Revocation
Manuly's Adult Care	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Denied Renewal
Mi Casa Homes LLC	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Denied Renewal
Pioneer Adult Facility, LLC	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Emergency Suspension Order and Immediate Moratorium on Admissions
River Region Human Services	Duval	Assisted Living Facility	Denied Renewal
Shirley Josey	Palm Beach	Adult Family Care Home	Denied Renewal

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



Name	County	Provider Type	Medicaid Action
Acurehab & Medical Center	Broward	Podiatrist	Termination
Apostolado Home Inc	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services	Termination
Caring Partners Home Care Agency LLC	Broward	Home Health Agency	Suspension
Changes	Brevard	Community Behavioral Health Services	Suspension
Gregoire Garcon	Broward	Podiatrist	Termination
Hialeahs Finest ALF	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services	Termination
Home Away From Home Inc	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services	Termination
Isaac Kojo Anakwah Thompson	Palm Beach	Physician (M.D.)	Termination
John Peter Christensen	Palm Beach	Physician (M.D.)	Termination
Julio A Diaz-Jane	Miami-Dade	Physician (M.D.)	Termination
Lynda Lee Aikiema Gonsalves-Barns	Osceola	Social Worker/Case Manager	Termination
Martin Elderly Care Inc	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services	Termination
Michael Bannister	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services	Termination
Michael Belcon	St. Lucie	Physician (M.D.)	Termination
New Direction Institute	Broward	Community Behavioral Health Services	Suspension
New Pharmacy Discount Corp	Miami-Dade	Durable Medical Equipment/ Medical Supplies	Suspension
New Pharmacy Discount Corp	Miami-Dade	Pharmacy	Suspension
Nuevitas Home for the Elderly Inc #2	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services	Termination
St Philomena Assisted Living Facilities LLC	Clay	Assistive Care Services	Termination
Vinales ALF Inc	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services	Suspension
Wilfredo & Antonietta Llanes	Broward	Assistive Care Services	Termination

Further information about the actions and final orders can be found on the public records search page at <a href="http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/dm\_web/(S(jtrnl5fukcfknvhds5vtad1s))/default.aspx">http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/dm\_web/(S(jtrnl5fukcfknvhds5vtad1s))/default.aspx</a>. 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 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 our 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.

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