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AHCA Announces Florida Center Name Change

TALLAHASSEE, **Fla.** – Today, the Agency for Health Care Administration announced that the Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis will now be known as the Florida Center for Health Information and Transparency. The name change, a product of House Bill 1175, reflects the Center's shift in focus following the findings from the Commission on Healthcare and Hospital Funding.

Secretary Elizabeth Dudek said, "The Florida Center works tirelessly to provide the most up-to-date health care information. For the past decade, FloridaHealthFinder has allowed citizens and visitors to research all aspects of health care facilities and services offered in Florida prior to making a decision for themselves or a loved one. Renaming the center to the Florida Center for Health Information and Transparency more accurately represents its mission of increasing access to information for health care consumers in the state."

The Agency's consumer-focused health care information website, FloridaHealthFinder.gov, serves as a one-stop resource for consumers and health care professionals. The site includes a facility locator tool, service level and quality comparison tools for hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, health plans, and shows quality indicators and pricing information. The website also contains a set of helpful Consumer Guides on topics such as Emergency and Urgent Care, Patient Safety, Understanding Prescription Drug Costs, and planning for a stay in a hospital, nursing home, or assisted living facility.

The name change will be effective July 1, 2016. For more information on the Florida Center and its resources available to the public please visit FloridaHealthFinder.gov.

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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 48,500 health care facilities and 43 health plans, 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).

