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**September Monthly Actions: Agency Took Licensure Action against Five Providers,  
37 Additional Providers Terminated or Suspended from the Medicaid Program**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) issued final orders to four providers for failure to meet licensure requirements in September and one emergency suspension order and immediate moratorium on admissions.

There was one final order to revoke an existing license, one final order to deny a license renewal and two 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.

The Agency also issued an emergency suspension order and immediate moratorium on admissions to Browns A.L.F. Inc., an assisted living facility in Manatee County.

In addition, nine 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 28 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 September licensure actions:

Name	County	Provider Type	Licensure Action
Browns A.L.F. Inc dba Brown’s Boarding ALF	Manatee	Assisted Living Facility	Emergency Suspension Order and Immediate Moratorium on Admissions
Dynamic Rehab Health Center Corp	Miami-Dade	Health Care Clinic	License Revocation
Edwinola Retirement Community	Pasco	Assisted Living Facility	License Surrender
Falcon Sleep and Neurodiagnostics	Orange	Health Care Clinic	License Surrender



Mattie Thomas AFCH Inc	Duval	Homemaker & Companion Services	Denied Renewal
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The chart below displays the Agency's September Medicaid final order actions:

Name	County	Provider Type	Medicaid Action
1 Village 1 Child	Brevard	Community Behavioral Health Services	Suspension
1 Village 1 Child	Orange	Community Behavioral Health Services	Suspension
A Happy Place ALF Inc	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services	Termination
Apostolado Home Inc	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services	Suspension
Concorde Loving Care Inc	Flagler	Home & Community-Based Services	Termination
D & D Psych Inc	Miami-Dade	Case Management Agency	Suspension
D & D Smart Solutions	Miami-Dade	Community Behavioral Health Services	Suspension
Dalice Pharmacy Medical Equipment Inc	Miami-Dade	Durable Medical Equipment/ Medical Supplies	Suspension
David A Flick	Jackson	Physician (M.D.)	Suspension
Divine Consulting Services Inc	Orange	Case Management Agency	Suspension
Durden Consulting Services of Florida Inc	Volusia	Community Behavioral Health Services	Suspension
FIS's Care Pharmacy, Inc	Miami-Dade	Pharmacy	Suspension
Gabriela Raurell	Miami-Dade	Social Worker/Case Manager	Suspension
Gabriela Raurell	Miami-Dade	Specialized Mental Health Practitioner	Suspension
Iris N Ayala	Lake	Physician (M.D.)	Suspension
Isaac Kojo Anakwah Thompson	Palm Beach	Physician (M.D.)	Termination
John Coughlan	Collier	Physician Assistant	Termination
Jose L Avila	Miami-Dade	Physician (M.D.)	Suspension

Kenneith Durden	Orange	Social Worker/Case Manager	Suspension
Life Worth Living Foundation Inc	Orange	Durable Medical Equipment/ Medical Supplies	Suspension
Life Worth Living Foundation Inc	Orange	Pharmacy	Suspension
Marisela Arreaza	Miami-Dade	Social Worker/Case Manager	Suspension
Marisela Arreaza	Miami-Dade	Specialized Mental Health Practitioner	Suspension
Mayras ALF #3 Inc	Miami-Dade	Assistive Care Services	Termination
Nalita D Rajkumar	Osceola	Physician Assistant	Suspension
Nevaeh Community Care Inc	Duval	Home & Community-Based Services	Termination
Patrice S Thomas	Sarasota	Home Health Agency	Termination
Paul Kazuhiko Awa	Hillsborough	Physician (M.D.)	Termination
Pepper Tree Pharmacy LLC	Marion	Durable Medical Equipment/ Medical Supplies	Suspension
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Pepper Tree Pharmacy LLC	Marion	Pharmacy	Suspension
Roberto A Fernandez	Miami-Dade	Physician (M.D.)	Suspension
Salomon E Melgen	Palm Beach	Physician (M.D.)	Suspension
Shotts Quality Care	Broward	Therapist (PT, OT, ST, RT)	Termination
Victoria L McCullers	Escambia	Nurse Practitioner (ARNP)	Suspension
Wellness and Primary Care Clinic	Osceola	Physician (M.D.)	Suspension
Wendy Leiba	Orange	Social Worker/Case Manager	Suspension

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\(jtrn15fukcfknvhs5vtad1s\)\)/default.aspx](http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/dm_web/(S(jtrn15fukcfknvhs5vtad1s))/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 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 [http://ahca.myflorida.com/Contact/call\\_center.shtml](http://ahca.myflorida.com/Contact/call_center.shtml).

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