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September Monthly Actions: Agency Took Licensure Action against three Providers, nine Additional Providers Suspended or Terminated from the Medicaid Program

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) issued final orders to two providers for failure to meet licensure requirements in September. This serves as a notice of all licensure action taken in the month of September by the Agency.

There was one to deny a license renewal and one denied a change of ownership (CHOW). 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 Immediate Moratorium on Admissions and an Emergency Suspension Order to Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills, LLC, a nursing home in Broward County.

In addition, five providers were issued final orders 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 four 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 | Final or Emergency Order Date |
|---|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Next Medical Staffing | Out-of-State | Health Care Services Pool | Denied Renewal | September 26 |
| Sweet Retirement Home Inc | Miami-Dade | Assisted Living Facility | Denied CHOW | September 29 |
| Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills, LLC | Broward | Nursing Home | Immediate Moratorium on Admissions | September 13 |
| Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills, LLC | Broward | Nursing Home | Emergency Suspension Order | September 20 |



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

| Name | County | Provider Type | Medicaid Action | Final Order Date |
|--|------------|--|----------------------------|------------------|
| Albania A Hernandez | Miami-Dade | Therapist (Pt, Ot, St, Rt) | Termination | September 29 |
| Aelise ALF Corp | Miami-Dade | Assistive Care Services | Termination | September 29 |
| Bright Pediatrics* | Bay | Physician (M.D.) | Suspension | September 27 |
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| Golden Life Home Health Agency Inc | Miami-Dade | Home & Community-Based Services Waiver | Termination | September 29 |
| Gulfwinds ALF | Sarasota | Home & Community-Based Services Waiver | Termination | September 29 |
| Salomon E Melgen | Bay | Physician (M.D.) | Termination | September 29 |
| Sameh Elamir | Bay | Physician (M.D.) | Suspension | September 27 |
| Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills LLC | Broward | Skilled Nursing Facility | Immediate Suspension Order | September 14 |

*This provider had more than one Medicaid ID.

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\(jtrn15fukcfknvhd5vtad1s\)\)/default.aspx](http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/dm_web/(S(jtrn15fukcfknvhd5vtad1s))/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.

Tips about suspected fraud can be reported by calling the Attorney General's Fraud Hotline at 1-866-966-7226 or the Agency's Consumer Call Center at 1-888-419-3456. Anyone can report fraud online by visiting the Agency's website at https://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/InspectorGeneral/fraud_complaintform.aspx.

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