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AHCA Secretary Mayhew Attends First National HHS Quality Summit Meeting

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Mary Mayhew represented the state of Florida at the first meeting of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Quality Summit. Secretary Mayhew was nominated by Governor Ron DeSantis in July, and was selected to be a member of the group in August, out of over 300 nominees from across the country.

The Quality Summit is part of President Donald Trump's Executive Order 13877 "Improving Price and Quality Transparency in American Healthcare to Put Patients First," which directs federal agencies to develop a Health Quality Roadmap to align and improve government administration of quality in health care delivery.

Secretary Mayhew said, "I am so honored to be included in this distinguished group of health care stakeholders who will help shape quality improvements in the American health care system. Here in Florida, I have spearheaded Governor DeSantis' efforts to accelerate the transparency of facility level pricing and further link facility pricing and quality data. With the convening of today's summit, we have the opportunity to give voice to Florida's experience, Governor DeSantis' vision and help fulfill President Trump's promise to empower Americans to be able to make fully informed decisions about their healthcare.

"Today's discussion around quality metrics echoes what we have been focused on in Florida. We want to look at establishing best practices, by looking at data driven solutions and evidence based models. By empowering consumers with better information, we can ensure Americans are able to shop for quality and realize opportunities for cost savings. Governor DeSantis has been laser focused on this effort since day one in office, and I look forward to contributing to the ongoing dialogue on transparency in health care for the benefit of Florida and the nation."

Today was the first of many meetings of the Quality Summit in Washington, D.C. Following the conclusion of the summit meetings, HHS will present a Roadmap for restructuring quality programs by December 20, 2019, to President Trump.

To view Secretary Mayhew's welcome letter from HHS Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan click <u>here</u>.

For a full list of the HHS Quality Summit participants click here.