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August Monthly Actions: Agency Took Licensure Action against 21 Providers, 18 Additional Providers Suspended or Terminated from the Medicaid Program

TALLHASSEE, Fla. – The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) issued final orders to 19 providers for failure to meet licensure requirements in August.

There were three final orders to revoke an existing license, 11 to deny a license renewal, two denied change of ownerships (CHOWs), and three 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 Immediate Moratorium on Admissions to Touched by Faith, Inc., an assisted living facility in Pinellas County; and an Emergency Suspension Order to Eden Gardens, LLC d/b/a Eden Gardens, ALF, an assisted living facility in Miami-Dade County.

In addition, 13 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 five 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 August licensure actions:

Name	County	Provider Type	Licensure Action
Alita and John Haran ALF	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Revocation
Capricorn Retirement Home Inc	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Denied Renewal
Deland ALF Home	Volusia	Assisted Living Facility	Denied Renewal
Divine Gallo House ALF	Pasco	Assisted Living Facility	Denied CHOW
DRC Support Services LLC	Gadsden	Homemaker and Companion Services	Denied Renewal



E2 Emerson and Emerson LLC dba Brightstar	Lake	Home Health Agency	License Surrender
E R Helping Hands LLC	Lake	Homemaker and Companion Services	Denied Renewal
Eden Gardens, LLC d/b/a Eden Gardens, ALF	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Emergency Suspension Order
Floridian Home Companion Services Inc	Orange	Homemaker and Companion Services	Denied Renewal
Great Quality Adult Assisted Living Facility Inc	Polk	Assisted Living Facility	License Surrender
Izquierdo Home Care Inc	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	License Surrender
Merci's Home Corp	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Denied Renewal
Nellsax Home Care	Duval	Homemaker and Companion Services	Denied Renewal
NS Group Orlando LLC	Orange	Health Care Services Pool	Denied Renewal
Pioneer Adult Facility LLC	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Revocation and Denied Renewal
Raindrop Landing ALF LLC	Pinellas	Assisted Living Facility	Denied CHOW
Sweet Life ALF Inc	Miami-Dade	Assisted Living Facility	Revocation
The Merlin Healthcare Group Inc	Broward	Health Care Services Pool	Denied Renewal
Touched By Faith Inc*	Pinellas	Assisted Living Facility	Denied Renewal
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Touched by Faith, Inc.	Pinellas	Assisted Living Facility	Immediate Moratorium on Admissions

*This provider had more than one provider license.

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

Name	County	Provider Type	Medicaid Action
A Safe Haven Assisted Living LLC	Pinellas	Home & Community-Based Services Waiver	Suspension
Affectionate Care Service LLC*	Duval	Home & Community-Based Services Waiver	Termination
Affectionate Care Service LLC	Duval	Home & Community-Based Services Waiver	Termination
Alpine Adult Care	Escambia	Assistive Care Services	Termination
Angels Creative Childrens Therapy LLC	Orange	Behavior Analysis	Suspension
Arther Williamson	Duval	Home Health Agency	Termination

Felicidad Health Center PA	Palm Beach	Physician (M.D.)	Termination
Harvey A Pearl	Duval	Podiatrist	Termination
Isaac K Thompson MD PA*	Palm Beach	Physician (M.D.)	Termination
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Judith Benech Juarez	Orange	Behavior Analysis	Suspension
Kansky Delisma	Dade	Physician (M.D.)	Termination
Kipling Manor Retirement Center	Escambia	Assistive Care Services	Termination
Peter Stu Katz	Palm Beach	Physician (M.D.)	Suspension
Salomon E Melgen	Palm Beach	Physician (M.D.)	Termination
Senior Lifestyles LLC	Escambia	Home & Community-Based Services Waiver	Termination
Vanessa G Janvier	Dade	Physician Assistant	Termination
Vickrum Thakur	Seminole	Social Worker/Case Manager	Suspension

*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\(jtrn15fukcfknvhs5vtad1s\)\)/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.

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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