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Agency Updates FloridaHealthFinder.gov with New Information and Tools

Tallahassee, Fla.—The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) has made several updates to its valuable consumer tool, FloridaHealthFinder.gov. Updates include the addition of ADAM Wellness Tools, advanced search options, and updated provider/facility data and information. These improvements will provide patients and consumers with a better understanding of their health and assist them in choosing a provider that will best meet their needs.

“FloridaHealthFinder.gov is a valuable resource that helps consumers learn more about their health and health care options,” said Secretary Liz Dudek. “In addition to using the site to look up health care facility information, we want Floridians to use it as a resource when making health care decisions for themselves and their families.”

Consumers can use the ADAM (Animated Dissection of Anatomy for Medicine) Wellness Tools to measure, evaluate and learn about common health concerns including body mass index (BMI), calorie burner, target heart rate, ideal body weight, nutritional needs, and waist to hip ratio. The availability of this additional information is important for consumers to better understand their personal health and when to seek care.

In addition, advanced search options have been added to the Facility/Provider Locator for hospitals, nursing homes and clinical labs. When searching for a hospital, consumers can now find off-site emergency departments in the area. For nursing homes, consumers can search for those facilities on the Nursing Home Watch List or those going through a bankruptcy. Consumers can also search by the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) number and retrieve information on their Clinical Lab of choice. These updates allow consumers to find more detailed information about a provider and in turn make an educated decision about their health care.

The Facility/Provider Locator tool also allows the user to search for 34 types of health care facilities and providers licensed, registered and/or regulated by the Agency. A user can search by name, street address, zip code, license or AHCA number, administrator/chief executive officer, owner and/or emergency actions. Depending on the facility/provider type, advance search options might include: bed type, specialty license, service area, special programs and services, certification status, emergency actions and other options.

The *Compare Care* section of the site has been updated to include inpatient, ambulatory, and physician volume data. The updated information shows data through March of 2012 and is updated on a quarterly basis. Hospice data was also added through March of 2012, and is updated every 4-6 months. This *Compare Care* section is especially helpful in choosing a facility or provider that is right for the consumer.



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 40,000 health care facilities and 51 managed care organizations, and publishes health care data and statistics at FloridaHealthFinder.gov.

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