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**AHCA Sanctioned 17 Assisted Living Facilities between July and December 2011; Terminated 13 from the Medicaid Program**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** - From July 1 through December 31, 2011, the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) imposed \$667,626.70 in fines for violations found at assisted living facilities. In addition to the 13 facilities licenses that were denied or revoked, 26 assisted living facilities closed during litigation or because of legal or regulatory pressure. Also in this same period, the Agency terminated 13 assisted living facilities from the Medicaid program.

“The Agency takes seriously our role as the regulator of health care facilities and we continue to take action in cases of significant regulatory violations,” said Secretary Liz Dudek. “The Agency has a comprehensive approach that includes reviewing licensure status and Medicaid eligibility when violations occur.”

There are approximately 3,000 assisted living facilities in Florida, which represents an increase of roughly 26% since 2006. Fifty-one percent of ALFs received some reimbursement from Medicaid in 2011. Annually, the Agency conducts over 6,000 visits to assisted living facilities through licensure and complaint inspections. While the Agency issues more than 10,000 citations for failure to meet licensure requirements, most are minor in nature.

The chart below displays the history of emergency actions to ban admissions (moratoria) or suspend a license, successful legal actions to deny or revoke an existing facility license, closures of facilities with a history or current legal action pending and involuntary terminations from the Medicaid program since fiscal year 2006-07. In some cases, multiple actions are taken against a single facility; since July 1, 2011, the licensure actions (moratoria, suspensions, revocations and denials) below were taken against 17 different assisted living facilities (one facility had three actions).



	<b>FY 06/07</b>	<b>FY 07/08</b>	<b>FY 08/09</b>	<b>FY 09/10</b>	<b>FY 10/11</b>	<b>7/1/11-12/31/11</b>	<b>Total</b>
Moratoria	7	7	5	4	7	5	35
Suspensions	3	0	2	1	2	1	9
Revocations	3	5	4	12	7	9	40
Denials of Active Licenses	8	6	11	7	5	4	41
Closed or Failed to Renew	38	34	37	40	46	26	221
Medicaid Terminations	18	19	5	22	18	13	95

The Agency is dependent upon information reported by consumers, advocates and others who may have concerns or observe problems in an assisted living facility or any health care facility regulated by the Agency. Anyone can file a complaint by calling the Agency’s 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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