

STATE OF FLORIDA  
AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

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STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR  
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION,

Petitioner,

vs.

AUTUMN HOME CARE OF  
SOUTHWESTERN FLORIDA, LLC, d/b/a  
AUTUMN HOME CARE,

Respondent.

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AHCA NO. 2013002713

License No. 299993223

File No. 19966030

Facility Type: Home Health Agency

STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR  
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION,

Petitioner,

vs.

AUTUMN HOME CARE OF  
PALM COAST FLORIDA, LLC d/b/a  
AUTUMN HOME CARE,

Respondent.

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AHCA NO. 2013002465

License No. 299993373

File No. 19966206

Facility Type: Home Health Agency

STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR  
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION,

Petitioner,

vs.

AUTUMN HOME CARE OF  
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA, LLC,

Respondent.

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AHCA NO. 2013002467

License No. 299993311

File No. 19966215

Facility Type: Home Health Agency

AUTUMN HOME CARE OF  
PALM COAST FLORIDA, LLC, d/b/a  
AUTUMN HOME CARE,

Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA, AGENCY FOR  
HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION,

Respondent.

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DOAH NO. 13-1284

AHCA NO. 2012012424

License No. 299993373

File No. 19966206

Facility Type: Home Health Agency

**RENDITION NO.: AHCA-13 - 748 -S-OLC**

### **FINAL ORDER**

Having reviewed the Administrative Complaints and Amended Notice of Intent to Deny, and all other matters of record, the Agency for Health Care Administration finds and concludes as follows:

1. The Agency issued the attached Administrative Complaints, Amended Notice of Intent to Deny and Election of Rights forms to the Providers. (Composite Ex. 1) The Election of Rights forms advised of the right to an administrative hearing.

2. The parties have since entered into the attached Settlement Agreement. (Ex. 2)

Based upon the foregoing, it is **ORDERED**:

3. The Settlement Agreement is adopted and incorporated by reference into this Final Order. The parties shall comply with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

4. The Providers' home health agency licenses are **SURRENDERED** and the Providers shall return all license certificates currently in the Providers' possession to the Agency upon receipt of this Final Order.

5. An administrative fine in the amount of \$210,000.00 is imposed against Autumn Home Care of Southwestern Florida, LLC, which is **STAYED** in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

6. In accordance with Florida law, the Providers are responsible for retaining and appropriately distributing all client records within the timeframes prescribed in the authorizing statutes and applicable administrative code provisions. The Providers are advised of Section 408.810, Florida Statutes.

7. In accordance with Florida law, the Providers are responsible for any refunds that may have to be made to the clients.

8. The Providers are given notice of Florida law regarding unlicensed activity. The Providers are advised of Section 408.804 and Section 408.812, Florida Statutes. The Providers should also consult the applicable authorizing statutes and administrative code provisions. The Providers are notified that the cancellation of an Agency license may have ramifications potentially affecting accrediting, third party billing including but not limited to the Florida Medicaid program, and private contracts.

**ORDERED** at Tallahassee, Florida, on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2013.

  
Elizabeth Dudek, Secretary  
Agency for Health Care Administration

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW**

A party who is adversely affected by this Final Order is entitled to judicial review, which shall be instituted by filing one copy of a notice of appeal with the Agency Clerk of AHCA, and a second copy, along with filing fee as prescribed by law, with the District Court of Appeal in the appellate district where the Agency maintains its headquarters or where a party resides. Review of proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Florida appellate rules. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of rendition of the order to be reviewed.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of this Final Order was served on the below-named persons by the method designated on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2013.



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### **NOTICE OF FLORIDA LAW**

#### **408.804 License required; display.--**

- (1) It is unlawful to provide services that require licensure, or operate or maintain a provider that offers or provides services that require licensure, without first obtaining from the agency a license authorizing the provision of such services or the operation or maintenance of such provider.
- (2) A license must be displayed in a conspicuous place readily visible to clients who enter at the address that appears on the license and is valid only in the hands of the licensee to whom it is issued and may not be sold, assigned, or otherwise transferred, voluntarily or involuntarily. The license is valid only for the licensee, provider, and location for which the license is issued.

#### **408.812 Unlicensed activity. --**

- (1) A person or entity may not offer or advertise services that require licensure as defined by this part, authorizing statutes, or applicable rules to the public without obtaining a valid license from the agency. A licenseholder may not advertise or hold out to the public that he or she holds a license for other than that for which he or she actually holds the license.

(2) The operation or maintenance of an unlicensed provider or the performance of any services that require licensure without proper licensure is a violation of this part and authorizing statutes. Unlicensed activity constitutes harm that materially affects the health, safety, and welfare of clients. The agency or any state attorney may, in addition to other remedies provided in this part, bring an action for an injunction to restrain such violation, or to enjoin the future operation or maintenance of the unlicensed provider or the performance of any services in violation of this part and authorizing statutes, until compliance with this part, authorizing statutes, and agency rules has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the agency.

(3) It is unlawful for any person or entity to own, operate, or maintain an unlicensed provider. If after receiving notification from the agency, such person or entity fails to cease operation and apply for a license under this part and authorizing statutes, the person or entity shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by authorizing statutes and applicable rules. Each day of continued operation is a separate offense.

(4) Any person or entity that fails to cease operation after agency notification may be fined \$1,000 for each day of noncompliance.

(5) When a controlling interest or licensee has an interest in more than one provider and fails to license a provider rendering services that require licensure, the agency may revoke all licenses and impose actions under s. 408.814 and a fine of \$1,000 per day, unless otherwise specified by authorizing statutes, against each licensee until such time as the appropriate license is obtained for the unlicensed operation.

(6) In addition to granting injunctive relief pursuant to subsection (2), if the agency determines that a person or entity is operating or maintaining a provider without obtaining a license and determines that a condition exists that poses a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of a client of the provider, the person or entity is subject to the same actions and fines imposed against a licensee as specified in this part, authorizing statutes, and agency rules.

(7) Any person aware of the operation of an unlicensed provider must report that provider to the agency.