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### **CMS Selects Agency for Health Care Administration to Pilot Latest Version of Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) Initiative**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** –The Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) selected Florida as the only state to pilot the latest version of the Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) initiative. Known as MITA 3.0, this initiative has new guidelines that require state Medicaid agencies, such as the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), to conduct a State Self-Assessment (SSA) of the Medicaid program that will help evaluate how better to control costs and assist the Medicaid program in measuring care outcomes.

“We are thrilled to have been chosen to pilot the newest version of MITA,” said Secretary Liz Dudek. “The results of the assessment will be helpful as we are continuously trying to improve Medicaid business processes and be more efficient.”

To complete the SSA, AHCA must perform an analysis of how Florida currently administers the business aspects of the Medicaid program, such as enrolling service providers; analyze and assess how Medicaid information is processed; and analyze and assess the technology used to process Medicaid information. As part of the SSA, AHCA will develop a roadmap to be used in planning for enhancements, upgrades or replacements to the Florida Medicaid Management Information System (FMMIS), which is the main information system for Medicaid enrollment and claims processing. The SSA is required by CMS should the Agency seek enhanced federal funding for improvements to FMMIS.

With MITA 3.0 comes the use of score cards to determine at what level of complexity all of the business, informational and technical aspects of the Florida Medicaid program operate. Levels of complexity range from a basic level compliance, where manual processes and paper documents are used, to levels where complete automation has been implemented and information systems can readily exchange data with trusted partners.

The Agency was selected by CMS to pilot MITA 3.0 as a test to see how well a state can conduct the SSA using the new guidelines. The Agency will provide feedback to the CMS regional office in Atlanta about the experience of completing the SSA using the new MITA 3.0 guidelines. The MITA 3.0 project began in January 2012 and will conclude by the end of June 2012.

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