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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EXPANDS ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Department of Health (DOH) Division of Medical Quality Assurance (MQA) recently expanded its online license application capability to include the following professions:

- Pharmacist intern
- Consultant pharmacist
- Nuclear pharmacist
- Pharmacy technician in training
- Dentist
- Dental hygienist
- Dental radiographer
- Dental laboratory
- Dental teaching permits
- Dental residency permits
- Dental health access dental
- Dental temporary certificate
- Athletic trainer
- Dietetics and nutrition
- Electrologist
- Electrolysis facility
- Acupuncturist
- Midwifery
- Emergency insect sting treatment

"We are pleased to expand our online application option to these additional professions," MQA Division Director Lucy Gee said. "The online application process furthers our operational goal to provide an efficient licensure process that meets statutory requirements, and our strategic objective to decrease the average number of days to issue an initial license for a qualified applicant from 1.45 days to one day."

Applicants can access the Online Licensure Application by going to <u>www.FLHealthSource.com</u> and selecting "Apply for a License." After creating an account, applicants will have up to one year to complete the application. This online system also keeps applicants informed on the current status of their application, including any deficiencies.

The mission of the Florida Department of Health and Division of Medical Quality Assurance is to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. Working in conjunction with 22 boards and six councils, MQA licenses and regulates seven types of facilities and over 200 license types in more than 40 health care professions. MQA evaluates the credentials of all applicants for licensure, issues licenses, analyzes and investigates complaints, inspects facilities, assists in prosecuting practice violations, combats unlicensed activity

and provides credential and discipline history about licensees to the public. For additional information about MQA please visit <u>http://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/index.html</u>.