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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH URGES PRACTITIONERS TO REPORT CONTINUING EDUCATION PRIOR TO LICENSE RENEWAL

~First mandatory reporting cycle begins January 1, 2015~

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health Division of Medical Quality Assurance urges health care licensees to report their continuing education hours as they are completed, prior to license renewal. The first mandatory reporting cycle begins January 1, 2015, and will require licensees to enter their continuing education hours into the Department's electronic tracking system in order to renew their licenses. The first group of licensees to enter the 2015 mandatory reporting cycle using the electronic tracking system will be dietitians and nutritionists, and respiratory therapists. Since launching the electronic tracking system in January 2013, 252,758 licensees have opted to report their continuing education hours into the system.

Licensees can manage their continuing education on-the-go with CE Broker's free iPhone application. An Android app for CE Broker is anticipated to be released in October 2014.

Last month, the Department partnered with the Florida Medical Association (FMA) during its 2014 annual meeting to host a 5K Fun Run/Walk. This event educated licensees about reporting their continuing education hours prior to renewal and supported the Department's Healthiest Weight Florida initiative. Nearly 100 physicians, including State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong, participated in the fun run/walk.

For more information about reporting continuing education, visit www.FLHealthSource.gov.

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. During 2014, the Department is recognizing 125 years of public health in Florida with educational opportunities and events. Please visit <u>www.FLHealth125.gov</u> for more information.

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