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**FAHP Statement on Improvement of Pediatric Dental Quality Scores
Highlighted During House HHS Committee**

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida Association of Health Plans, Inc. (FAHP) today released the following statement, attributable to President & CEO Audrey Brown, regarding an update by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on the improvement in children’s dental quality scores under the Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) program during a Florida House Health & Human Services committee hearing.

“Florida’s health plans have continued to work toward improving pediatric dental services and outcomes under the MMA program, both in terms of preventive and annual dental visits; and, we are pleased that the quality scores and measures presented by AHCA today reflect that goal.

“With quality scores having risen from 45 percent in 2015 to 53 percent in 2016 – higher than they were under the former, fragmented fee-for-service model – we have already seen significant improvement in care.

“This is a positive development and as health plans continue to serve pediatric dental patients, we remain committed to improving progress on performance measures and improving overall health outcomes for Floridians.”

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