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Transitional Living Facilities

- HB 799 by Representative Magar
- SB TBD by Senator Garcia

Details

This bill revises licensure standards for transitional living facilities (TLFs), consolidating the oversight, care and services of clients of transitional living facilities regulations under the licensure of the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency).

Revisions will provide regulatory standards to protect health, safety and welfare of all clients in these facilities and promote coordination between the Department of Health, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the Department of Children and Families.

Significant provisions in the bill include:

- Corrects technical references between the Department of Health and the Agency for Health Care Administration.
- Clarifies providers already licensed by AHCA that can serve brain and spinal cord injured persons under their existing license, are not required to obtain a separate license as a TLC, such as hospitals and skilled rehab programs.
- Requires accreditation as a condition of licensure.
- Enables clients to receive services from a TLF as long as they are making measurable progress to transition to the community.
- Allows client evaluation period of up to 90 days when neurological injury is difficult to diagnosis.
- Clarifies client admission requirements including an initial evaluation within 72 hours, a comprehensive treatment plan within 4 days, and a comprehensive evaluation within 30 days.
- Clarifies client discharge requirements including 30 day notice and comprehensive discharge plans.
- Amends Chapter 381, Florida Statutes to clarify the respective roles of the Department of Health and Agency for Health Care Administration.

