

Agency for Health Care Administration

Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse

AHCA Clearinghouse Applicant Initiated Website (CHAI) Instruction Guide

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Clearinghouse Renewals Overview

Per Florida statute, retained fingerprints must be renewed every **5 years** in order to maintain eligibility for employment. To maintain the retention of fingerprints within the Clearinghouse, the employer must request a Clearinghouse Renewal through the Clearinghouse Results Website prior to the retained prints expiration date. By initiating a Clearinghouse Renewal, the current fingerprints retained on file at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will be re-sent to the FBI allowing for an updated criminal history to be processed by the Clearinghouse. If the employer does not initiate a Clearinghouse Renewal, an employee's prints will no longer be retained. The employee's eligibility determination will expire, and the employee will have to be re-fingerprinted at a Livescan Service Provider at an increased cost to comply with background screening requirements.

The window to initiate a Clearinghouse Renewal opens **60 days** before the Retained Prints Expiration Date is reached and closes on the Retained Prints Expiration Date.

If the Clearinghouse Renewal is not initiated before the Retained Prints Expiration Date a new screening will need to be initiated.

Employers will receive notification of upcoming expiring retained prints for those employees listed on the Employee/Contractor Roster.

The benefits of initiating a Clearinghouse Renewal are:

- Request and pay for the renewal of a screening all in one system while also receiving cost savings.
- Faster processing time since the request is immediately sent to the Clearinghouse. No need to wait for the employee to be fingerprinted at a Livescan Service Provider.
- An updated criminal history to ensure compliance with background screening requirements.
- Extend the retained prints expiration by another 5 years.

Clearinghouse Applicant Initiated (CHAI) Login Page

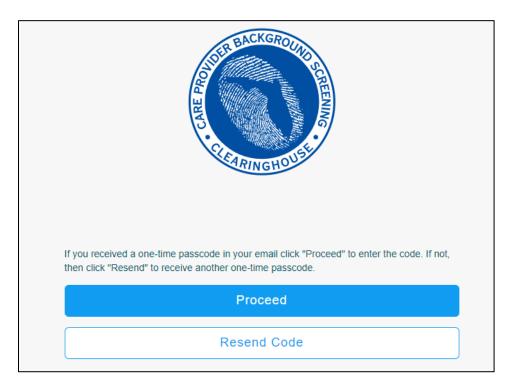
The CHAI website does not require you to create an account. Instead, a one-time passcode will be sent to a valid email address you provided. Note: you must have access to the email address to retrieve the one-time passcode.



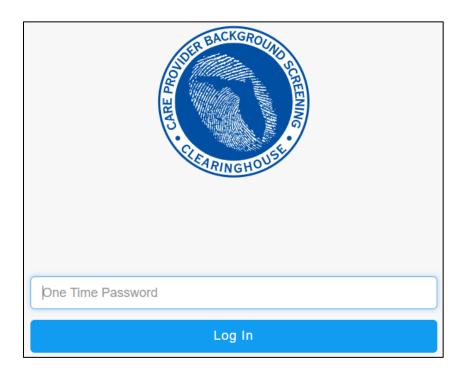
Sample one-time passcode email (it may look different depending on the email program you use but the message will be the same):



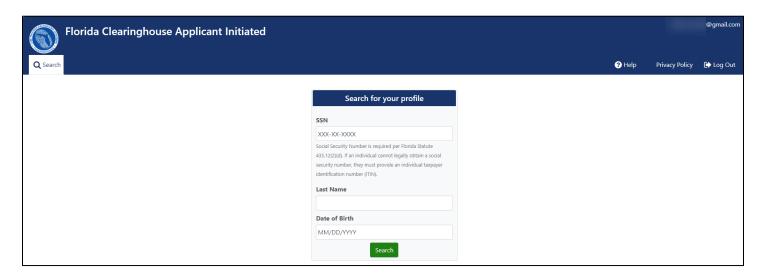
Click 'Proceed' if you have received the one-time passcode. If you did not receive your one-time passcode, click the 'Resend Code' to try again. You may have to check your email's trash or junk folder for the passcode email.



Enter the verification code and select the 'Log In' button to enter CHAI.



CHAI Homepage



Enter your demographic information to search for an existing screening in the Clearinghouse. Based on the results of the screening match you will be directed to the appropriate section of the system. Click the hyperlink below to go to the relevant section of this guide:

- If the system makes a match to an existing Clearinghouse screening, please see the <u>Match Found</u> section.
- If the system cannot make a match to an existing Clearinghouse screening, please see the <u>No Match Found</u> section.
- If the Clearinghouse Renewal window is not open, please see the <u>Renewal Window Not Open</u> section.
- If your screening is not shareable, please see the <u>Screening Not Shareable</u> section.

Match Found

Person Profile

If the system can match the demographic data you entered to a screening in the Clearinghouse, you will be directed to your person profile. You can edit your demographic information by clicking the 'Edit' button.



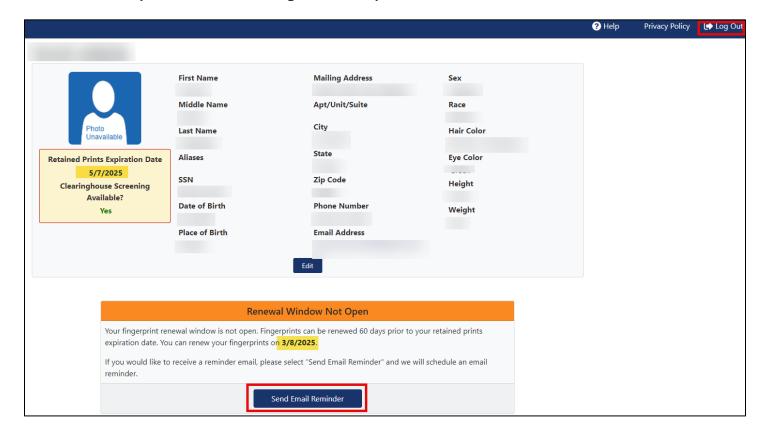
Edit demographic information

Click 'Save' to complete changes or 'Cancel' to return your person profile.

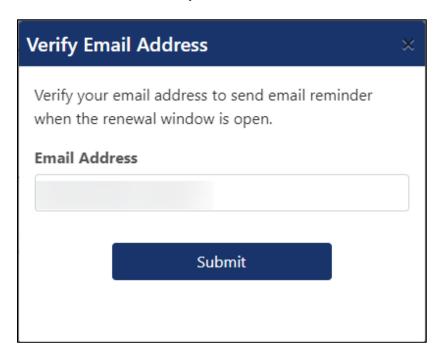


Renewal Window Not Open

If your renewal window is not open, you will see the Retained Prints Expiration date and the date when you can renew your fingerprints. Screenings can only be renewed 60 days before they expire. If your prints were recently renewed by another provider or agency, a second renewal is not required. The 'Send Email Reminder' button will trigger a notification reminder that will be sent to the email in file or to another email address of your choice. Click '**Logout**' to end your session.

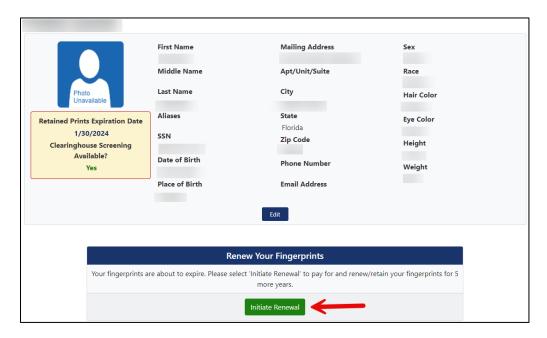


Verify Email address or enter a different one for your Renewal Reminder



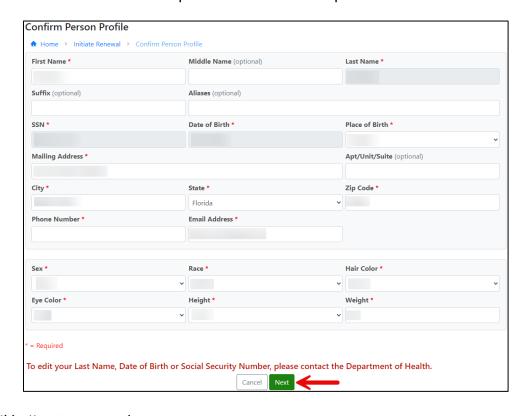
Renewal Window Open

If you have a Clearinghouse screening and your renewal window is open, the 'Initiate Renewal' button will be displayed. Selecting the 'Initiate Renewal' button will begin the renewal process.



Confirm Person Profile

The demographic information is prepopulated from the previous screening. Review and verify the demographic information, updating as necessary. Note: Last Name, SSN, and Date of Birth are not editable. You will have to contact the Department of Health to update these fields.



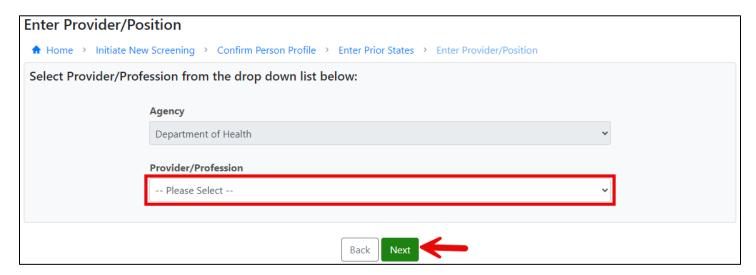
Prior States

Select any prior states where you have lived in the past 5 years, other than your current state. Please add all states you have lived in one at a time. When you have entered all prior states, or if you have no prior states of residence, select the 'Next' button.



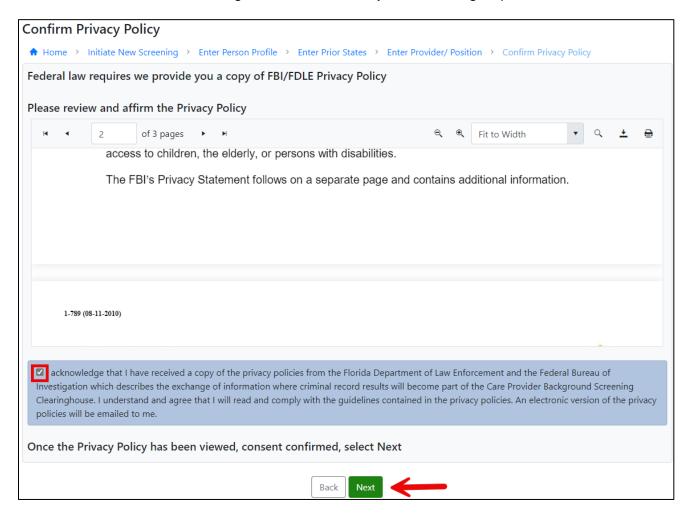
Provider/Position

Select the appropriate position type in the Provider/Profession dropdown field, then click the 'Next' button.



FBI/FDLE Privacy Policy

After you have selected your Provider/Profession, read and Acknowledge the FBI/FDLE Privacy Policy, then click the 'Next' button. You will get confirmation that your screening request has been submitted.



Screening Payment

The cost of a renewal is the current fee for a national criminal history check plus a service fee. Renewal payment options include:

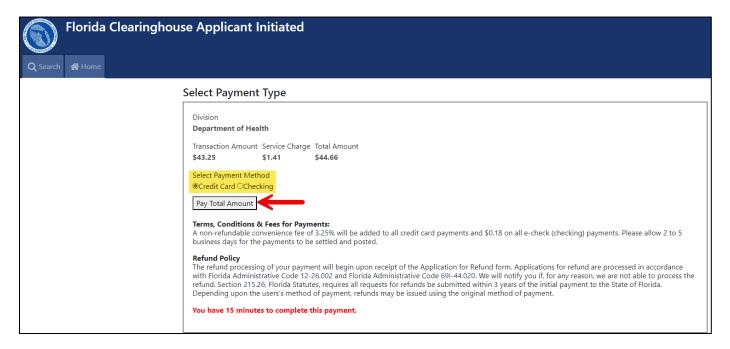
- Credit Card
 - MasterCard
 - o Discover
 - American Express
 - o Visa
- E-Checking
 - Personal or Business checking/savings account

To pay for the renewal:

- Select payment method
 - Credit CardOR
 - Checking
- Select Pay Total Amount to continue

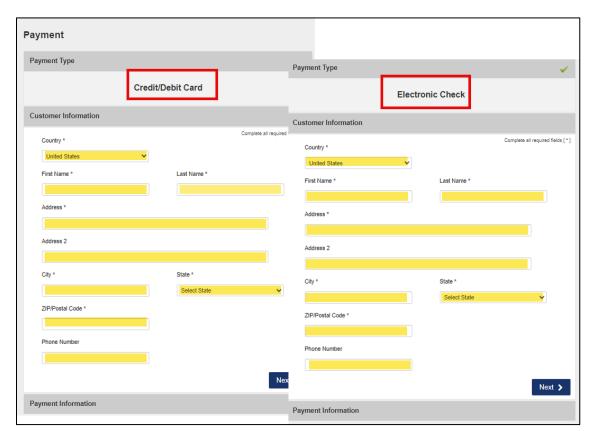
Please note that all Clearinghouse Renewal payments will be collected by the Agency for Health Care Administration.

IMPORTANT – Please note that payment information will NOT be saved.

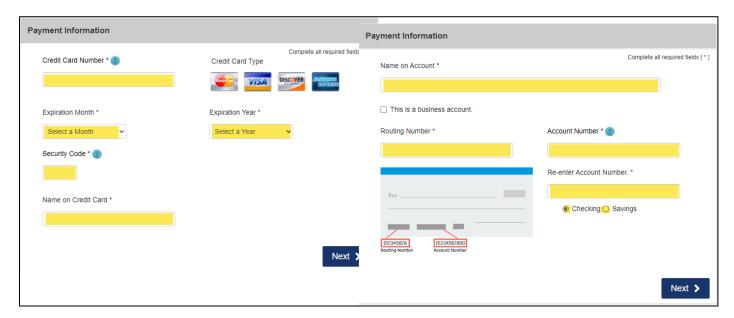


Enter Payment Information

Enter the customer information in the fields marked with asterisks (*) based upon the payment method you selected, then click Next.

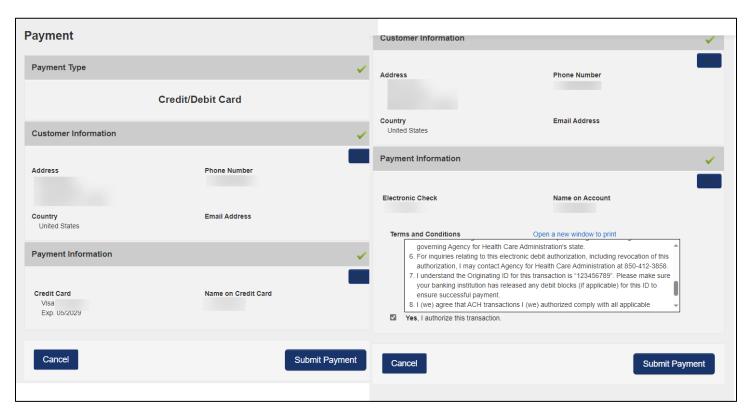


Enter payment information in the fields marked with asterisks (*) based upon the payment method you selected, then click **Next**.

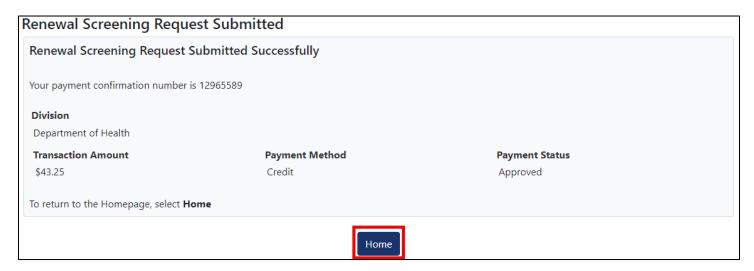


Verify Payment Details

Verify payment details and select Submit Payment



After you submit the payment, you will receive your receipt through the payment confirmation screen and via email. Click the **Home** button to return to your home page and see your screening status.

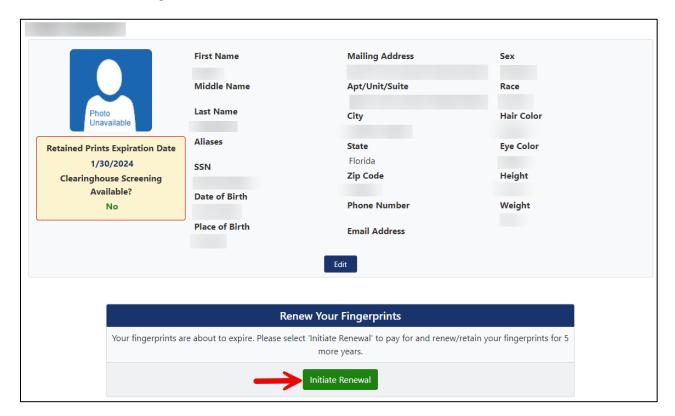


Your home page will show your screening request and status.

Screening Not Shareable

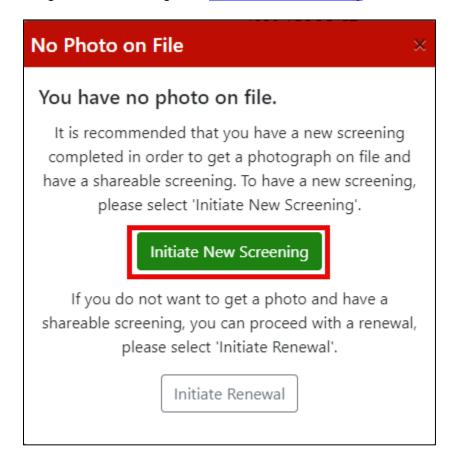
The screening on file is within the renewal window and may be renewed, however, with no photograph associated with the record this screening is not sharable to other agencies or providers. If you believe it will not be necessary for you to obtain other agency eligibility determinations, you can renew your current screening by clicking the **Initiate Renewal** button.

For instructions on initiating a renewal see **Initiate Renewal**.



If you would like initiate a new screening (at a cost) click the **Initiate New Screening** button. If you choose to initiate a new screening this will establish a new five-year subscription and your current screening will not need to be renewed.

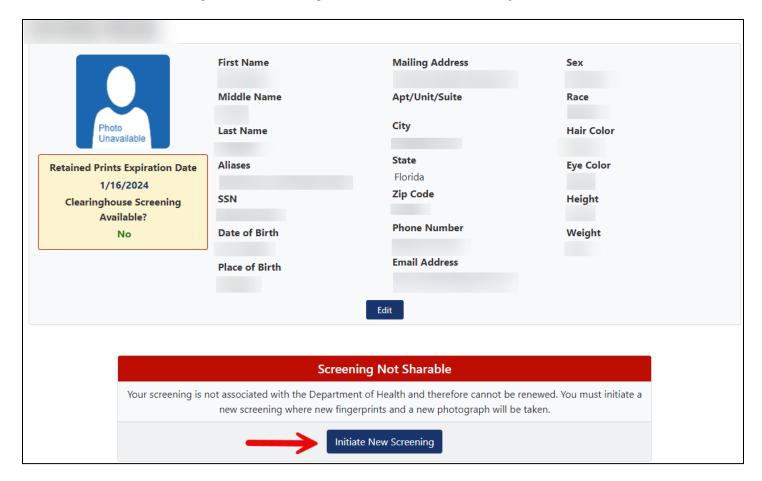
For instructions on initiating a new screening, see **Initiate New Screening**.



Screening Not Shareable; Not Associated with Department of Health

The screening on file is within the renewal window and may be renewed, however, the screening is not associated with the Department of Health and is not included in the Clearinghouse. Since the screening is not included in the Clearinghouse, by law the results cannot be provided to the Department of Health and a new screening must be obtained. Select the **Initiate New Screening** button to begin the process.

For instructions on initiating a new screening, see **Initiate New Screening**.



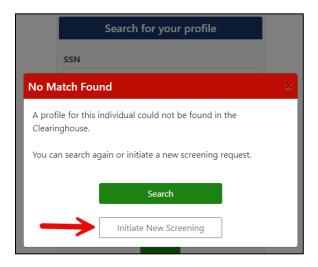
No Match Found

If the system cannot make a match to an existing Clearinghouse screening you will see the No Match Found modal. There are various reasons the data provided may not match an existing record. Some of the common reasons are blank or incorrect Social Security numbers, or a different last name or date of birth associated with the Social Security number on record.

If there is no existing record in the Clearinghouse you may initiate a new screening or logout of the system.

Initiate New Screening

To initiate a new screening for an individual, select the **Initiate New Screening** button.



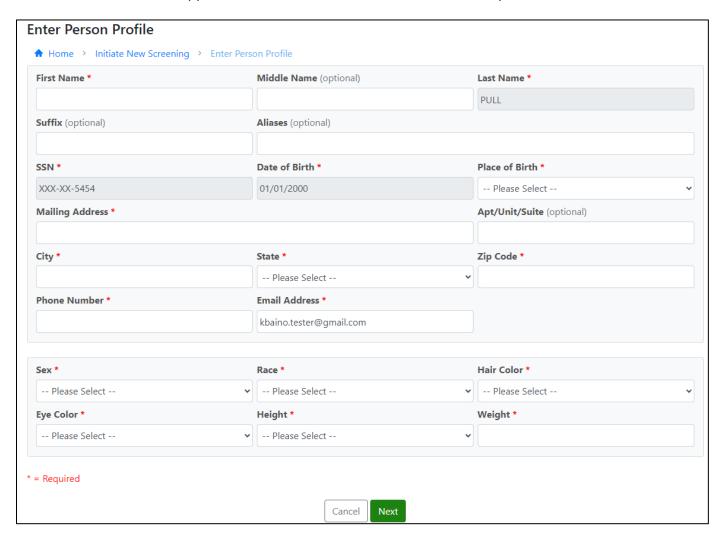
Reenter your Social Security number and click the 'Confirm' button. <u>Note: verify that your Social Security number is correctly entered as you will NOT be able to edit after this step. You will have to contact the Department of Health to edit your Social Security number.</u>



Enter Profile Information

Enter all required information, as designated by the red asterisks (*). Enter any aliases used; please enter as First Name and Last Name.

 Please note that the height and weight limits are set by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. If an applicant falls outside of the established limits, please select the closest match.



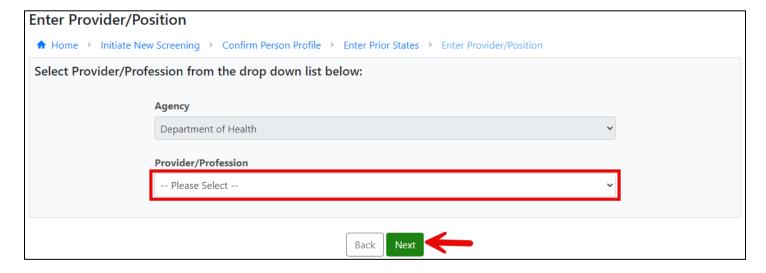
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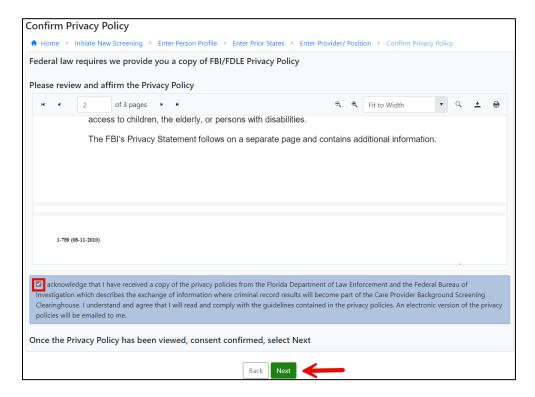
Provider/Position

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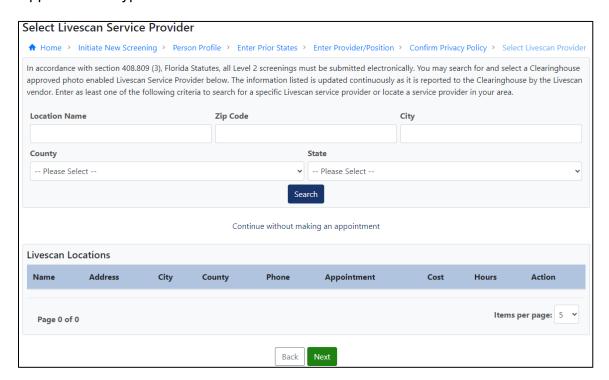
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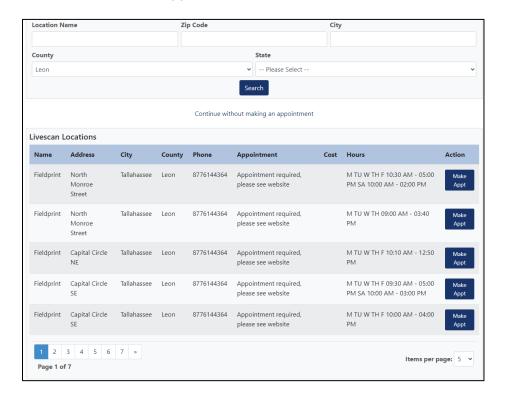


Select Livescan Provider

In accordance with section 408.809(3), Florida Statutes, all Level 2 screenings must be submitted electronically. You may search and select a Livescan Service Provider or click the 'Continue without making an appointment' hyperlink.



Livescan provider search and schedule appointment



After you have selected the Livescan service provider you would like to use, select the **Make Appt** button to schedule an appointment with that service provider. This will direct you to the service provider's website in order to schedule the appointment. While the website will be unique for each service provider, they will all provide the ability to enter the social security number to prepopulate all demographic information for the applicant, reducing duplicative data entry.

Once you schedule an appointment with the service provider, close the 'Make Appointment' window to return to CHAI. To complete the screening request select **Home.**

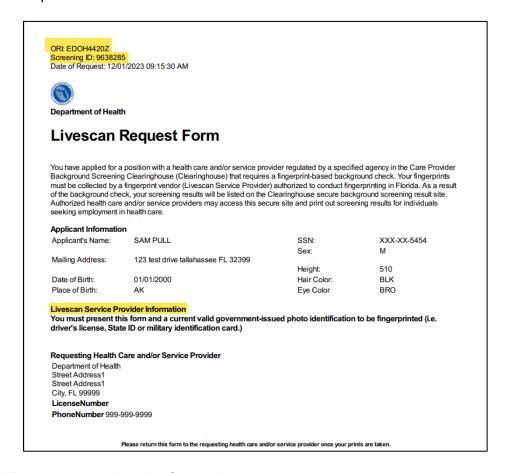
Note: This feature is provided as a convenience to applicants and not maintained, supported, or regulated by AHCA or the Department of Health. Please contact the service provider with any questions or problems about their 'Make Appointment' page.

New Screening Request Submitted

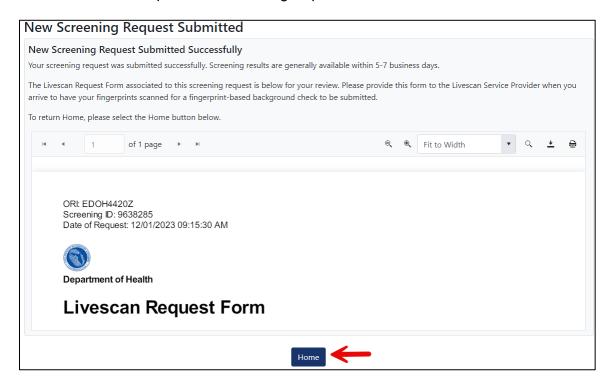
Once the screening request is submitted, a Livescan Request Form will be generated for the applicant to take to their screening appointment. The request form contains important information, including the following:

- 1. The **ORI number** required for electronic fingerprint submission
- 2. The **Screening Request ID** used by Livescan service providers to link the screening results to the screening request
- 3. Appointment information (if an appointment was scheduled during the Livescan step)

Sample Livescan Request Form



Click the 'Home' Button to complete the Screening request.



New Screening Status

The New Screening request status will be displayed in the Person Profile page of CHAI

