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SOUTHERN PALMS, INC

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{CZ814} SS=C	435.12(2)(b-d), FS Background Screening Clearinghouse 435.12(2) Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse.- (b) Until such time as the _____ are enrolled in the national retained print notification program at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, an employee with a break in service of more than 90 days from a position that requires screening by a specified agency must submit to a national screening if the person returns to a position that requires screening by a specified agency. (c) An employer of persons subject to screening by a specified agency must register with the clearinghouse and maintain the employment status of all employees within the clearinghouse. Initial employment status and any changes in status must be reported within 10 business days. (d) An employer must register with and initiate all criminal history checks through the clearinghouse before referring an employee or potential employee for electronic _____ submission to the Department of Law Enforcement. The registration must include the employee's full first name, middle initial, and last name; social security number; date of birth; mailing address; _____; and race. Individuals, persons, applicants, and controlling interests that cannot legally obtain a social security number must provide an individual taxpayer identification number. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to maintain the employment status of all employees and report the initial employment status within 10 business days for 1 of 3 staff records reviewed (Staff B) on the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) Background	{CZ814}		

AHCA Form 3020-0001

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

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{CZ814}	Continued From page 1 Screening Clearinghouse (BGS) website. Findings: A record review of the facility's employee roster on the Background Screening Clearinghouse (BGS) website revealed that the information for Staff B was not included. On _____ at 11:40 AM, during an interview, Staff A confirmed that Staff B was working at the facility. Staff A confirmed that Staff B had relieved her on _____. On _____ at 2:55 PM, during an interview, Resident #3 confirmed that Staff B helped with the food and other things. Resident #3 confirmed that Staff B sometimes came to the facility in the morning when Staff A was not there. Unclassified	{CZ814}		
{CZ815} SS=C	408.809; 435.02(2); 435.06 FS Background Screening; Prohibited Offenses 408.809 Background screening; prohibited offenses.- (1) Level 2 background screening pursuant to chapter 435 must be conducted through the agency on each of the following persons, who are considered employees for the purposes of conducting screening under chapter 435: (a) The licensee, if an individual. (b) The administrator or a similarly titled person who is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the provider. (c) The financial officer or similarly titled individual who is responsible for the financial operation of the licensee or provider.	{CZ815}		

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 2 (d) Any person who is a controlling interest. (e) Any person, as required by authorizing statutes, seeking employment with a licensee or provider who is expected to, or whose responsibilities may require him or her to, provide personal care or services directly to clients or have access to client funds, personal property, or living areas; and any person, as required by authorizing statutes, _____ with a licensee or provider whose responsibilities require him or her to provide personal care or personal services directly to clients, or _____ with a licensee or provider to work 20 hours a week or more who will have access to client funds, personal property, or living areas. Evidence of contractor screening may be retained by the contractor's employer or the licensee. (3) All _____ must be provided in electronic format. Screening results shall be reviewed by the agency with respect to the offenses specified in s. 435.04 and this section, and the qualifying or disqualifying status of the person named in the request shall be maintained in a database. The qualifying or disqualifying status of the person named in the request shall be posted on a secure website for retrieval by the licensee or designated agent on the licensee's behalf. (4) In addition to the offenses listed in s. 435.04, all persons required to undergo background screening pursuant to this part or authorizing statutes must not have an _____ awaiting final disposition for, must not have been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, and must not have been adjudicated delinquent and the record not have been sealed or expunged for any of the following offenses or any similar offense of another jurisdiction:	{CZ815}		

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 3 (a) Any authorizing statutes, if the offense was a felony. (b) This chapter, if the offense was a felony. (c) Section 409.920, relating to Medicaid provider fraud. (d) Section 409.9201, relating to Medicaid fraud. (e) Section 741.28, relating to domestic violence. (f) Section 777.04, relating to attempts, solicitation, and conspiracy to commit an offense listed in this subsection. (g) Section 817.034, relating to fraudulent acts through mail, wire, radio, electromagnetic, photoelectronic, or photooptical systems. (h) Section 817.234, relating to false and fraudulent insurance claims. (i) Section 817.481, relating to obtaining goods by using a false or expired credit card or other credit device, if the offense was a felony. (j) Section 817.50, relating to fraudulently obtaining goods or services from a health care provider. (k) Section 817.505, relating to patient brokering. (l) Section 817.568, relating to criminal use of personal identification information. (m) Section 817.60, relating to obtaining a credit card through fraudulent means. (n) Section 817.61, relating to fraudulent use of credit cards, if the offense was a felony. (o) Section 831.01, relating to forgery. (p) Section 831.02, relating to uttering forged instruments. (q) Section 831.07, relating to forging bank bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes. (r) Section 831.09, relating to uttering forged bank bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes. (s) Section 831.30, relating to fraud in obtaining medicinal drugs. (t) Section 831.31, relating to the sale, manufacture, delivery, or possession with the	{CZ815}		

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 4 intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver any counterfeit controlled substance, if the offense was a felony. (u) Section 895.03, relating to racketeering and collection of unlawful debts. (v) Section 896.101, relating to the Florida Money Laundering Act. If, upon rescreening, a person who is currently employed or _____ with a licensee as of _____, and was screened and qualified under ss. 435.03 and 435.04, has a disqualifying offense that was not a disqualifying offense at the time of the last screening, but is a current disqualifying offense and was committed before the last screening, he or she may apply for an exemption from the appropriate licensing agency and, if agreed to by the employer, may continue to perform his or her duties until the licensing agency renders a decision on the application for exemption if the person is eligible to apply for an exemption and the exemption request is received by the agency no later than 30 days after receipt of the rescreening results by the person. (5) A person who serves as a controlling interest of, is employed by, or contracts with a licensee on _____, who has been screened and qualified according to standards specified in s. 435.03 or s. 435.04 must be rescreened by _____ in compliance with the following schedule. If, upon rescreening, such person has a disqualifying offense that was not a disqualifying offense at the time of the last screening, but is a current disqualifying offense and was committed before the last screening, he or she may apply for an exemption from the appropriate licensing agency and, if agreed to by the employer, may continue to perform his or her duties until the licensing agency renders a decision on the application for exemption if the	{CZ815}	

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 5 person is eligible to apply for an exemption and the exemption request is received by the agency within 30 days after receipt of the rescreening results by the person. The rescreening schedule shall be: (a) Individuals for whom the last screening was conducted on or before _____ must be rescreened by _____ (b) Individuals for whom the last screening conducted was between _____, and _____, must be rescreened by _____ (c) Individuals for whom the last screening conducted was between _____ through _____, must be rescreened by _____ (6) The costs associated with obtaining the required screening must be borne by the licensee or the person subject to screening. Licensees may reimburse persons for these costs. The Department of Law Enforcement shall charge the agency for screening pursuant to s. 943.053(3). The agency shall establish a schedule of fees to cover the costs of screening. (7)(a) As provided in chapter 435, the agency may grant an exemption from disqualification to a person who is subject to this section and who: - Does not have an active professional license or certification from the Department of Health; or - Has an active professional license or certification from the Department of Health but is not providing a service within the scope of that license or certification. (b) As provided in chapter 435, the appropriate regulatory board within the Department of Health, or the department itself if there is no board, may grant an exemption from disqualification to a person who is subject to this section and who has received a professional license or certification	{CZ815}		

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 6 from the Department of Health or a regulatory board within that department and that person is providing a service within the scope of his or her licensed or certified practice. (8) The agency and the Department of Health may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this section, chapter 435, and authorizing statutes requiring background screening and to implement and adopt criteria relating to retaining _____ pursuant to s. 943.05(2). (9) There is no reemployment assistance or other monetary liability on the part of, and no cause of action for damages arising against, an employer that, upon notice of a disqualifying offense listed under chapter 435 or this section, terminates the person against whom the report was issued, whether or not that person has filed for an exemption with the Department of Health or the agency. 435.06 Exclusion from employment.- (1) If an employer or agency has reasonable cause to believe that grounds exist for the denial or termination of employment of any employee as a result of background screening, it shall notify the employee in writing, stating the specific record that indicates noncompliance with the standards in this chapter. It is the responsibility of the affected employee to contest his or her disqualification or to request exemption from disqualification. The only basis for contesting the disqualification is proof of mistaken identity. (2)(a) An employer may not hire, select, or otherwise allow an employee to have contact with any _____ person that would place the employee in a role that requires background screening until the screening process is completed and demonstrates the absence of any	{CZ815}		

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 7 grounds for the denial or termination of employment. If the screening process shows any grounds for the denial or termination of employment, the employer may not hire, select, or otherwise allow the employee to have contact with any person that would place the employee in a role that requires background screening unless the employee is granted an exemption for the disqualification by the agency as provided under s. 435.07. (b) If an employer becomes aware that an employee has been for a disqualifying offense, the employer must remove the employee from contact with any person that places the employee in a role that requires background screening until the is resolved in a way that the employer determines that the employee is still eligible for employment under this chapter. (c) The employer must terminate the employment of any of its personnel found to be in noncompliance with the minimum standards of this chapter or place the employee in a position for which background screening is not required unless the employee is granted an exemption from disqualification pursuant to s. 435.07. (d) An employer may hire an employee to a position that requires background screening before the employee completes the screening process for training and orientation purposes. However, the employee may not have direct contact with persons until the screening process is completed and the employee demonstrates that he or she exhibits no behaviors that warrant the denial or termination of employment. (3) Any employee who refuses to cooperate in such screening or refuses to timely submit the information necessary to complete the screening,	{CZ815}		

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 8 including _____ if required, must be disqualified for employment in such position or, if employed, must be dismissed. (4) There is no reemployment assistance or other monetary liability on the part of, and no cause of action for damages against, an employer that, upon notice of a conviction or _____ for a disqualifying offense listed under this chapter, terminates the person against whom the report was issued or who was _____, regardless of whether or not that person has filed for an exemption pursuant to this chapter. 435.02 Definitions.-For the purposes of this chapter, the term: (2) "Employee" means any person required by law to be screened pursuant to this chapter, including, but not limited to, persons who are contractors, licensees, or volunteers. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure denial or termination of employment of 1 of 2 sampled staff members (Staff B), who did not have eligible status for a position that requires an eligible Level 2 background screening result. Findings: On _____ at 11:40 AM, during an interview, Staff A confirmed that Staff B was working at the facility. On _____ at 2:55 PM, during an interview, Resident #3 confirmed that Staff B was working	{CZ815}			

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 9 at the facility. A record review of the Background Screening Clearinghouse website for Staff B's eligibility status revealed that Staff B had a background screening on _____, which reads: "Not Eligible." Unclassified	{CZ815}		
{CZ824} SS=C	408.811 FS: 59A-35.120 FAC Right of Inspection; Inspection Reports 408.811 Right of inspection; copies; inspection reports; plan for correction of deficiencies.- (1) An authorized officer or employee of the agency may make or cause to be made any inspection or investigation deemed necessary by the agency to determine the state of compliance with this part, authorizing statutes, and applicable rules. The right of inspection extends to any business that the agency has reason to believe is being operated as a provider without a license, but inspection of any business suspected of being operated without the appropriate license may not be made without the permission of the owner or person in charge unless a warrant is first obtained from a circuit court. Any application for a license issued under this part, authorizing statutes, or applicable rules constitutes permission for an appropriate inspection to verify the information submitted on or in connection with the application. (a) All inspections shall be unannounced, except as specified in s. 408.806. (b) Inspections for relicensure shall be conducted biennially unless otherwise specified by authorizing statutes or applicable rules. (2) Inspections conducted in conjunction with	{CZ824}		

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{CZ824}	Continued From page 10 certification, comparable licensure requirements, or a recognized or approved accreditation organization may be accepted in lieu of a complete licensure inspection. However, a licensure inspection may also be conducted to review any licensure requirements that are not also requirements for certification. (3) The agency shall have access to and the licensee shall provide, or if requested send, copies of all provider records required during an inspection or other review at no cost to the agency, including records requested during an offsite review. (4) A deficiency must be corrected within 30 calendar days after the provider is notified of inspection results unless an alternative timeframe is required or approved by the agency. (5) The agency may require an applicant or licensee to submit a plan of correction for deficiencies. If required, the plan of correction must be filed with the agency within 10 calendar days after notification unless an alternative timeframe is required. (6)(a) Each licensee shall maintain as public information, available upon request, records of all inspection reports pertaining to that provider that have been filed by the agency unless those reports are exempt from or contain information that is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution or is otherwise made confidential by law. Copies of such reports shall be retained in the records of the provider for at least 3 years following the date the reports are filed and issued, regardless of a change of ownership. (b) A licensee shall, upon the request of any person who has completed a written application with intent to be admitted by such provider, any person who is a client of such provider, or any	{CZ824}		

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{CZ824}	Continued From page 12 the provider is no longer exempt from Agency inspection. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to provide access to all provider records required during an inspection. Findings: On at 12:15 PM, during a record review, requests were made for documentation, including employee records and documentation related to the facility's Emergency Environmental Control Plan. No documentation was provided. On at 1:30 PM, during an interview, the Administrator stated that he was unable to locate the records related to the Emergency Environmental Control Plan because they had been filed by a relative who managed several other facilities in the area. Unclassified	{CZ824}		
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{CZ814}	Continued From page 13 screening if the person returns to a position that requires screening by a specified agency. (c) An employer of persons subject to screening by a specified agency must register with the clearinghouse and maintain the employment status of all employees within the clearinghouse. Initial employment status and any changes in status must be reported within 10 business days. (d) An employer must register with and initiate all criminal history checks through the clearinghouse before referring an employee or potential employee for electronic submission to the Department of Law Enforcement. The registration must include the employee's full first name, middle initial, and last name; social security number; date of birth; mailing address; ...; and race. Individuals, persons, applicants, and controlling interests that cannot legally obtain a social security number must provide an individual taxpayer identification number. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by:	{CZ814}			
{CZ815} SS=C	408.809; 435.02(2); 435.06 FS Background Screening; Prohibited Offenses 408.809 Background screening; prohibited offenses.- (1) Level 2 background screening pursuant to chapter 435 must be conducted through the agency on each of the following persons, who are considered employees for the purposes of conducting screening under chapter 435: (a) The licensee, if an individual. (b) The administrator or a similarly titled person who is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the provider.	{CZ815}			

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 14 (c) The financial officer or similarly titled individual who is responsible for the financial operation of the licensee or provider. (d) Any person who is a controlling interest if the agency has reason to believe that such person has been convicted of any offense prohibited by s. 435.04. For each controlling interest who has been convicted of any such offense, the licensee shall submit to the agency a description and explanation of the conviction at the time of license application. (e) Any person, as required by authorizing statutes, seeking employment with a licensee or provider who is expected to, or whose responsibilities may require him or her to, provide personal care or services directly to clients or have access to client funds, personal property, or living areas; and any person, as required by authorizing statutes, _____ with a licensee or provider whose responsibilities require him or her to provide personal care or personal services directly to clients. Evidence of contractor screening may be retained by the contractor's employer or the licensee. (3) All _____ must be provided in electronic format. Screening results shall be reviewed by the agency with respect to the offenses specified in s. 435.04 and this section, and the qualifying or disqualifying status of the person named in the request shall be maintained in a database. The qualifying or disqualifying status of the person named in the request shall be posted on a secure website for retrieval by the licensee or designated agent on the licensee's behalf. (4) In addition to the offenses listed in s. 435.04, all persons required to undergo background screening pursuant to this part or authorizing statutes must not have an _____ awaiting final	{CZ815}		

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 15 disposition for, must not have been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, and must not have been adjudicated delinquent and the record not have been sealed or expunged for any of the following offenses or any similar offense of another jurisdiction: (a) Any authorizing statutes, if the offense was a felony. (b) This chapter, if the offense was a felony. (c) Section 409.920, relating to Medicaid provider fraud. (d) Section 409.9201, relating to Medicaid fraud. (e) Section 741.28, relating to domestic violence. (f) Section 777.04, relating to attempts, solicitation, and conspiracy to commit an offense listed in this subsection. (g) Section 817.034, relating to fraudulent acts through mail, wire, radio, electromagnetic, photoelectronic, or photooptical systems. (h) Section 817.234, relating to false and fraudulent insurance claims. (i) Section 817.481, relating to obtaining goods by using a false or expired credit card or other credit device, if the offense was a felony. (j) Section 817.50, relating to fraudulently obtaining goods or services from a health care provider. (k) Section 817.505, relating to patient brokering. (l) Section 817.568, relating to criminal use of personal identification information. (m) Section 817.60, relating to obtaining a credit card through fraudulent means. (n) Section 817.61, relating to fraudulent use of credit cards, if the offense was a felony. (o) Section 831.01, relating to forgery. (p) Section 831.02, relating to uttering forged instruments. (q) Section 831.07, relating to forging bank bills,	{CZ815}			

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 16 checks, drafts, or promissory notes. (r) Section 831.09, relating to uttering forged bank bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes. (s) Section 831.30, relating to fraud in obtaining medicinal drugs. (t) Section 831.31, relating to the sale, manufacture, delivery, or possession with the intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver any counterfeit controlled substance, if the offense was a felony. (u) Section 895.03, relating to racketeering and collection of unlawful debts. (v) Section 896.101, relating to the Florida Money Laundering Act. If, upon rescreening, a person who is currently employed or _____ with a licensee as of _____, and was screened and qualified under ss. 435.03 and 435.04, has a disqualifying offense that was not a disqualifying offense at the time of the last screening, but is a current disqualifying offense and was committed before the last screening, he or she may apply for an exemption from the appropriate licensing agency and, if agreed to by the employer, may continue to perform his or her duties until the licensing agency renders a decision on the application for exemption if the person is eligible to apply for an exemption and the exemption request is received by the agency no later than 30 days after receipt of the rescreening results by the person. (5) A person who serves as a controlling interest of, is employed by, or contracts with a licensee on _____, who has been screened and qualified according to standards specified in s. 435.03 or s. 435.04 must be rescreened by _____, in compliance with the following schedule. If, upon rescreening, such person has a disqualifying offense that was not a disqualifying offense at the time of the last	{CZ815}		

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 17 screening, but is a current disqualifying offense and was committed before the last screening, he or she may apply for an exemption from the appropriate licensing agency and, if agreed to by the employer, may continue to perform his or her duties until the licensing agency renders a decision on the application for exemption if the person is eligible to apply for an exemption and the exemption request is received by the agency within 30 days after receipt of the rescreening results by the person. The rescreening schedule shall be: (a) Individuals for whom the last screening was conducted on or before _____ must be rescreened by _____. (b) Individuals for whom the last screening conducted was between _____ and _____, must be rescreened by _____. (c) Individuals for whom the last screening conducted was between _____ through _____, must be rescreened by _____. (6) The costs associated with obtaining the required screening must be borne by the licensee or the person subject to screening. Licensees may reimburse persons for these costs. The Department of Law Enforcement shall charge the agency for screening pursuant to s. 943.053(3). The agency shall establish a schedule of fees to cover the costs of screening. (7)(a) As provided in chapter 435, the agency may grant an exemption from disqualification to a person who is subject to this section and who: - Does not have an active professional license or certification from the Department of Health; or - Has an active professional license or certification from the Department of Health but is not providing a service within the scope of that	{CZ815}			

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 18 license or certification. (b) As provided in chapter 435, the appropriate regulatory board within the Department of Health, or the department itself if there is no board, may grant an exemption from disqualification to a person who is subject to this section and who has received a professional license or certification from the Department of Health or a regulatory board within that department and that person is providing a service within the scope of his or her licensed or certified practice. (8) The agency and the Department of Health may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this section, chapter 435, and authorizing statutes requiring background screening and to implement and adopt criteria relating to retaining _____ pursuant to s. 943.05(2). (9) There is no reemployment assistance or other monetary liability on the part of, and no cause of action for damages arising against, an employer that, upon notice of a disqualifying offense listed under chapter 435 or this section, terminates the person against whom the report was issued, whether or not that person has filed for an exemption with the Department of Health or the agency. 435.06 Exclusion from employment. - (1) If an employer or agency has reasonable cause to believe that grounds exist for the denial or termination of employment of any employee as a result of background screening, it shall notify the employee in writing, stating the specific record that indicates noncompliance with the standards in this chapter. It is the responsibility of the affected employee to contest his or her disqualification or to request exemption from disqualification. The only basis for contesting the	{CZ815}		

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 19 disqualification is proof of mistaken identity. (2)(a) An employer may not hire, select, or otherwise allow an employee to have contact with any _____ person that would place the employee in a role that requires background screening until the screening process is completed and demonstrates the absence of any grounds for the denial or termination of employment. If the screening process shows any grounds for the denial or termination of employment, the employer may not hire, select, or otherwise allow the employee to have contact with any _____ person that would place the employee in a role that requires background screening unless the employee is granted an exemption for the disqualification by the agency as provided under s. 435.07. (b) If an employer becomes aware that an employee has been _____ for a disqualifying offense, the employer must remove the employee from contact with any _____ person that places the employee in a role that requires background screening until the _____ is resolved in a way that the employer determines that the employee is still eligible for employment under this chapter. (c) The employer must terminate the employment of any of its personnel found to be in noncompliance with the minimum standards of this chapter or place the employee in a position for which background screening is not required unless the employee is granted an exemption from disqualification pursuant to s. 435.07. (d) An employer may hire an employee to a position that requires background screening before the employee completes the screening process for training and orientation purposes. However, the employee may not have direct contact with _____ persons until the	{CZ815}		

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{CZ815}	Continued From page 20 screening process is completed and the employee demonstrates that he or she exhibits no behaviors that warrant the denial or termination of employment. (3) Any employee who refuses to cooperate in such screening or refuses to timely submit the information necessary to complete the screening, including _____, if required, must be disqualified for employment in such position or, if employed, must be dismissed. (4) There is no reemployment assistance or other monetary liability on the part of, and no cause of action for damages against, an employer that, upon notice of a conviction or _____ for a disqualifying offense listed under this chapter, terminates the person against whom the report was issued or who was _____, regardless of whether or not that person has filed for an exemption pursuant to this chapter. 435.02 Definitions.-For the purposes of this chapter, the term: (2) "Employee" means any person required by law to be screened pursuant to this chapter, including, but not limited to, persons who are contractors, licensees, or volunteers. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by:	{CZ815}		
{A 000}	Initial Comments An unannounced second revisit to a complaint investigation (complaint number 2019007615) and Emergency Power Plan (EPP) monitoring survey was conducted at Southern Palms Inc Assisted Living Facility on _____.	{A 000}		

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{A 000}	Continued From page 21 Deficiencies were found to be uncorrected at the time of the survey.	{A 000}		
{A 200} SS=D	58A-5.036 FAC Emergency Environmental Control (1) DETAILED EMERGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL PLAN. Each assisted living facility shall prepare a detailed plan ("plan") to serve as a supplement to its Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, to address emergency environmental control in the event of the loss of primary electrical power in that assisted living facility which includes the following information: (a) The acquisition of a sufficient alternate power source such as a generator(s), maintained at the assisted living facility, to ensure that current licensees of assisted living facilities will be equipped to ensure air temperatures will be maintained at or below 81 degrees Fahrenheit for a minimum of ninety-six (96) hours in the event of the loss of primary electrical power. 1. The required temperature must be maintained in an area or areas, determined by the assisted living facility, of sufficient size to maintain residents safely at all times and that is appropriate for resident care needs and life safety requirements. For planning purposes, no less than twenty (20) net square . . . per resident must be provided. The assisted living facility may use eighty percent (80%) of its licensed bed capacity as the number of residents to be used in the to determine the required square footage. This may include areas that are less than the entire assisted living facility if the assisted living facility's comprehensive emergency management plan includes allowing a resident to congregate when he or she desires in portions of the building where temperatures will	{A 200}		

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{A 200}	Continued From page 22 be maintained and includes procedures for monitoring residents for signs of heat related injury as required by this rule. This rule does not prohibit a facility from acting as a receiving provider for evacuees when the conditions stated in Section 408.821, F.S., and subsection 58A-5.026(5), F.A.C., are met. The plan shall include information regarding the area(s) within the assisted living facility where the required temperature will be maintained. 2. The alternate power source and fuel supply shall be located in an area(s) in accordance with local zoning and the Florida Building Code. 3. Each assisted living facility is unique in size; the types of care provided; the physical and mental capabilities and needs of residents; the type, frequency, and amount of services and care offered; and staffing characteristics. Accordingly, this rule does not limit the types of systems or equipment that may be used to achieve temperatures at or below 81 degrees Fahrenheit for a minimum of ninety-six (96) hours in the event of the loss of primary electrical power. The plan shall include information regarding the systems and equipment that will be used by the assisted living facility and the fuel required to operate the systems and equipment. a. An assisted living facility in an evacuation zone pursuant to Chapter 252, F.S., must maintain an alternative power source and fuel as required by this subsection at all times when the assisted living facility is occupied but is permitted to utilize a mobile generator(s) to enable portability if evacuation is necessary. b. Assisted living facilities located on a single campus with other facilities under common ownership, may share fuel, alternative power resources, and resident space available on the campus if such resources are sufficient to	{A 200}		

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{A 200}	Continued From page 23 support the requirements of each facility's residents, as specified in this rule. Details regarding how resources will be shared and any necessary movement of residents must be clearly described in the emergency power plan. c. A multistory facility, whose comprehensive emergency management plan is to move residents to a higher floor during a flood or surge event, must place its alternative power source and all necessary additional equipment so it can safely operate in a location protected from flooding or storm surge damage. (b) The acquisition of sufficient fuel, and safe maintenance of that fuel at the facility, to ensure that in the event of the loss of primary electrical power there is sufficient fuel available for the alternate power source to maintain temperatures at or below 81 degrees Fahrenheit for a minimum of ninety-six (96) hours after the loss of primary electrical power during a declared state of emergency. The plan must include information regarding fuel source and fuel storage. 1. Facilities must store minimum amounts of fuel onsite as follows: a. A facility with a licensed capacity of 16 beds or less must store 48 hours of fuel onsite. b. A facility with a licensed capacity of 17 or more beds must store 72 hours of fuel onsite. 2. An assisted living facility located in an area in a declared state of emergency area pursuant to Section 252.36, F.S., that may impact primary power delivery must secure ninety-six (96) hours of fuel. The assisted living facility may utilize portable fuel storage containers for the remaining fuel necessary for ninety-six (96) hours during the period of a declared state of emergency. 3. Piped natural gas is an allowable fuel source and meets the onsite fuel supply requirements	{A 200}			

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{A 200}	Continued From page 24 under this rule. 4. If local ordinances or other regulations limit the amount of onsite fuel storage for the assisted living facility's location, then the assisted living facility must develop a plan that includes maximum onsite fuel storage allowable by the ordinance or regulation and a reliable method to obtain the maximum additional fuel at least 24 hours prior to depletion of onsite fuel. (c) The acquisition of services necessary to maintain, and test the equipment and its functions to ensure the safe and sufficient operation of the alternate power source maintained at the assisted living facility. (d) The acquisition and maintenance of a monoxide alarm. (2) SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN. (a) Each assisted living facility licensed prior to the effective date of this rule shall submit its plan to the local emergency management agency for review within 30 days of the effective date of this rule. Assisted living facility plans previously submitted and approved pursuant to Emergency Rule 58AER17-1, F.A.C., will require resubmission only if changes are made to the plan. (b) Each new assisted living facility shall submit the plan required under this rule prior to obtaining a license. (c) Each existing assisted living facility that undergoes any additions, modifications, alterations, refurbishment, renovations or reconstruction that require modification of its systems or equipment affecting the facility's compliance with this rule shall amend its plan and submit it to the local emergency management agency for review and approval. (3) APPROVED PLANS. (a) Each assisted living facility must maintain a	{A 200}		

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{A 200}	Continued From page 25 copy of its approved plan in a manner that makes the plan readily available at the licensee's physical address for review by a legally authorized entity. If the plan is maintained in an electronic format, assisted living facility staff must be readily available to access and produce the plan. For purposes of this section, "readily available" means the ability to immediately produce the plan, either in electronic or paper format, upon request. (b) Within two (2) business days of the approval of the plan from the local emergency management agency, the assisted living facility shall submit in writing proof of the approval to the Agency for Health Care Administration. (c) The assisted living facility shall submit a consumer-friendly summary of the emergency power plan to the Agency. The Agency shall post the summary and notice of the approval and implementation of the assisted living facility emergency power plans on its website within ten (10) business days of the plan's approval by the local emergency management agency and update within ten (10) business days of implementation. (4) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN. (a) Each assisted living facility licensed prior to the effective date of this rule shall, no later than _____, have implemented the plan required under this rule. (b) The Agency shall allow an extension up to _____ to providers in compliance with subsection (c), below, and who can show delays caused by necessary construction, delivery of ordered equipment, zoning or other regulatory approval processes. Assisted living facilities shall notify the Agency that they will utilize the extension and keep the Agency apprised of progress on a quarterly basis to ensure there are	{A 200}		

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{A 200}	Continued From page 26 no unnecessary delays. If an assisted living facility can show in its quarterly progress reports that unavoidable delays caused by necessary construction, delivery of ordered equipment, zoning or other regulatory approval processes will occur beyond the initial extension date, the assisted living facility may request a waiver pursuant to Section 120.542, F.S. (c) During the extension period, an assisted living facility must make arrangements pending full implementation of its plan that provides the residents with an area or areas to congregate that meets the safe indoor air temperature requirements of paragraph (1)(a), for a minimum of ninety-six (96) hours. 1. An assisted living facility not located in an evacuation zone must either have an alternative power source onsite or have a contract in place for delivery of an alternative power source and fuel when requested. Within twenty-four (24) hours of the issuance of a state of emergency for an event that may impact primary power delivery for the area of the assisted living facility, it must have the alternative power source and no less than ninety-six (96) hours of fuel stored onsite. 2. An assisted living facility located in an evacuation zone pursuant to Chapter 252, F.S., must either: a. Fully and safely evacuate its residents prior to the arrival of the event, or b. Have an alternative power source and no less than ninety-six (96) hours of fuel stored onsite, within twenty-four (24) hours of the issuance of a state of emergency for the area of the assisted living facility. (d) Each new assisted living facility shall implement the plan required under this rule prior to obtaining a license. (e) Existing assisted living facilities that undergo	{A 200}			

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{A 200}	Continued From page 27 any additions, modifications, alterations, refurbishment, renovations or reconstruction that require modification of the systems or equipment affecting the assisted living facility's compliance with this rule shall implement its amended plan concurrent with any such additions, modifications, alterations, refurbishment, renovations or reconstruction. (f) The Agency for Health Care Administration may request cooperation from the State Fire Marshal to conduct inspections to ensure implementation of the plan in compliance with this rule. (5) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. (a) Each assisted living facility shall develop and implement written policies and procedures to ensure that the assisted living facility can effectively and immediately activate, operate and maintain the alternate power source and any fuel required for the operation of the alternate power source. The procedures shall ensure that residents do not experience complications from fluctuations in air temperatures inside the facility. Procedures must address the care of residents occupying the facility during a declared state of emergency, specifically, a description of the methods to be used to mitigate the potential for heat related injury including: 1. The use of cooling devices and equipment; 2. The use of refrigeration and freezers to produce ice and appropriate temperatures for the maintenance of medicines requiring refrigeration; 3. Wellness checks by assisted living facility staff to monitor for signs of , and heat injury; and, 4. A provision for obtaining medical intervention from emergency services for residents whose life safety is in jeopardy. (b) Each assisted living facility shall maintain the	{A 200}			

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{A 200}	Continued From page 28 written policies and procedures in a manner that makes them readily available at the licensee's physical address for review by a legally authorized entity. If the policies and procedures are maintained in an electronic format, assisted living facility staff must be readily available to access the policies and procedures and produce the requested information. For purposes of this section, "readily available" means the ability to immediately produce the policies and procedures, either in electronic or paper format, upon request. (c) The written policies and procedures must be readily available for inspection by each resident; each resident's legal representative, designee, surrogate, guardian, attorney in fact, or case manager; each resident's estate; and such additional parties as authorized in writing or by law. (6) REVOCATION OF LICENSE, FINES OR SANCTIONS. For a violation of any part of this rule, the Agency for Health Care Administration may seek any remedy authorized by Chapter 429, Part I, F.S., or Chapter 408, Part II, F.S., including, but not limited to, license revocation, license suspension, and the imposition of administrative fines. (7) COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) Assisted living facilities whose comprehensive emergency management plan is to evacuate must comply with this rule. (b) Each facility whose plan has been approved shall submit the plan as an addendum with any future submissions for approval of its comprehensive emergency management plan. (8) NOTIFICATION. (a) Within five (5) business days, each assisted living facility must notify in writing, unless permission for electronic communication has	{A 200}			

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{A 200}	Continued From page 29 been granted, each resident and the resident's legal representative: 1. Upon submission of the plan to the local emergency management agency that the plan has been submitted for review and approval; 2. Upon final implementation of the plan by the assisted living facility. (b) Each assisted living facility must maintain a copy of each notification set forth in paragraph (a), above, in a manner that makes each notification readily available at the licensee's physical address for review by a legally authorized entity. If the notifications are maintained in an electronic format, facility staff must be readily available to access and produce the notifications. For purposes of this section, "readily available" means the ability to immediately produce the notifications, either in electronic or paper format, upon request. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the facility failed to ensure the acquisition and maintenance of a _____ monoxide alarm or detector within the facility. Findings: On _____ at 11:35 AM, during a tour of the facility, no _____ monoxide alarms were found to be installed in the facility. On _____ at 12:00 PM, during an interview, Staff A confirmed that there were no monoxide alarms installed in the facility. Staff A presented a new _____ monoxide alarm sealed in the factory packaging and stated that the Administrator had purchased it but had not yet installed it (Photographic evidence obtained).	{A 200}		

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{A 200}	Continued From page 30 On at 1:00 PM, during an interview, the Administrator confirmed that the facility did not have a monoxide alarm. The Administrator advised that he had purchased a monoxide alarm, and he was planning to install it by Class III	{A 200}		