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{A 000}	Initial Comments A revisit to the re-licensure survey was conducted on 08/04/2020 at No Better Place Assisted Living, Palm Bay. Deficiencies were found at the time of the visit.	{A 000}			
A 152 SS=D	59A-36.014(3) FAC Physical Plant - Safe Living Environ/Other (3) OTHER REQUIREMENTS. (a) All facilities must: 1. Provide a safe living environment pursuant to section 429.28(1)(a), F.S.; 2. Be maintained free of hazards; and, 3. Ensure that all existing architectural, mechanical, electrical and structural systems, and appurtenances are maintained in good working order. (b) Pursuant to section 429.27, F.S., residents must be given the option of using their own belongings as space permits. When the facility supplies the furnishings, each resident bedroom or sleeping area must have at least the following furnishings: 1. A clean, comfortable bed with a mattress no less than 36 inches wide and 72 inches long, with the top surface of the mattress at a comfortable height to ensure easy access by the resident; 2. A closet or wardrobe space for hanging clothes; 3. A dresser, chest of drawers, or other furniture designed for storage of clothing or personal effects; 4. A table or nightstand, bedside lamp or floor lamp, and waste basket; and, 5. A comfortable chair, if requested. (c) The facility must maintain master or duplicate keys to resident bedrooms to be used in the event of an emergency. (d) Residents who use portable bedside commodes must be provided with privacy during	A 152			

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A 152	Continued From page 1 use. (e) Facilities must make available linens and personal laundry services for residents who require such services. Linens provided by a facility must be free of tears, stains and must not be This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview the facility failed to provide a safe living environment pursuant to Section 429.28 (1)(a), F.S. Findings: During a tour of the facility on _____ at 10am an observation was made of a broken strip of wood used as a partition for the floor between the living area and kitchen. The wood was cracked and loosely laying on the floor creating a hazard. In an interview with the administrator on _____ at 10:10am the administrator acknowledged the hazard and stated she will get it "fixed." Class III	A 152			
(A 181) SS=D	59A-36.019(2) FAC Emergency Plan Approval (2) EMERGENCY PLAN APPROVAL. The plan must be submitted for review and approval to the local emergency management agency. (a) If the local emergency management agency requires revisions to the emergency management plan, such revisions must be made and the plan resubmitted to the local office within 30 days of receiving notification that the plan must be revised. (b) A new facility as described in rule 59A-36.014, F.A.C., and facilities whose ownership has been	(A 181)			

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{A 181}	Continued From page 2 transferred, must submit an emergency management plan within 30 days after obtaining a license. (c) The facility must review its emergency management plan on an annual basis. Any substantive changes must be submitted to the local emergency agency for review and approval. 1. Changes in the name, address, telephone number, or position of staff listed in the plan are not considered substantive revisions for the purposes of this rule. 2. Changes in the identification of specific staff must be submitted to the local emergency management agency annually as a signed and dated addendum that is not subject to review and approval. (d) The local emergency management agency is the final administrative authority for emergency management plans prepared by assisted living facilities. (e) Any plan approved by the local emergency management agency is considered to have met all the criteria and conditions established in this rule. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: DEFICIENCY REMAINED UNCORRECTED Based on facility record review and interview, the facility failed to review its emergency management plan on an annual basis. Findings: A request was made to the administrator to provide the facility's most recent county approval letter for its emergency management plan. At 10:15am a review was made of the county's approval letter dated . A request was	{A 181}			

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{A 181}	Continued From page 3 made to review documented evidence to indicate the facility reviewed its plan on an annual basis thereafter. The administrator stated, "the facility did not have any documentation to prove she had reviewed the plan on an annual basis." Class III	{A 181}			
{A 200} SS=D	59A-36.025 FAC Emergency Environmental Control 59A-36.025 Emergency Environmental Control for Assisted Living Facilities. (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	{A 200}			

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{A 200}	Continued From page 4 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 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 59A-36.019(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	{A 200}		

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{A 200}	Continued From page 5 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 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	{A 200}			

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{A 200}	Continued From page 6 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 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 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	{A 200}			

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{A 200}	Continued From page 7 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 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	{A 200}			

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{A 200}	Continued From page 8 paragraph (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 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 subsection (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,	{A 200}			

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{A 200}	Continued From page 9 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 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;	{A 200}		

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{A 200}	Continued From page 10 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 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, 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	{A 200}			

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{A 200}	Continued From page 11 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 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: DEFICIENCY REMAINED UNCORRECTED Based on observation, record review and interview, the facility failed to develop written policies and procedures for its emergency environmental control plan that addressed wellness checks by the facility staff to monitor residents for signs of , , and heat injury and a provision for obtaining medical intervention from emergency services for residents whose life is in jeopardy, failed to , within 5 business days,	{A 200}			

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{A 200}	Continued From page 12 notify in writing each resident and the resident's legal representative upon submission of the plan to the local management agency that the plan had been submitted for review and approval and again when the plan was implemented. Findings: Review of the facility's most recent county approval letter for its emergency power plan revealed a date of Observations made at 11:00am on revealed the facility's alternate power source is a propane fueled portable generator. At 11:15am a request was made of the administrator to provide documented evidence to indicate the facility had developed the required policies and procedures for the plan and the evidence that the residents and their legal representatives were notified of the submission and implementation of the plan as required. In an interview on at 11:20am with the administrator, confirmed she did not have documentation of the developed and required policies and procedures for the plan and she did not have any evidence that the residents and their legal representatives were notified at the time of submission or implementation. Class III	{A 200}			