

Agency for Health Care Administration

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A 000	Initial Comments A focused COVID-19 control visit and Generator Monitoring survey was conducted at Better Life ALF on . The facility had deficiencies at the time of the survey:	A 000			
A 030 SS=D	59A-36.007(6) FAC; 429.28() FS 429.27 Resident Care - Rights & Facility Procedures 59A-36.007 (6) RESIDENT RIGHTS AND FACILITY PROCEDURES. (a) A copy of the Resident Bill of Rights as described in section 429.28, F.S., or a summary provided by the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program must be posted in full view in a freely accessible resident area, and included in the admission package provided pursuant to rule 59A-36.006, F.A.C. (b) In accordance with section 429.28, F.S., the facility must have a written grievance procedure for receiving and responding to resident complaints and a written procedure to allow residents to recommend changes to facility policies and procedures. The facility must be able to demonstrate that such procedure is implemented upon receipt of a complaint. (c) The telephone number for lodging complaints against a facility or facility staff must be posted in full view in a common area accessible to all residents. The telephone numbers are: the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, 1(888)831-0404; , Rights Florida, 1(800)342-0823; the Agency Consumer Hotline 1(888)419-3456, and the statewide toll-free telephone number of the Florida Hotline, 1(800)96- or 1(800)962-2873. The telephone numbers must be posted in close proximity to a telephone accessible by residents and the text must be a minimum of 14-point font.	A 030			

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

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A 030	Continued From page 1 (d) The facility must have a written statement of its house rules and procedures that must be included in the admission package provided pursuant to rule 59A-36.006, F.A.C. The rules and procedures must at a minimum address the facility's policies regarding: 1. Resident responsibilities; 2. and tobacco use; 3. Medication storage; 4. Resident elopement; 5. Reporting resident , neglect, and ; 6. Administrative and housekeeping schedules and requirements; 7. control, sanitation, and universal precautions; and, 8. The requirements for coordinating the delivery of services to residents by third party providers. (e) Residents may not be required to perform any work in the facility without compensation. Residents may be required to clean their own sleeping areas or apartments if the facility rules or the facility contract includes such a requirement. If a resident is employed by the facility, the resident must be compensated in compliance with state and federal wage laws. (f) The facility must provide residents with convenient access to a telephone to facilitate the resident's right to unrestricted and private communication, pursuant to section 429.28(1)(d), F.S. The facility must allow unidentified telephone calls to residents. For facilities with a licensed capacity of 17 or more residents in which residents do not have private telephones, there must be, at a minimum, a readily accessible telephone on each floor of each building where residents reside. (g) In addition to the requirements of section 429.41(1)(k), F.S., the use of physical	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 2 by a facility on a resident must be reviewed by the resident's physician annually. Any device, including half-bed rails, which the resident chooses to use and can remove or avoid without assistance, is not considered a physical 429.28 Resident bill of rights.- (1) No resident of a facility shall be deprived of any civil or legal rights, benefits, or privileges guaranteed by law, the Constitution of the State of Florida, or the Constitution of the United States as a resident of a facility. Every resident of a facility shall have the right to: (a) Live in a safe and decent living environment, free from and neglect. (b) Be treated with consideration and respect and with due recognition of personal dignity, individuality, and the need for privacy. (c) Retain and use his or her own clothes and other personal property in his or her immediate living quarters, so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity, except when the facility can demonstrate that such would be unsafe, impractical, or an infringement upon the rights of other residents. (d) Unrestricted private communication, including receiving and sending unopened correspondence, access to a telephone, and visiting with any person of his or her choice, at any time between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at a minimum. Upon request, the facility shall make provisions to extend visiting hours for caregivers and out-of-town guests, and in other similar situations. (e) Freedom to participate in and benefit from community services and activities and to pursue the highest possible level of independence, autonomy, and interaction within the community. (f) Manage his or her financial affairs unless the	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 3 resident or, if applicable, the resident's representative, designee, surrogate, guardian, or attorney in fact authorizes the administrator of the facility to provide safekeeping for funds as provided in s. 429.27. (g) Share a room with his or her spouse if both are residents of the facility. (h) Reasonable opportunity for regular exercise several times a week and to be outdoors at regular and frequent intervals except when prevented by inclement weather. (i) Exercise civil and religious liberties, including the right to independent personal decisions. No religious beliefs or practices, nor any attendance at religious services, shall be imposed upon any resident. (j) Assistance with obtaining access to adequate and appropriate health care. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "adequate and appropriate health care" means the management of medications, assistance in making for health care services, the provision of or arrangement of transportation to health care, and the performance of health care services in accordance with s. 429.255 which are consistent with established and recognized standards within the community. (k) At least 45 days' notice of relocation or termination of residency from the facility unless, for medical reasons, the resident is certified by a physician to require an emergency relocation to a facility providing a more skilled level of care or the resident engages in a pattern of conduct that is harmful or offensive to other residents. In the case of a resident who has been adjudicated mentally, the guardian shall be given at least 45 days' notice of a nonemergency relocation or residency termination. Reasons for relocation shall be set forth in writing. In order for	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 4 a facility to terminate the residency of an individual without notice as provided herein, the facility shall show good cause in a court of competent jurisdiction. (I) Present grievances and recommend changes in policies, procedures, and services to the staff of the facility, governing officials, or any other person without interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal. Each facility shall establish a grievance procedure to facilitate the residents' exercise of this right. This right includes access to ombudsman volunteers and advocates and the right to be a member of, to be active in, and to associate with advocacy or special interest groups. (2) The administrator of a facility shall ensure that a written notice of the rights, , and prohibitions set forth in this part is posted in a prominent place in each facility and read or explained to residents who cannot read. The notice must include the statewide toll-free telephone number and e-mail address of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and the telephone number of the local ombudsman council, the Elder Hotline operated by the Department of Children and Families, and, if applicable, Rights Florida, where complaints may be lodged. The notice must state that a complaint made to the Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman or a local long-term care ombudsman council, the names and identities of the residents involved in the complaint, and the identity of complainants are kept confidential pursuant to s. 400.0077 and that retaliatory action cannot be taken against a resident for presenting grievances or for exercising any other resident right. The facility must ensure a resident's access to a telephone to call the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 5 Program or local ombudsman council, the Elder Hotline operated by the Department of Children and Families, and _____, Rights Florida. 429.27 Property and personal affairs of residents.- (1)(a) A resident shall be given the option of using his or her own belongings, as space permits; choosing his or her roommate; and, whenever possible, unless the resident is adjudicated _____ or _____ under state law, managing his or her own affairs. (b) The admission of a resident to a facility and his or her presence therein shall not confer on the facility or its owner, administrator, employees, or representatives any authority to manage, use, or dispose of any property of the resident; nor shall such admission or presence confer on any of such persons any authority or responsibility for the personal affairs of the resident, except that which may be necessary for the safe management of the facility or for the safety of the resident. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, record review, and interview, the facility failed to safeguard residents' well-being by failing to follow current control standards related to COVID-19 and Florida Governor's emergency orders DEM Order 20-006, dated _____, delineating minimum screening standards for persons entering identified residential facilities. Findings included: The COVID-19 _____ is a transmissible _____ that presents severe risk to persons who	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 6 are aged, infirm, or suffer from co- _____ including, but not limited to, _____ system deficiency. _____ and _____. See generally, Publications of the Centers for _____ Control. On _____, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 20-51 designating a Public Health Emergency as a result of COVID-19 and its impact. Pursuant to that authority, emergency orders have been issued by the Florida Division of Emergency Management to implement the protections necessary to assure the health, safety, and well-being of Florida's citizenry, including those most _____ to the effects of _____. Among those emergency orders was DEM Order 20-006, dated _____, delineating minimum screening standards for persons entering identified residential facilities. The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has issued guidance and clarification on DEM Order 20-006 to providers, and on _____, issued an alert notifying Assisted Living Facility (ALF) that all staff or other individuals admitted to a residential facility must don _____ masks and that caregivers must wear gloves when providing resident care. While the treatment and management of residents with _____ and the implementation of isolation precautions for such events are a long-standing health care issues faced by residential facilities, the ease of contagion and the effects of presented by COVID-19 mandate that providers exert meticulous practice and procedure to identify resident symptoms and take immediate _____ procedures to both assure appropriate treatment of a potentially _____ resident and protect the remainder of a facility's	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 7 population from the risk of spread of the On at 10:30 AM, upon entering the facility, Staff C did not screen representatives of the Agency for Health Care Administration upon permitting entry into the facility. Staff C did not check the representatives' temperature, nor conduct any COVID-19 screening, such as using a standardized questionnaire or other form of documentation. On at 7:15 AM when ask the caregiver the reason why she did not screen at the entrance she stated: "I got very nervous and I forgot about it, I am so sorry." Class II	A 030			
A 078 SS=D	59A-36.010(2) FAC Staffing Standards - Staff (2) STAFF. (a) Within 30 days after beginning employment, newly hired staff must submit a written statement from a health care provider documenting that the individual does not have any signs or symptoms of communicable The examination performed by the health care provider must have been conducted no earlier than 6 months before submission of the statement. Newly hired staff does not include an employee transferring without a break in service from one facility to another when the facility is under the same management or ownership. 1. Evidence of a negative examination must be documented on an annual basis. Documentation provided by the Florida Department of Health or a licensed health care provider certifying that there is a shortage of testing materials satisfies the annual	A 078			

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A 078	Continued From page 8 examination requirement. An individual with a positive test must submit a health care provider's statement that the individual does not constitute a risk of 2. If any staff member has, or is suspected of having, a communicable, such individual must be immediately removed from duties until a written statement is submitted from a health care provider indicating that the individual does not constitute a risk of transmitting a communicable (b) Staff must be qualified to perform their assigned duties consistent with their level of education, training, preparation, and experience. Staff providing services requiring licensing or certification must be appropriately licensed or certified. All staff must exercise their responsibilities, consistent with their qualifications, to observe residents, to document observations on the appropriate resident's record, and to report the observations to the resident's health care provider in accordance with this rule chapter. (c) All staff must comply with the training requirements of rule 59A-36.011, F.A.C. (d) An assisted living facility to provide services to residents must ensure that individuals providing services are qualified to perform their assigned duties in accordance with this rule chapter. The contract between the facility and the staffing agency or contractor must specifically describe the services the staffing agency or contractor will provide to residents. (e) For facilities with a licensed capacity of 17 or more residents, the facility must: 1. Develop a written job description for each staff position and provide a copy of the job description to each staff member; and,	A 078			

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A 078	Continued From page 9 2. Maintain time sheets for all staff. (f) Level 2 background screening must be conducted for staff, including staff by the facility to provide services to residents, pursuant to sections 408.809 and 429.174, F.S. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the facility failed to ensure that two of two sampled staff were not able to exercise their responsibilities to perform their assigned duties consistent with their level of education, training, preparation, and experience. (Staff C). The staff was unable to start the alternate power source (a portable generators) that would be used to cool the facility in the event of a loss of primary power. Findings included: On at 7:55 AM was observed the facility had one generator, Sportsman 7500 Surge Watts and was stored in the patio of the facility. Caregiver was asked to operate the generator; And she could not operate it. On at 8:00 AM the caregiver stated; "The administrator and her husband are the ones that run it, I cannot run it because I am not strong enough." Class II	A 078		