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CZ815	408.809(1)(); 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. (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	CZ815		

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CZ815	Continued From page 1 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: (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 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim is a adult as defined in s. 415.102 or a patient or resident of a facility licensed under chapter 395, chapter 400, or chapter 429. (h) Section 817.034, relating to fraudulent acts through mail, wire, radio, electromagnetic, photoelectronic, or photooptical systems. (i) Section 817.234, relating to false and fraudulent insurance claims. (j) 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. (k) Section 817.50, relating to fraudulently	CZ815			

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CZ815	Continued From page 2 obtaining goods or services from a health care provider. (l) Section 817.505, relating to patient brokering. (m) Section 817.568, relating to criminal use of personal identification information. (n) Section 817.60, relating to obtaining a credit card through fraudulent means. (o) Section 817.61, relating to fraudulent use of credit cards, if the offense was a felony. (p) Section 831.01, relating to forgery. (q) Section 831.02, relating to uttering forged instruments. (r) Section 831.07, relating to forging bank bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes. (s) Section 831.09, relating to uttering forged bank bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes. (t) Section 831.30, relating to fraud in obtaining medicinal drugs. (u) 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. (v) Section 895.03, relating to racketeering and collection of unlawful debts. (w) Section 896.101, relating to the Florida Money Laundering Act. If, upon rescreening, a person who is currently employed or with a licensee and was screened and qualified under s. 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	CZ815			

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CZ815	Continued From page 3 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) 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. (6)(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 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. (7) 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	CZ815			

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CZ815	Continued From page 4 relating to retaining _____ pursuant to s. 943.05(2). (8) 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 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	CZ815			

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CZ815	Continued From page 5 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, 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,	CZ815			

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CZ815	Continued From page 6 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 record review and interview the facility failed to ensure level II background screening was obtained for two staff (Staff A and Staff B) of two staff sampled. Finding included: An employee record review conducted on _____ revealed Staff A, caregiver (date of hire _____) had a level II background screening with expiration date of _____. An employee record review conducted on _____ revealed Staff B, caregiver (date of hire _____/1020) did not had an eligible level II background screening on file. An interview conducted on _____ at 1:15 p.m. with the Owner, he confirmed there was no updated level II background screening for either staff. Unclassified	CZ815			
CZ816	408.809(2) 435.05(2) 59A-35.090(2d-3b) Background Screening-Compliance Attestation	CZ816			

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CZ816	Continued From page 7 408.809 Background screening; prohibited offenses.- (2) Every 5 years following his or her licensure, employment, or entry into a contract in a capacity that under subsection (1) would require level 2 background screening under chapter 435, each such person must submit to level 2 background rescreening as a condition of retaining such license or continuing in such employment or contractual status. For any such rescreening, the agency shall request the Department of Law Enforcement to forward the person's _____ to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check unless the person's _____ are enrolled in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's national retained print notification program. If the _____ of such a person are not retained by the Department of Law Enforcement under s. 943.05(2)(g) and (h), the person must submit _____ electronically to the Department of Law Enforcement for state processing, and the Department of Law Enforcement shall forward the _____ to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The _____ shall be retained by the Department of Law Enforcement under s. 943.05(2)(g) and (h) and enrolled in the national retained print notification program when the Department of Law Enforcement begins participation in the program. The cost of the state and national criminal history records checks required by level 2 screening may be borne by the licensee or the person _____. The agency may accept as satisfying the requirements of this section proof of compliance with level 2 screening standards submitted within the previous 5 years to meet any provider or	CZ816			

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CZ816	Continued From page 8 professional licensure requirements of the Department of Financial Services for an applicant for a certificate of authority or provisional certificate of authority to operate a continuing care retirement community under chapter 651, provided that: (a) The screening standards and disqualifying offenses for the prior screening are equivalent to those specified in s. 435.04 and this section; (b) The person subject to screening has not had a break in service from a position that requires level 2 screening for more than 90 days; and (c) Such proof is accompanied, under penalty of perjury, by an attestation of compliance with chapter 435 and this section using forms provided by the agency. 435.05 Requirements for covered employees and employers.-Except as otherwise provided by law, the following requirements apply to covered employees and employers: (2) Every employee must attest, subject to penalty of perjury, to meeting the requirements for qualifying for employment pursuant to this chapter and agreeing to inform the employer immediately if _____ for any of the disqualifying offenses while employed by the employer. 59A-35.090 Background Screening. (2) Processing Screening Requests, Required Documents and Fees. (d) An Attestation of Compliance with Background Screening Requirements, AHCA Form 3100-0008, _____, herein incorporated by reference, available at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09106, and available from the Agency for Health Care Administration at: http://ahca.myflorida.com/MCHQ/Central_Service	CZ816			

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CZ816	Continued From page 9 s/Background_Screening/Regulations_Forms.sht ml. This form must be completed by the individual and retained by the provider upon hire to attest that they meet the requirements for qualifying for employment, they have not been unemployed for more than 90 days from a position that requires Level 2 screening, and they agree to inform the employer immediately if _____ for any disqualifying offense. (e) An administrator or chief financial officer must be screened and qualified prior to _____ to the position. (3) Results of Screening and Notification. (a) Final results of background screening requests will be provided through the Agency's secure website that may be accessed by all health care providers applying for or actively licensed through the Agency that are registered with the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse. The secure website is located at: apps.ahca.myflorida.com/SingleSignOnPortal. (b) If a Level 2 criminal history is incomplete, a certified letter will be sent to the individual being screened requesting the _____ report and court disposition information. If the letter is returned unclaimed, a copy of the letter will be sent by regular mail. Pursuant to Section 435.05(1)(d), F.S., the missing information must be filed with the Agency within 30 days of the Agency's request or the individual is subject to disqualification in accordance with Section 435.06(3), F.S. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure Level II background screening compliance attestation was obtained for two staff (Staff A and Staff B) of two staff sampled.	CZ816			

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CZ816	Continued From page 10 Finding included: A employee record review conducted on _____ revealed Staff A, caregiver (date of hire _____) had a background screening compliance attestation on file. A employee record review conducted on _____ revealed Staff B, caregiver (date of hire _____) had a background screening compliance attestation on file. An interview conducted on _____ at 1:15 p.m. with the Owner, he stated he did not know where the compliance attestations were for Staff A or Staff B. Unclassified	CZ816			
A 000	Initial Comments A biennial re-licensure was conducted at Helping Assisted Living Assisted Facility on _____. Deficiencies were identified at the time of survey.	A 000			
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 078			

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A 078	Continued From page 11 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 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	A 078			

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A 078	Continued From page 12 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, 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 record review and interview the facility failed to obtain evidence of a documented negative () examination on an annual basis for 5 staff (Staff A, Staff B, Staff C, Owner and Administrator) for 5 staff sampled. Findings included: Employee record reviews conducted on revealed Staff A, Staff B and the Owner all were injected in the left arm on with lot # 0569405A 4928175224 at 10:00 a.m. and read negative on at 1:00 p.m. Employee record reviews conducted on revealed Staff C and the Administrator were injected in the left arm on with lot # 0569405A 4928175224 at 10:00 a.m. and read negative at 1:00 p.m. An interview conducted on at 1:44 p.m. with the Owner he agreed the lot numbers were	A 078			

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A 078	Continued From page 13 the same for all staff and exam was not completed on an annual basis. Class III	A 078		
A 079 SS=D	59A-36.010(3) FAC Staffing Standards - Levels (3) STAFFING STANDARDS. (a) Minimum staffing: 1. Facilities must maintain the following minimum staff hours per week: Number of Residents, Day Care Participants, and Respite Care Residents Staff Hours/Week 0-5 168 16-25 212 26-35 253 36-45 294 46-55 335 56-65 375 66-75 416 76-85 457 86-95 498 86-95 539 For every 20 total combined residents, day care participants, and respite care residents over 95 add 42 staff hours per week. 2. Independent living residents, as referenced in subsection 59A-36.015(3), F.A.C., who occupy beds included within the licensed capacity of an assisted living facility but do not receive personal, limited nursing, or extended congregate care services, are not counted as residents for purposes of computing minimum staff hours. 3. At least one staff member who has access to facility and resident records in case of an emergency must be in the facility at all times when residents are in the facility. Residents	A 079		

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A 079	Continued From page 14 serving as paid or volunteer staff may not be left solely in charge of other residents while the facility administrator, manager or other staff are absent from the facility. 4. In facilities with 17 or more residents, there must be at least one staff member awake at all hours of the day and night. 5. A staff member who has completed courses in First Aid and _____ () and holds a currently valid card documenting completion of such courses must be in the facility at all times. a. Documentation of attendance at First Aid or courses pursuant to subsection 59A-36.011(5), F.A.C., satisfies this requirement. b. A nurse is considered as having met the course requirements for First Aid. An emergency medical technician or paramedic currently certified under chapter 401, part III, F.S., is considered as having met the course requirements for both First Aid and _____. 6. During periods of temporary absence of the administrator or manager of more than 48 hours when residents are on the premises, a staff member who is at least _____ must be physically present and designated in writing to be in charge of the facility. No staff member shall be in charge of a facility for a consecutive period of 21 days or more, or for a total of 60 days within a calendar year, without being an administrator or manager. 7. Staff whose duties are exclusively building or grounds maintenance, clerical, or food preparation do not count towards meeting the minimum staffing hours requirement. 8. The administrator or manager's time may be counted for the purpose of meeting the required staffing hours, provided the administrator or manager is actively involved in the day-to-day	A 079			

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A 079	Continued From page 15 operation of the facility, including making decisions and providing supervision for all aspects of resident care, and is listed on the facility's staffing schedule. 9. Only on-the-job staff may be counted in meeting the minimum staffing hours. Vacant positions or absent staff may not be counted. (b) Notwithstanding the minimum staffing requirements specified in paragraph (a), all facilities, including those composed of apartments, must have enough qualified staff to provide resident supervision, and to provide or arrange for resident services in accordance with the residents' scheduled and unscheduled service needs, resident contracts, and resident care standards as described in rule 59A-36.007, F.A.C. (c) The facility must maintain a written work schedule that reflects its 24-hour staffing pattern for a given time period. Upon request, the facility must make the daily work schedules of direct care staff available to residents or their representatives. (d) The facility must provide staff immediately when the agency determines that the requirements of paragraph (a) are not met. The facility must immediately increase staff above the minimum levels established in paragraph (a), if the agency determines that adequate supervision and care are not being provided to residents, resident care standards described in rule 59A-36.007, F.A.C., are not being met, or that the facility is failing to meet the terms of residents' contracts. The agency will consult with the facility administrator and residents regarding any determination that additional staff is required. Based on the recommendations of the local fire safety authority, the agency may require additional staff when the facility fails to meet the	A 079			

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A 079	Continued From page 16 fire safety standards described in rule chapter 69A-40, F.A.C., until such time as the local fire safety authority informs the agency that fire safety requirements are being met. 1. When additional staff is required above the minimum, the agency will require the submission of a corrective action plan within the time specified in the notification indicating how the increased staffing is to be achieved to meet resident service needs. The plan will be reviewed by the agency to determine if it sufficiently increases the staffing levels to meet resident needs. 2. When the facility can demonstrate to the agency that resident needs are being met, or that resident needs can be met without increased staffing, the agency may modify staffing requirements for the facility and the facility will no longer be required to maintain a plan with the agency. (e) Facilities that are co-located with a nursing home may use shared staffing provided that staff hours are only counted once for the purpose of meeting either assisted living facility or nursing home minimum staffing ratios. (f) Facilities holding a limited mental health, extended congregate care, or limited nursing services license must also comply with the staffing requirements of rules 59A-36.020, 59A-36.021 or 59A-36.022, F.A.C., respectively. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility was unable to provide evidence of meeting the minimum staffing hours for a census of 6 residents. Finding included:	A 079			

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A 079	Continued From page 17 A facility record review conducted on _____ of _____ staff schedule revealed there were no assigned work hours. (Photographic evidence obtained) An interview with Staff B conducted on _____ at 12:55 p.m. Staff B stated she worked Friday through Wednesday. A facility record review conducted on _____ of Staff B's schedule revealed Staff B was listed as "OFF" on _____ Fridays and Saturdays. An interview conducted on _____ at 1:15 p.m. with the Owner, he confirmed there were no hours on the written staff schedule and it was not accurate. Class III	A 079			
A 081 SS=D	429.52(1 & 7) FS; 59A-36.011() FAC Training - Staff In-Service 429.52(1) (1) Each new assisted living facility employee who has not previously completed core training must attend a preservice orientation provided by the facility before interacting with residents. The preservice orientation must be at least 2 hours in duration and cover topics that help the employee provide responsible care and respond to the needs of facility residents. Upon completion, the employee and the administrator of the facility must sign a statement that the employee completed the required preservice orientation. The facility must keep the signed statement in the employee's personnel record. (7) Facility staff shall participate in inservice	A 081			

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A 081	Continued From page 18 training relevant to their job duties as specified by agency rule. Topics covered during the preservice orientation are not required to be repeated during inservice training. A single certificate of completion that covers all required inservice training topics may be issued to a participating staff member if the training is provided in a single training course. 59A-36.011 (2) STAFF PRESERVICE ORIENTATION. (a) Facilities must provide a preservice orientation of at least 2 hours to all new assisted living facility employees who have not previously completed core training as detailed in subsection (1). (b) New staff must complete the preservice orientation prior to interacting with residents. (c) Once complete, the employee and the facility administrator must sign a statement that the employee completed the preservice orientation which must be kept in the employee's personnel record. (d) In addition to topics that may be chosen by the facility administrator, the preservice orientation must cover: 1. Resident's rights; and, 2. The facility's license type and services offered by the facility. (3) STAFF IN-SERVICE TRAINING. Facility administrators or managers shall provide or arrange for the following in-service training to facility staff: (a) Staff who provide direct care to residents, other than nurses, certified nursing assistants, or home health aides trained in accordance with rule 59A-8.0095, F.A.C., must receive a minimum of 1 hour in-service training in control, including universal precautions and facility	A 081			

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A 081	Continued From page 19 sanitation procedures, before providing personal care to residents. The facility must use its _____ control policies and procedures when offering this training. Documentation of compliance with the staff training requirements of 29 CFR 1910.1030, relating to _____ borne _____, may be used to meet this requirement. (b) Staff who provide direct care to residents must receive a minimum of 1 hour in-service training within 30 days of employment that covers the following subjects: 1. Reporting adverse incidents. 2. Facility emergency procedures including chain-of-command and staff roles relating to emergency evacuation. (c) Staff who provide direct care to residents, who have not taken the core training program, shall receive a minimum of 1 hour in-service training within 30 days of employment that covers the following subjects: 1. Resident rights in an assisted living facility. 2. Recognizing and reporting resident _____, neglect, and _____. The facility must use its _____ prevention policies and procedures when offering this training. (d) Staff who provide direct care to residents, other than nurses, CNAs, or home health aides trained in accordance with rule 59A-8.0095, F.A.C., must receive 3 hours of in-service training within 30 days of employment that covers the following subjects: 1. Resident behavior and needs. 2. Providing assistance with the activities of daily living. (e) Staff who prepare or serve food, who have not taken the assisted living facility core training must receive a minimum of 1-hour-in-service training within 30 days of employment in safe food	A 081			

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A 081	Continued From page 20 handling practices. (f) All facility staff shall receive in-service training regarding the facility's resident elopement response policies and procedures within thirty (30) days of employment. 1. All facility staff shall be provided with a copy of the facility's resident elopement response policies and procedures. 2. All facility staff shall demonstrate an understanding and competency in the implementation of the elopement response policies and procedures. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to maintain a record of staff trainings for 2 staff (Staff A and Staff B) of 2 staff sampled. Finding included: An employee record review conducted on revealed staff A, caregiver (date of hire) had no pre-service orientation, control, resident rights and recognizing, reporting and neglect training in the record. An employee record review conducted on revealed Staff B, caregiver (date of hire) had no pre-service orientation, control, or elopement training. An interview conducted on at 1:15 p.m. with the Owner, he stated he was not sure where the trainings were. Class III	A 081			

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A 084	Continued From page 21	A 084			
A 084 SS=D	59A-36.011(6) FAC 429.52(6), FS Training - Assis Self-Admin Meds & Med Mgmt 59A-36.011 (6) ASSISTANCE WITH THE SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AND MEDICATION MANAGEMENT. Unlicensed persons who will be providing assistance with the self-administration of medications as described in rule 59A-36.008, F.A.C., must meet the training requirements pursuant to section 429.52(6), F.S., prior to assuming this responsibility. Courses provided in fulfillment of this requirement must meet the following criteria: (a) Training must cover state law and rule requirements with respect to the supervision, assistance, administration, and management of medications in assisted living facilities; procedures and techniques for assisting the resident with self-administration of medication including how to read a prescription label; providing the right medications to the right resident; common medications; the importance of taking medications as prescribed; recognition of side effects and adverse reactions and procedures to follow when residents appear to be experiencing side effects and adverse reactions; documentation and record keeping; and medication storage and disposal. Training shall include demonstrations of proper techniques, including techniques for control, and ensure unlicensed staff have adequately demonstrated that they have acquired the skills necessary to provide such assistance. (b) The training must be provided by a registered nurse or licensed pharmacist who shall issue a training certificate to a trainee who demonstrates, in person and both physically and verbally, the ability to:	A 084			

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A 084	Continued From page 22 1. Read and understand a prescription label; 2. Provide assistance with self-administration in accordance with section 429.256, F.S., and rule 59A-36.008, F.A.C., including: a. Assist with oral dosage forms, _____ dosage forms, and _____ and _____ dosage forms; b. Measure liquid medications, break scored tablets, and crush tablets in accordance with prescription directions; c. Recognize the need to obtain clarification of an "as needed" prescription order; d. Recognize a medication order which requires judgment or discretion, and to advise the resident, resident's health care provider or facility employer of inability to assist in the administration of such orders; e. Complete a medication observation record; f. Retrieve and store medication; g. Recognize the general signs of adverse reactions to medications and report such reactions; h. Assist residents with _____ syringes that are prefilled with the proper dosage by a pharmacist and _____ that are prefilled by the manufacturer by taking the medication, in its previously dispensed, properly labeled container, from where it is stored, and bringing it to the resident for self-injection; i. Assist with _____; j. Use a _____ to perform _____ testing; k. Assist residents with _____ and continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) devices, excluding the titration of the _____ levels; l. Apply and remove _____ stockings and hosiery; m. Placement and removal of _____, bags,	A 084		

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A 084	Continued From page 23 excluding the removal of the _____ or manipulation of the _____ site; and, _____ n. Measurement of _____ rate, temperature, and _____ rate. (c) Unlicensed persons, as defined in section 429.256(1)(b), F.S., who provide assistance with self-administered medications and have successfully completed the initial 6 hour training, must obtain, annually, a minimum of 2 hours of continuing education training on providing assistance with self-administered medications and safe medication practices in an assisted living facility. The 2 hours of continuing education training may be provided online. (d) Trained unlicensed staff who, prior to the effective date of this rule, assist with the self-administration of medication and have successfully completed 4 hours of assistance with self-administration of medication training must complete an additional 2 hours of training that focuses on the topics listed in sub-subparagraphs (6)(b)2.h.-n. of this section, before assisting with the self-administration of medication procedures listed in sub-subparagraphs (6)(b)2.h.-n. 429.52 (6) Staff assisting with the self-administration of medications under s. 429.256 must complete a minimum of 6 additional hours of training provided by a registered nurse or a licensed pharmacist before providing assistance. Two hours of continuing education are required annually thereafter. The agency shall establish by rule the minimum requirements of this training This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure that unlicensed staff assisting	A 084			

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A 084	Continued From page 24 with self-administration of medication had training for two (Staff A and Staff B) of two sampled staff. Finding included: An employee record review conducted on _____ revealed Staff A caregiver (date of hire _____) did not have evidence of a 6-hour assistance with self-administration of medication training. An employee record review conducted on _____ revealed Staff B caregiver (date of hire _____) did not have evidence of 2-hour update of assistance with self-administration of medication training. An interview conducted on _____ at 1:20 p.m. with the Administrator, he stated that he did not know why the trainings were not in the file. Class III	A 084		
A 093 SS=D	59A-36.012(2) FAC Food Service - Dietary Standards (2) DIETARY STANDARDS. (a) The meals provided by the assisted living facility must be planned based on the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025, which are incorporated by reference and available for review at: http://www.frules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04003 , and the current table of Dietary Reference Intakes established by the Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, 2019, which are incorporated by reference and available for review at:	A 093		

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A 093	Continued From page 25 https://ods.od.nih.gov/HealthInformation/Dietary_Reference_Intakes.aspx. Therapeutic diets must meet these nutritional standards to the extent possible. (b) The residents' nutritional needs must be met by offering a variety of meals adapted to the food habits, preferences, and physical abilities of the residents, and must be prepared through the use of standardized recipes. For facilities with a licensed capacity of 16 or fewer residents, standardized recipes are not required. Unless a resident chooses to eat less, the facility must serve the standard minimum portions of food according to the Dietary Reference Intakes. (c) All regular and therapeutic menus to be used by the facility must be reviewed annually by a licensed or registered dietitian, a licensed nutritionist, or a registered dietetic technician supervised by a licensed or registered dietitian, or a licensed nutritionist to ensure the meals meet the nutritional standards established in this rule. The annual review must be documented in the facility files and include the original signature of the reviewer, registration or license number, and date reviewed. Portion sizes must be indicated on the menus or on a separate sheet. 1. Daily food servings may be divided among three or more meals per day, including snacks, as necessary to accommodate resident needs and preferences. 2. Menu items may be substituted with items of comparable nutritional value based on the seasonal availability of fresh produce or the preferences of the residents. (d) Menus must be dated and planned at least 1 week in advance for both regular and therapeutic diets. Residents must be encouraged to participate in menu planning. Planned menus must be conspicuously posted or easily available	A 093			

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A 093	Continued From page 26 to residents. Regular and therapeutic menus as served, with substitutions noted before or when the meal is served, must be kept on file in the facility for 6 months. (e) Therapeutic diets must be prepared and served as ordered by the health care provider. 1. Facilities that offer residents a variety of food choices through a select menu, buffet style dining, or family style dining are not required to document what is eaten unless a health care provider's order indicates that such monitoring is necessary. However, the food items that enable residents to comply with the therapeutic diet must be identified on the menus developed for use in the facility. 2. The facility must document a resident's refusal to comply with a therapeutic diet and provide notification to the resident's health care provider of such refusal. (f) For facilities serving three or more meals a day, no more than 14 hours must elapse between the end of an evening meal containing a protein food and the beginning of a morning meal. Intervals between meals must be evenly distributed throughout the day with not less than 2 hours nor more than 6 hours between the end of one meal and the beginning of the next. For residents without access to kitchen facilities, snacks must be offered at least once per day. Snacks are not considered to be meals for the purposes of the time between meals. (g) Food must be served attractively at safe and palatable temperatures. All residents must be encouraged to eat at tables in the dining areas. A supply of eating ware sufficient for all residents, including adaptive equipment if needed by any resident, must be on (h) A 3-day supply of nonperishable food, based on the number of weekly meals the facility has	A 093			

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(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (EACH DEFICIENCY MUST BE PRECEDED BY FULL REGULATORY OR LSC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION)	ID PREFIX TAG	PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION (EACH CORRECTIVE ACTION SHOULD BE CROSS-REFERENCED TO THE APPROPRIATE DEFICIENCY)		(X5) COMPLETE DATE
A 093	Continued From page 27 ... with residents to serve, must be on at all times. The quantity must be based on the resident census and not on licensed capacity. The supply must consist of foods that can be stored safely without refrigeration. Water sufficient for drinking and food preparation must also be stored, or the facility must have a plan for obtaining water in an emergency, with the plan coordinated with and reviewed by the local disaster preparedness authority. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure menus were signed by a licensed dietitian, dated menus and posted menus for resident review. Finding included: On at 12:30 p.m. an observation of the dining room and kitchen areas revealed the facility did not have menus dated weekly and the menu were not posted for residents to review. A review of dietitian's credentials conducted on revealed the dietitian's license expired ... An interview conducted with the Owner on at 1:43 p.m., the Owner stated he did not have the updated license for the dietitian or menus that were dated. Class III	A 093			