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{A 000}	Initial Comments An unannounced revisit to the Relicensure survey was conducted on _____ at Merciful Assisted Living. The facility corrected the previously cited deficiencies (A 0008, A 0054, A 0055, A 0056, A 0084 & A 0085). The facility had uncorrected deficiencies (A 0081 & A0168) and new deficiencies (A 0079, Z 814 & Z 815) related to the revisit survey identified at the time of the visit.	{A 000}			
A 079	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.	A 079			

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A 079	Continued From page 1 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 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.	A 079		

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A 079	Continued From page 2 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 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	A 079			

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A 079	Continued From page 3 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 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 observation, record review and an interview, the facility failed to ensure 1 out of 1 sampled staff (Staff C) who was left in sole	A 079			

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A 079	Continued From page 4 charge of residents had training in first aid and (, ,). The findings included: On at approximately 2:00 PM, Staff C was observed in the facility's living room sweeping hair off the floor, in sole charge of three residents at the facility. Staff C stated during interview at this time that he had worked at the facility for five months and that the Administrator would return soon. Upon arrival at approximately 2:10 PM, the Administrator stated during interview that there was no personnel file available for Staff C and that there was no information available for this person. Staff C was identified as a possible staff member during the previous visit on , but was not confirmed as one at that time. There was no personnel file available for review to ensure Staff C had current training in first aid and .	A 079			
{A 081}	429.52(1 & 7) FS: 59A-36.011() FAC Training - Staff In-Service 429.52 (1)(a) 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.	{A 081}			

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{A 081}	Continued From page 5 The facility must keep the signed statement in the employee 's personnel record. (b) Each assisted living facility employee must complete the training required under s. 430.5025. However, an employee of an assisted living facility licensed as a limited mental health facility under s. 429.075 is exempt from the training requirements under s. 430.5025(4)(d). (c) If an assisted living facility employee completes the 1-hour training required under s. 430.5025 before interacting with residents, such training may count toward the 2 hours of preservice orientation required under paragraph (a). (7) Facility staff shall participate in inservice 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	{A 081}			

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{A 081}	Continued From page 6 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 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.	{A 081}		

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{A 081}	Continued From page 7 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 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 observation, record review and an interview, the facility failed to ensure 1 out of 1 sampled staff (Staff C) had completed 2 hours of Preserve Orientation prior to interacting with	{A 081}		

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{A 081}	Continued From page 8 residents. The findings included: On _____ at approximately 2:00 PM, Staff C was observed in sole charge of three residents at the facility. Staff C stated during interview at this time that he had worked at the facility for five months and that the Administrator would return shortly. Upon arrival at approximately 2:10 PM, the Administrator stated during interview that there was no personnel file available for Staff C. There was no certificate of a 2 hour Preservice Orientation available for review at this time. The Preservice Orientation is to be completed prior to interacting with residents, and requires documentation on a certificate of this training with the signature of both the Administrator and the employee. This is an uncorrected deficiency from the survey conducted on _____ Class _____	{A 081}		
{A 168}	429.24(3)(a) FS; 429.27(7), FS Resident Refund Policy 429.24 (3)(a) . . . The refund policy shall provide that the resident or responsible party is entitled to a prorated refund based on the daily rate for any unused portion of payment beyond the termination date after all charges, including the cost of damages to the residential unit resulting from circumstances other than normal use, have been paid to the licensee. For the purpose of this	{A 168}		

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{A 168}	Continued From page 9 paragraph, the termination date shall be the date the unit is vacated by the resident and cleared of all personal belongings. If the amount of belongings does not preclude renting the unit, the facility may clear the unit and charge the resident or his or her estate for moving and storing the items at a rate equal to the actual cost to the facility, not to exceed 20 percent of the regular rate for the unit, provided that 14 days' advance written notification is given. If the resident's possessions are not claimed within 45 days after notification, the facility may dispose of them. The contract shall also specify any other conditions under which claims will be made against the refund due the resident. Except in the case of or a discharge due to medical reasons, the refunds shall be computed in accordance with the notice of relocation requirements specified in the contract. However, a resident may not be required to provide the licensee with more than 30 days' notice of termination. If after a contract is terminated, the facility intends to make a claim against a refund due the resident, the facility shall notify the resident or responsible party in writing of the claim and shall provide said party with a reasonable time period of no less than 14 calendar days to respond. 429.27, FS Property and personal affairs of residents. - (7) In the event of the of a resident, a licensee shall return all refunds, funds, and property held in trust to the resident's personal representative, if one has been appointed at the time the facility disburses such funds, and, if not, to the resident's spouse or adult next of kin named in a beneficiary designation form provided by the facility to the resident. If the resident has no spouse or adult next of kin or such person	{A 168}		

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{A 168}	Continued From page 10 cannot be located, funds due the resident shall be placed in an interest-bearing account, and all property held in trust by the facility shall be safeguarded until such time as the funds and property are disbursed pursuant to the Florida Probate Code. Such funds shall be kept separate from the funds and property of the facility and other residents of the facility. If the funds of the resident are not disbursed pursuant to the Florida Probate Code within 2 years after the resident's , the funds shall be deposited in the Health Care Trust Fund administered by the agency. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and an interview, the facility failed to ensure the resident contract for 3 out of 3 sampled residents (Residents #1-#3) contained a refund policy which includes all of the required components. The findings included: On at approximately 2:10 PM, the resident contracts used by the facility for Residents #1-#3 were requested from the Administrator to review the revisions made to the refund policy and procedure that were previously identified as not containing the following information: a) "The refund policy shall provide that the resident or responsible party is entitled to a prorated refund based on the daily rate for any unused portion of payment beyond the termination date...the termination date shall be the date the unit is vacated by the resident and cleared of all personal belongings...Except in the case of or discharge due to medical	{A 168}		

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{A 168}	Continued From page 11 reasons, the refunds shall be computed in accordance with the notice of relocation requirements specified in the contract." The Administrator stated at this time that he had not made any revisions to the policy and procedure in the current residents' contracts since the previous visit on . The facility provided no additional information for review at this time. This is an uncorrected deficiency from the survey conducted on . Class	{A 168}			

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CZ814	435.12(2)(b-d), FS Background Screening Clearinghouse 435.12 Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse.- (2)(b) Until such time as the , , are enrolled in the national retained print notification program at the Federal Bureau of Investigation: 1. A person 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. 2. Effective , or a later date as determined by the Agency for Health Care Administration, for the participation of qualified entities in the clearinghouse under s. 435.12, a person with a break in service of more than 90 days from a position for which screening is conducted by a qualified entity participating in the clearinghouse must submit to a national screening if the person returns to a position for which screening is conducted by a qualified entity. (c) An employer of persons subject to screening or a qualified entity participating in the clearinghouse must register with the clearinghouse and maintain the employment or affiliation status of all persons included in the clearinghouse. 1. Before , initial status and any changes in status must be reported within 10 business days after a person receives his or her initial status or after a change in the person ' s status has been made. 2. Effective , initial status and any changes in status must be reported within 5 business days after a person receives his or her initial status or after a change in the person ' s status has been made.	CZ814			

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CZ814	Continued From page 1 (d) An employer or a qualified entity participating in the clearinghouse must register with and initiate all criminal history checks through the clearinghouse before referring an employee or potential employee or a person with a current or potential affiliation with a qualified entity for electronic submission to the Department of Law Enforcement. The registration must include the person'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 observation, record review and an interview, the facility failed to ensure 1 out of 1 sampled staff (Staff C) was added to the employee roster on the Clearinghouse website within five days of hire. The findings included: On at approximately 2:00 PM, Staff C was observed in sole charge of three residents at the facility. Staff C stated during interview at this time that he had worked at the facility for five months and that the Administrator would return soon. Upon arrival at approximately 2:10 PM, the Administrator stated during interview that there was no personnel file available for Staff C. Staff C was identified as a possible staff member during the previous visit on , but was not confirmed as one at that time. During review of	CZ814			

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CZ814	Continued From page 2 the employee roster on the Clearinghouse website on _____, it was revealed that Staff C had not been listed.	CZ814			
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.	CZ815			

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CZ815	Continued From page 3 (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: (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.	CZ815		

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CZ815	Continued From page 4 (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 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	CZ815			

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CZ815	Continued From page 5 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) 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: 1. Does not have an active professional license or certification from the Department of Health; or 2. 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.	CZ815		

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CZ815	Continued From page 6 (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 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	CZ815			

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CZ815	Continued From page 7 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, including , if required, must be disqualified for employment in such position or, if	CZ815		

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CZ815	Continued From page 8 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 observation, record review and an interview, the facility failed to ensure 1 out of 1 sampled staff (Staff C) had a Level II criminal background screening completed. The findings included: On _____ at approximately 2:00 PM, Staff C was observed in the facility's living room sweeping hair off the floor, in sole charge of three residents at the facility. Staff C stated during interview at this time that he had worked at the facility for five months and that the Administrator would return soon. Upon arrival at approximately 2:10 PM, the Administrator stated during interview that there was no personnel file available for Staff C and that there was no information available for this person to check the Clearinghouse website for a criminal background screening. The	CZ815			

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CZ815	Continued From page 9 Administrator stated Staff C could not have a screening completed since he did not have a social security card. Staff C was identified as a possible staff member during the previous visit on , but was not confirmed as one at that time. During review of the Clearinghouse website on , a background screening could not be located for Staff C.	CZ815			
CZ816	408.809(2) 435.05(2) 59A-35.090(2d-3b) Background Screening-Compliance Attestation 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.	CZ816			

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CZ816	Continued From page 10 943.05(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 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.	CZ816			

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CZ816	Continued From page 11 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_Services/Background_Screening/Regulations_Forms.shtml . 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	CZ816		

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CZ816	Continued From page 12 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 observation, record review and an interview, the facility failed to ensure 1 out of 1 sampled staff (Staff C) had a signed attestation on file informing the facility that the requirements have been met for a criminal background screening and agreement to notify the facility of any disqualifying offense The findings included: On at approximately 2:00 PM, Staff C was observed in sole charge of three residents at the facility. Staff C stated during interview at this time that he had worked at the facility for five months and that the Administrator would return soon. Upon arrival at approximately 2:10 PM, the Administrator stated during interview that there was no personnel file available for Staff C and that there was no information available for this person. The Administrator stated Staff C could not have a screening completed since he did not have a social security card. Staff C was identified as a possible staff member during the previous visit on , but was not confirmed as one at that time.	CZ816			