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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

ELITE GARDEN, LLC.

**4319 NEPTUNE RD
SAINT CLOUD, FL 34769**

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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 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	A 078		

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A 078	Continued From page 1 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, 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 ensure all employees had an annual assessment documented annually for 1 of 3 staff sampled (B). Findings: A review of the caregiver B's record revealed she was hired on . Her record did not contain documentation of an annual assessment. On at 11:50 AM, the Supervisor confirmed the finding.	A 078		

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ZZ830 SS=D	408.821 FS Emergency Management Planning 408.821 Emergency management planning; emergency operations; inactive license.- (1) A licensee required by authorizing statutes and agency rule to have a comprehensive emergency management plan must designate a safety liaison to serve as the primary contact for emergency operations. Such licensee shall submit its comprehensive emergency management plan to the local emergency management agency, county health department, or Department of Health as follows: (a) Submit the plan within 30 days after initial licensure and change of ownership, and notify the agency within 30 days after submission of the plan. (b) Submit the plan annually and within 30 days after any significant modification, as defined by agency rule, to a previously approved plan. (c) Submit necessary plan revisions within 30 days after notification that plan revisions are required. (d) Notify the agency within 30 days after approval of its plan by the local emergency management agency, county health department, or Department of Health. (2) An entity subject to this part may temporarily exceed its licensed capacity to act as a receiving provider in accordance with an approved comprehensive emergency management plan for up to 15 days. While in an overcapacity status, each provider must furnish or arrange for appropriate care and services to all clients. In addition, the agency may approve requests for overcapacity in excess of 15 days, which	ZZ830		

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ZZ830	Continued From page 3 approvals may be based upon satisfactory justification and need as provided by the receiving and sending providers. (3)(a) An inactive license may be issued to a licensee subject to this section when the provider is located in a geographic area in which a state of emergency was declared by the Governor if the provider: 1. Suffered damage to its operation during the state of emergency. 2. Is currently licensed. 3. Does not have a provisional license. 4. Will be temporarily unable to provide services but is reasonably expected to resume services within 12 months. (b) An inactive license may be issued for a period not to exceed 12 months but may be renewed by the agency for up to 12 additional months upon demonstration to the agency of progress toward reopening. A request by a licensee for an inactive license or to extend the previously approved inactive period must be submitted in writing to the agency, accompanied by written justification for the inactive license, which states the beginning and ending dates of inactivity and includes a plan for the transfer of any clients to other providers and appropriate licensure fees. Upon agency approval, the licensee shall notify clients of any necessary discharge or transfer as required by authorizing statutes or applicable rules. The beginning of the inactive licensure period shall be the date the provider ceases operations. The end of the inactive period shall become the license expiration date, and all licensure fees must be current, must be paid in full, and may be prorated. Reactivation of an inactive license requires the prior approval by the agency of a renewal application, including payment of licensure fees and agency inspections indicating	ZZ830			

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ZZ830	Continued From page 4 compliance with all requirements of this part and applicable rules and statutes. (4) . . . Licensees providing residential or inpatient services must utilize an online database approved by the agency to report information to the agency regarding the provider's emergency status, planning, or operations. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to submit its comprehensive emergency management plan (CEMP) to the local emergency management agency annually. Findings: Review of the last approved CEMP was dated On at 9:30 AM, the supervisor confirmed he could not provide any documentation of an approved CEMP for 2025 or 2026. He said he currently had a third party working on it for him. Class III	ZZ830			
A 000	Initial Comments A re-licensure survey and a generator monitoring were conducted on at Elite Garden Assisted Living Facility. There were deficiencies identified at the time of the survey.	A 000			
A 010 SS=D	429.26() FS; 59A-36.006(4) FAC Admissions - Continued Residency	A 010			

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A 010	Continued From page 5 429.26 Appropriateness of placements; examinations of residents.- (1) The owner or administrator of a facility is responsible for determining the appropriateness of admission of an individual to the facility and for determining the continued appropriateness of residence of an individual in the facility. A determination must be based upon an evaluation of the strengths, needs, and preferences of the resident, a medical examination, the care and services offered or arranged for by the facility in accordance with facility policy, and any limitations in law or rule related to admission criteria or continued residency for the type of license held by the facility under this part. The following criteria apply to the determination of appropriateness for admission and continued residency of an individual in a facility: (a) A facility may admit or retain a resident who receives a health care service or treatment that is designed to be provided within a private residential setting if all requirements for providing that service or treatment are met by the facility or a third party. (b) A facility may admit or retain a resident who requires the use of assistive devices. (c) A facility may admit or retain an individual receiving hospice services if the arrangement is agreed to by the facility and the resident, additional care is provided by a licensed hospice, and the resident is under the care of a physician who agrees that the physical needs of the resident can be met at the facility. The resident must have a plan of care which delineates how the facility and the hospice will meet the scheduled and unscheduled needs of the resident, including, if applicable, staffing for nursing care. (d) 1. Except for a resident who is receiving	A 010			

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A 010	Continued From page 6 hospice services as provided in paragraph (c), a facility may not admit or retain a resident who is bedridden or who requires 24-hour nursing supervision. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "bedridden" means that a resident is confined to a bed because of the inability to: - Move, turn, or reposition without total physical assistance; - Transfer to a chair or wheelchair without total physical assistance; or - Sit safely in a chair or wheelchair without personal assistance or a physical 2. A resident may continue to reside in a facility if, during residency, he or she is bedridden for no more than 7 consecutive days. 3. If a facility is licensed to provide extended congregate care, a resident may continue to reside in a facility if, during residency, he or she is bedridden for no more than 14 consecutive days. (2) A resident may not be moved from one facility to another without consultation with and agreement from the resident or, if applicable, the resident's representative or designee or the resident's family, guardian, surrogate, or attorney in fact. In the case of a resident who has been placed by the department or the Department of Children and Families, the administrator must notify the appropriate contact person in the applicable department. (3) A physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse who is employed by an assisted living facility to provide an initial examination for admission purposes may not have financial interests in the facility. 59A-36.006 (4) CONTINUED RESIDENCY. Except as follows	A 010			

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A 010	Continued From page 7 In paragraphs (a) through (c) of this subsection, criteria for continued residency in any licensed facility must be the same as the criteria for admission. As part of the continued residency criteria, a resident must have a -lo- medical examination by a health care practitioner at least every 3 years after the initial assessment, or after a significant change, whichever comes first. A significant change is defined in Rule 59A-36.002, F.A.C. The results of the examination must be recorded on the practitioner's form or on AHCA Form 1823, which is incorporated by reference in paragraph (2)(b) of this rule and must be completed in accordance with that paragraph. Exceptions to the requirement to meet the criteria for continued residency are: (a) The resident may be bedridden for no more than 7 consecutive days, unless the resident is receiving licensed hospice services pursuant to Section 429.26(1)(c), F.S. (b) A resident requiring care of a _____, may be retained provided that: 1. The resident contracts directly with a licensed home health agency or a nurse to provide care, or the facility has a limited nursing services license and services are provided pursuant to a plan of care issued by a health care practitioner, 2. The condition is documented in the resident's record; and, 3. If the resident's condition fails to improve within 30 days, as documented by a health care practitioner, the resident must be discharged from the facility. (c) A _____, ill resident who no longer meets the criteria for continued residency may continue to reside in the facility if the following conditions are met: 1. The resident qualifies for, is admitted to, and	A 010			

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A 010	Continued From page 8 consents to receive services from a licensed hospice that coordinates and ensures the provision of any additional care and services that the resident may need; 2. Both the resident, or the resident's legal representative if applicable, and the facility agree to continued residency; 3. A licensed hospice, in consultation with the facility, develops and implements an interdisciplinary care plan that specifies the services being provided by hospice and those being provided by the facility; and, 4. Documentation of the requirements of this paragraph is maintained in the resident's file. (d) The facility administrator is responsible for monitoring the continued appropriateness of placement of a resident in the facility at all times. (e) A hospice resident that meets the qualifications of continued residency pursuant to this subsection may only receive services from the assisted living facility's staff which are within the scope of the facility's license. (f) Assisted living facility staff may provide any nursing service permitted under the facility's license and total help with the activities of daily living for residents admitted to hospice; however, staff may not exceed the scope of their professional licensure or training. (g) Continued residency criteria for facilities holding an extended congregate care license are described in Rule 59A-36.021, F.A.C. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, record review, and interview, the facility failed to ensure the continued appropriateness of placement of resident #5 who was bedbound. Findings:	A 010			

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A 010	Continued From page 9 During a tour of the facility, resident #5 was observed in bed receiving care from caregiver B. Resident #5 observed to be unable to assist with turning or positioning in bed. A review of resident #5's record found he was admitted on . He had been under the care of hospice since admission. His record contained a Resident Health Assessment form (1823) dated . His diagnoses included . and . He required total care for all activities of daily living. He was documented as bedbound. Continued review of resident #5's record did not find any hospice documentation. On at 10:40 AM, the Supervisor confirmed resident #5 was no longer under hospice care. On at 11:17 AM, an interview with a hospice representative was conducted via telephone. She confirmed resident #5 had been under hospice care but, he was discharged from hospice services on . Class III	A 010			
A 032 SS=D	59A-36.007(7) FAC Resident Care - Elopement Standards 59A-36.007 (7) ELOPEMENT STANDARDS. (a) Residents Assessed at Risk for Elopement. All residents assessed at risk for elopement or with any history of elopement must be identified so staff can be alerted to their needs for support and supervision. All residents must be assessed	A 032			

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A 032	Continued From page 10 for risk of elopement by a health care provider or a mental health care provider within 30 calendar days of being admitted to a facility. If the resident has had a health assessment performed prior to admission pursuant to paragraph 59A-36.006(2)(a), F.A.C., this requirement is satisfied. A resident placed in a facility on a temporary emergency basis by the Department of Children and Families pursuant to Section 415.105 or 415.1051, F.S., is exempt from this requirement for up to 30 days. 1. As part of its resident elopement response policies and procedures, the facility must make, at a minimum, a daily effort to determine that at risk residents have identification on their persons that includes their name and the facility's name, address, and telephone number. Staff trained pursuant to paragraph 59A-36.011(10)(a) or (c), F.A.C., must be generally aware of the location of all residents assessed at high risk for elopement at all times. 2. The facility must have a photo identification of at risk residents on file that is accessible to all facility staff and law enforcement as necessary. The facility's file must contain the resident's photo identification upon admission or upon being assessed at risk for elopement subsequent to admission. The photo identification may be provided by the facility, the resident, or the resident's representative. (b) Facility Resident Elopement Response Policies and Procedures. The facility must develop detailed written policies and procedures for responding to a resident elopement. At a minimum, the policies and procedures must provide for: 1. An immediate search of the facility and premises, 2. The identification of staff responsible for	A 032			

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A 032	Continued From page 11 implementing each part of the elopement response policies and procedures, including specific duties and responsibilities, 3. The identification of staff responsible for contacting law enforcement, the resident's family, guardian, health care surrogate, and case manager if the resident is not located pursuant to subparagraph (8)(b)1.; and, 4. The continued care of all residents within the facility in the event of an elopement. (c) Facility Resident Elopement Drills. The facility must conduct and document resident elopement drills pursuant to Section 429.41(1)(k), F.S. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews, the facility failed to conduct and document resident elopement drills for 2 of 3 staff sampled. (Caregiver B and administrator). Findings: 1. A review of Caregiver B's record revealed she was hired on . Her record did not contain any documentation of participation in resident elopement drills in 2025. 2. A review of the Administrators record revealed she was hired on . Her record did not contain any documentation of participation in resident elopement drills in 2025. On at 12:35 PM, the Supervisor confirmed the finding. Class III	A 032	
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A 077 A 077 SS=D	Continued From page 12 429.176 FS; 429.52(), 59A-36.01(1) FAC Staffing Standards - Administrators 429.176 Notice of change of administrator.-If, during the period for which a license is issued, the owner changes administrators, the owner must notify the agency of the change within 10 days and provide documentation within 90 days that the new administrator meets educational requirements and has completed the applicable core educational requirements under s. 429.52. A facility may not be operated for more than 120 consecutive days without an administrator who has completed the core educational requirements. 429.52 (4) A facility administrator must complete the required core training, including the competency test, within 90 days after the date of employment as an administrator. Failure to do so is a violation of this part and subjects the violator to an administrative fine as prescribed in s. 429.19. Administrators licensed in accordance with part II of chapter 468 are exempt from this requirement. Other licensed professionals may be exempted, as determined by the agency by rule. (5) Administrators are required to participate in continuing education for a minimum of 12 contact hours every 2 years. 59A-36.010 (1) ADMINISTRATORS. Every facility must be under the supervision of an administrator who is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the facility including the management of all staff and the provision of appropriate care to all residents as required by chapters 408, part II, 429, part I, F.S., and rule chapter 59A-35, F.A.C.,	A 077 A 077			

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A 077	Continued From page 13 and this rule chapter. (a) An administrator must: 1. Be at least _____ ; 2. If employed on or after _____, have, at a minimum, a high school diploma or G.E.D.; 3. Be in compliance with Level 2 background screening requirements pursuant to sections 408.809 and 429.174, F.S.; 4. Complete the core training and core competency test requirements pursuant to rule 59A-36.011, F.A.C., no later than 90 days after becoming employed as a facility administrator. Administrators who attended core training prior to _____, are not required to take the competency test unless specified elsewhere in this rule; and, 5. Satisfy the continuing education requirements pursuant to rule 59A-36.011, F.A.C. Administrators who are not in compliance with these requirements must retake the core training and core competency test requirements in effect on the date the non-compliance is discovered by the agency or the department. (b) In the event of extenuating circumstances, such as the _____ of a facility administrator, the agency may permit an individual who otherwise has not satisfied the training requirements of subparagraph (1)(a)4. of this rule, to temporarily serve as the facility administrator for a period not to exceed 90 days. During the 90 day period, the individual temporarily serving as facility administrator must: 1. Complete the core training and core competency test requirements pursuant to rule 59A-36.011, F.A.C.; and, 2. Complete all additional training requirements if the facility maintains licensure as an extended congregate care or limited mental health facility.	A 077		

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A 077	Continued From page 14 (c) Administrators may supervise a maximum of either three assisted living facilities or a group of facilities on a single campus providing housing and health care Administrators who supervise more than one facility must appoint in writing a separate manager for each facility. However, an administrator supervising a maximum of three assisted living facilities, each licensed for 16 or fewer beds and all within a 15 mile of each other, is only required to appoint two managers to assist in the operation and maintenance of those facilities. (d) An individual serving as a manager must satisfy the same qualifications, background screening, core training and competency test requirements, and continuing education requirements as an administrator pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) of this rule. Managers who attended the core training program prior to , are not required to take the competency test unless specified elsewhere in this rule. In addition, a manager may not serve as a manager of more than a single facility, except as provided in paragraph (1)(c) of this rule, and may not , serve as an administrator of any other facility. (e) Pursuant to section 429.176, F.S., facility owners must notify the Agency Central Office within 10 days of a change in facility administrator on the Notification of Change of Administrator form, AHCA Form 3180-1006, , which is incorporated by reference and available online at: http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09393. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview the facility	A 077	

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A 077	Continued From page 15 failed to ensure the administrator appointed, in writing, a core trained Manager for the facility. Findings: On the Administrator was not available to assist with the re-licensure survey. On at 9:35 AM, the Supervisor stated he was in charge of the facility's' daily operation because the Administrator had a full-time job at the hospital. She was also the Administrator at their other facility in Rockledge. Review of the Supervisors record found he was hired on . On at 9:45 AM, the Supervisor confirmed he had not taken the core exam. Class III	A 077			