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A 000	Initial Comments A re-licensure in conjunction with a Limited Nursing Services survey, Generator monitoring and complaint investigation [2025018313, 2026002130] was conducted at The Meridian at Brandon on . Deficiencies were identified at the time of survey.	A 000			
A 077 SS=D	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.	A 077			

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A 077	Continued From page 1 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., 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	A 077		

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A 077	Continued From page 2 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. (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	A 077			

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A 077	Continued From page 3 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 failed to ensure there was an Administrator in charge who had a high school diploma for one (Administrator) of one employee sampled. Findings included: An employee record review for the Administrator, conducted on _____, revealed the Administrator did not have a high school diploma in the employee record. During an interview on _____ at 12:19 PM, the Business Office Manager agreed the Administrator did not have a high school diploma in the employee record. Class III	A 077			
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	A 078			

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A 078	Continued From page 4 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 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.	A 078			

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A 078	Continued From page 5 (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 employees had a one-time statement that the employee was free from communicable _____ for four (Administrator, Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C) of four sampled employees Furthermore, the facility failed to ensure employees had a negative () screening for four (Administrator, Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C) of four sampled employees. Findings included: An employee record review for the Administrator, Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C, conducted on _____, revealed the Administrator, Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C did not have a statement from	A 078			

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A 078	Continued From page 6 a healthcare provider that the employees were free from communicable _____ in the employee records. The Administrator, Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C did not have a negative _____ screening in the employee records. The Administrator was hired on _____ . Staff A was hired on _____ . Staff B was hired on _____ . Staff C was hired on _____ . During an interview on _____ at 12:19 PM, the Business Office Manager agreed the Administrator and Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C did not have a one-time statement that the employees were free from communicable _____. The Business Office Manager agreed the Administrator, Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C did not have a negative _____ screening. Class III	A 078		
A 081 SS=D	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. The facility must keep the signed statement in the employee ' s personnel record.	A 081		

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A 081	Continued From page 7 (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 record. (d) In addition to topics that may be chosen by the facility administrator, the preservice orientation	A 081			

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A 081	Continued From page 8 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. 2. Recognizing and reporting resident neglect, and , . The facility must use its	A 081		

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A 081	Continued From page 9 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 record review and interview, the facility failed to provide direct care staff with the required in-service trainings, which included signing a two-hour pre-service orientation training prior to providing direct care, activities of living and	A 081		

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A 081	Continued From page 10 behavioral needs and elopement response training for four of four (Administrator, Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C) of four sampled employees. Findings included: An employee record review for the Administrator, conducted on _____, revealed the Administrator's employee record did not contain evidence the employee completed an elopement response training. The Administrator was hired on _____. An employee record review for Staff A, conducted on _____, revealed Staff A had not signed the pre-service orientation training on _____. Staff A only had two of the three-hours required training for activities of daily living and behavioral needs training on _____. Staff A had a half an hour of the one-hour required training for the elopement response training on _____. Staff A was hired on _____. An employee record review for Staff B, conducted on _____, revealed Staff B had not signed the pre-service orientation training on _____. Staff B only had two of the three-hours required training for the activities of daily living and behavioral needs training on _____. Staff B had a half an hour of the one-hour required training for elopement response training on _____. Staff B was hired on _____. An employee record review for Staff C, conducted on _____, revealed Staff C had not signed the pre-service orientation training on _____. Staff C only had a half an hour of the three-hours required training for the activities of daily living and	A 081		

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A 081	Continued From page 11 behavioral needs training on _____ and _____. Staff C only had a half an hour of the one-hour required training for elopement response training on _____. During an interview on _____ at 12:19 PM, the Business Office Manager agreed the Administrator had no evidence of elopement response training. The Business Office manager agreed Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C had not signed the pre-service orientation training certificates. The Business Office Manager agreed Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C had not completed the activities of daily living and behavioral needs training or the elopement response trainings. Class III	A 081			
A 090 SS=D	59A-36.011(11) FAC Training - (11) _____ TRAINING. (a) Currently employed facility administrators, managers, direct care staff and staff involved in resident admissions must receive at least one hour of training in the facility's policies and procedures regarding _____ (b) Newly hired facility administrators, managers, direct care staff and staff involved in resident admissions must receive at least one hour of training in the facility's policy and procedures regarding _____ within 30 days after employment. (c) Training shall consist of the information included in rule 59A-36.009, F.A.C. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by:	A 090			

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A 090	Continued From page 12 Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure employees completed a training for three (Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C) of three sampled employees. Findings included: An employee record review for Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C, conducted on _____, revealed Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C did not have _____ training. Staff A was hired on _____ . Staff B was hired on _____ . Staff C was hired on _____ . During an interview on _____ at 12:19 PM, the Business Office Manager agreed Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C did not complete training regarding _____ . Class III	A 090		

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ZZ814	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.	ZZ814		

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ZZ814	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 record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure employee were listed on the background screening clearinghouse employee roster within five days of employment for one (Staff C) of four sampled employees. Findings included: A review of the facility's background screening clearinghouse employee roster for Staff C, conducted on , revealed Staff C was not listed on the background screening clearinghouse employee roster. An employee record review for Staff C, conducted on , revealed Staff C was hired on . During an interview on at 12:19 PM,	ZZ814			

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ZZ814	Continued From page 2 the Business Office Manager agreed Staff C had not been listed on the background screening clearinghouse employee roster. Unclassified	ZZ814			
ZZ815	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	ZZ815			

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ZZ815	Continued From page 3 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 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	ZZ815		

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ZZ815	Continued From page 4 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 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.	ZZ815		

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ZZ815	Continued From page 5 (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 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.	ZZ815			

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ZZ815	Continued From page 6 (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 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	ZZ815		

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ZZ815	Continued From page 7 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 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	ZZ815			

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ZZ815	Continued From page 8 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, 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 employees had an eligible level 2 background screening for one (staff C) of four sampled employees. Findings included:	ZZ815		

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ZZ815	Continued From page 9 An employee record review for Staff C, conducted on _____, revealed that Staff C did not have an eligible background screening in the employee record. Staff C was hired on _____. A review of the facility's background screening clearinghouse employee roster, conducted on _____, revealed that the background screening clearinghouse employee roster did not note Staff C was a current employee. During an interview on _____ at 12:19 PM, the Business Office Manager agreed Staff C did not have an eligible level 2 background screening. Unclassified	ZZ815		
ZZ875 SS=D	430.5025(4 &) / ; Training (4) Employees of covered providers must complete the following training for _____'s and related forms of _____: (a) Upon beginning employment, each employee must receive basic written information about interacting with persons who have _____'s or related forms of _____. (b) Within 30 days after beginning employment, each employee who provides personal care to or has regular contact with participants, patients, or residents must complete a 1-hour training program provided by the department. 1. The department shall provide training that is available online at no cost. The 1-hour training program shall contain information on understanding the basics about the most common	ZZ875		

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ZZ875	Continued From page 10 forms of _____, how to identify the signs and symptoms of _____, and skills for communicating and interacting with persons with _____'s _____ or related forms of _____. A record of the completion of the training program must be made available to the covered provider which identifies the training curricula, the name of the employee, and the date of completion. 2. A covered provider must maintain a record of the employee's completion of the training program and, upon written request of the employee, provide the employee with a copy of the record of completion consistent with the employer's written policies. 3. An employee who has completed the training required in this subsection is not required to repeat the program upon changing employment to a different covered provider. (c) Within 7 months after beginning employment for a home health agency, nurse registry, or companion or homemaker service provider, each employee who provides personal care must complete 2 hours of training in addition to the training required in paragraphs (a) and (b). The additional training must include, but is not limited to, behavior management, promoting the person's independence in activities of daily living, and skills in working with families and caregivers. (d) Within 7 months after beginning employment for a nursing home, an assisted living facility, an adult family-care home, or an adult day care center, each employee who provides personal care must complete 3 hours of training in addition to the training required in paragraphs (a) and (b). The additional training must include, but is not limited to, behavior management, promoting the person's	ZZ875			

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ZZ875	Continued From page 11 independence in activities of daily living, skills in working with families and caregivers, group and individual activities, maintaining an appropriate environment, and ethical issues. (e) For an assisted living facility, adult family-care home, or adult day care center that advertises and provides, or is designated to provide, specialized care for persons with _____'s or related forms of _____, in addition to the training specified in paragraphs (a) and (b), employees must receive the following training: 1. Within 3 months after beginning employment, each employee who provides personal care to or has regular contact with the residents or participants must complete the additional 3 hours of training as provided in paragraph (d). 2. Within 6 months after beginning employment, each employee who provides personal care must complete an additional 4 hours of _____-specific training. Such training must include, but is not limited to, understanding _____ and related forms of _____, the stages of _____'s _____, communication strategies, medical information, and stress management. 3. Thereafter, each employee who provides personal care must participate in at least 4 hours of continuing education each calendar year through contact hours, on-the-job training, or electronic learning. _____. For this subparagraph, the term "on-the-job training" means a form of direct coaching in which a facility administrator or his or her designee instructs an employee who provides personal care with guidance, support, or _____-on experience to help develop and refine the employee's skills for caring for a person with _____ or a related	ZZ875			

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ZZ875	Continued From page 12 form of . The continuing education must cover at least one of the topics included in the -specific training in which the employee has not received previous training in the previous calendar year. The continuing education may be fulfilled and documented in a minimum of one quarter-hour increments through on-the-job training of the employee by a facility administrator or his or her designee or by an electronic learning , chosen by the facility administrator. On-the-job training may not account for more than 2 hours of continuing education each calendar year. (f)1. An employee provided, assigned, or referred by a health care services pool must complete the training required in paragraph (c), paragraph (d), or paragraph (e) that is applicable to the covered provider and the position in which the employee will be working. The documentation verifying the completed training and continuing education of the employee, if applicable, must be provided to the covered provider upon request. 2. A health care services pool must verify and maintain documentation as required under s. 400.980(5) before providing, assigning, or referring an employee to a covered provider. (7) For a certified nursing assistant as defined in s. 464.201, training hours completed as required under this section may count toward the total hours of training required to maintain certification as a nursing assistant. (8) For a health care practitioner as defined in s. 456.001, training hours completed as required under this section may count toward the total hours of continuing education required by that practitioner's licensing board. (9) Each person employed, , or referred	ZZ875		

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ZZ875	Continued From page 13 to provide services before _____, must complete the training required in this section before _____. Proof of completion of equivalent training completed before _____ shall substitute for the training required in subsection (4). Each person employed, _____, or referred to provide services on or after _____, may complete training using approved curriculum under paragraph (5)(d) until the effective date of the rules adopted by the department under subsection (6). This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure employees completed a one-hour training regarding _____'s and related _____ through the department within thirty days after beginning employment for one (Administrator) of four sampled employees. Furthermore, the facility failed to ensure that employees completed an additional three-hours of training regarding _____ or related _____ within three months of employment for one (Staff C) of four sampled employees. Findings included: An employee record review for the Administrator, conducted on _____, revealed the Administrator did not have a one-hour training through the department regarding _____'s and related _____. The Administrator was hired on _____. An employee record review for Staff C, conducted on _____, revealed that Staff C did not have the three-hour _____ and related _____	ZZ875		

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ZZ875	Continued From page 14 training certificate. Staff C was hired on During an interview on 12:19 PM, the Business Office Manager agreed the Administrator did not have a training certificate for a one-hour and related . The Business Office Manager agreed Staff C did not have the three-hour training certificate for and related Class III	ZZ875			