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A 000	Initial Comments A Standard State Re-Licensure Survey was conducted in your Assisted Living Facility on Tropical ALF had deficiencies found at the time of the survey.		A 000		
A 008 SS=D	58A-5.0181(2) FAC Admissions - Health Assessment (2) HEALTH ASSESSMENT. As part of the admission criteria, an individual must undergo a face-to-face medical examination completed by a licensed health care provider, as specified in either paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection. (a) A medical examination completed within 60 calendar days prior to the individual's admission to a facility pursuant to Section 429.26(4), F.S. The examination must address the following: 1. The physical and mental status of the resident, including the identification of any health-related problems and functional limitations; 2. An evaluation of whether the individual will require supervision or assistance with the activities of daily living; 3. Any nursing or _____ services required by the individual; 4. Any special diet required by the individual; 5. A list of current medications prescribed, and whether the individual will require any assistance with the administration of medication; 6. Whether the individual has signs or symptoms of a communicable _____ which is likely to be transmitted to other residents or staff; 7. A statement on the day of the examination that, in the opinion of the examining licensed health care provider, the individual's needs can be met in an assisted living facility; and 8. The date of the examination, and the name, signature, address, phone number, and license number of the examining licensed health care		A 008		

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A 008	Continued From page 1 provider. The medical examination may be conducted by a currently licensed health care provider from another state. (b) A medical examination completed after the resident ' s admission to the facility within 30 calendar days of the admission date. The examination must be recorded on AHCA Form 1823, Resident Health Assessment for Assisted Living Facilities, 2010. The form is hereby incorporated by reference. A faxed copy of the completed form is acceptable. A copy of AHCA Form 1823 may be obtained from the Agency Central Office or its website at www.fdhc.state.fl.us/MCHQ/Long_Term_Care/Assisted_living/pdf/AHCA_Form_1823.pdf . The form must be completed as follows: 1. The resident ' s licensed health care provider must complete all of the required information in Sections 1, Health Assessment, and 2, Self-Care and General Oversight Assessment. a. Items on the form that may have been omitted by the licensed health care provider during the examination do not necessarily require an additional face-to-face examination for completion. b. The facility may obtain the omitted information either verbally or in writing from the licensed health care provider. c. Omitted information received verbally must be documented in the resident ' s record, including the name of the licensed health care provider, the name of the facility staff recording the information and the date the information was provided. 2. The facility administrator, or designee, must complete Section 3 of the form, Services Offered or Arranged by the Facility, or may use electronic documentation, which at a minimum includes the elements in Section 3. This requirement does not		A 008		

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A 008	Continued From page 2 apply for residents receiving: a. Extended congregate care (ECC) services in facilities holding an ECC license; b. Services under community living support plans in facilities holding limited mental health licenses; c. Medicaid assistive care services; and d. Medicaid waiver services. (c) Any information required by paragraph (a) that is not contained in the medical examination report conducted prior to the individual's admission to the facility must be obtained by the administrator within 30 days after admission using AHCA Form 1823. (d) Medical examinations of residents placed by the department, by the Department of Children and Family Services, or by an agency under contract with either department must be conducted within 30 days before placement in the facility and recorded on AHCA Form 1823 described in paragraph (b). (e) An assessment that has been conducted through the Comprehensive, Assessment, Review and Evaluation for Long-Term Care Services (CARES) program may be substituted for the medical examination requirements of Section 429.426, F.S., and this rule. (f) Any orders for medications, nursing, therapeutic diets, or other services to be provided or supervised by the facility issued by the licensed health care provider conducting the medical examination may be attached to the health assessment. A licensed health care provider may attach a do-not-_____ order for residents who do not wish _____ to be administered in the case of _____ or _____. (g) A resident placed on a temporary emergency basis by the Department of Children and Family Services pursuant to Section 415.105 or 415.1051, F.S., shall be exempt from the	A 008			

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A 008	Continued From page 3 examination requirements of this subsection for up to 30 days. However, a resident accepted for temporary emergency placement shall be entered on the facility's admission and discharge log and counted in the facility census; a facility may not exceed its licensed capacity in order to accept a such a resident. A medical examination must be conducted on any temporary emergency placement resident accepted for regular admission. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview facility failed to obtain an up to date Health Assessment 1823 form for 1 out of 3 sampled residents (#3). Findings include: Record review for resident #3 found that the health Assessment for the resident did not include the list of current medications prescribed to her. The Assessment was completed on Administrator's mother acknowledged the findings on _____ at 2:00 pm Class III	A 008			
A 030 SS=D	58A-5.0182(6) FAC; 429.28 FS Resident Care - Rights & Facility Procedures (6) RESIDENT RIGHTS AND FACILITY PROCEDURES. (a) A copy of the Resident Bill of Rights as described in Section 429.28, F.S., or a summary provided by the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Council shall be posted in full view in a freely accessible resident area, and included in the	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 4 admission package provided pursuant to Rule 58A-5.0181, F.A.C. (b) In accordance with Section 429.28, F.S., the facility shall have a written grievance procedure for receiving and responding to resident complaints, and for residents to recommend changes to facility policies and procedures. The facility must be able to demonstrate that such procedure is implemented upon receipt of a complaint. (c) The address and telephone number for lodging complaints against a facility or facility staff shall be posted in full view in a common area accessible to all residents. The addresses and telephone numbers are: the District Long-Term Care Ombudsman Council, 1(888)831-0404; the Advocacy Center for Persons with 1(800)342-0823; the Florida Local Advocacy Council, 1(800)342-0825; and the Agency Consumer Hotline 1(888)419-3456. (d) The statewide toll-free telephone number of the Florida _____ Hotline " 1(800)96- _____ or 1(800)962-2873 " shall be posted in full view in a common area accessible to all residents. (e) The facility shall have a written statement of its house rules and procedures which shall be included in the admission package provided pursuant to Rule 58A-5.0181, F.A.C. The rules and procedures shall address the facility ' s policies with respect to such issues, for example, as resident responsibilities, the facility ' s and tobacco policy, medication storage, the delivery of services to residents by third party providers, resident elopement, and other administrative and housekeeping practices, schedules, and requirements. (f) Residents may not be required to perform any work in the facility without compensation, except that facility rules or the facility contract may include a requirement that residents be	A 030			

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	responsible for cleaning their own sleeping areas or apartments. If a resident is employed by the facility, the resident shall be compensated, at a minimum, at an hourly wage consistent with the federal minimum wage law. (g) The facility shall provide residents with convenient access to a telephone to facilitate the resident's right to unrestricted and private communication, pursuant to Section 429.28(1)(d), F.S. The facility shall not prohibit unidentified telephone calls to residents. For facilities with a licensed capacity of 17 or more residents in which residents do not have private telephones, there shall be, at a minimum, an accessible telephone on each floor of each building where residents reside. (h) Pursuant to Section 429.41, F.S., the use of physical restraints shall be limited to half-bed rails, and only upon the written order of the resident's physician, who shall review the order biannually, and the consent of the resident or the resident's representative. Any device, including half-bed rails, which the resident chooses to use and can remove or avoid without assistance shall not be considered a physical 429.28 Resident bill of rights.- (1) No resident of a facility shall be deprived of any civil or legal rights, benefits, or privileges guaranteed by law, the Constitution of the State of Florida, or the Constitution of the United States as a resident of a facility. Every resident of a facility shall have the right to: (a) Live in a safe and decent living environment, free from _____ and neglect. (b) Be treated with consideration and respect and with due recognition of personal dignity, individuality, and the need for privacy. (c) Retain and use his or her own clothes and other personal property in his or her immediate				

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A 030	Continued From page 6 living quarters, so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity, except when the facility can demonstrate that such would be unsafe, impractical, or an infringement upon the rights of other residents. (d) Unrestricted private communication, including receiving and sending unopened correspondence, access to a telephone, and visiting with any person of his or her choice, at any time between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at a minimum. Upon request, the facility shall make provisions to extend visiting hours for caregivers and out-of-town guests, and in other similar situations. (e) Freedom to participate in and benefit from community services and activities and to achieve the highest possible level of independence, autonomy, and interaction within the community. (f) Manage his or her financial affairs unless the resident or, if applicable, the resident's representative, designee, surrogate, guardian, or attorney in fact authorizes the administrator of the facility to provide safekeeping for funds as provided in s. 429.27. (g) Share a _____ his or her spouse if both are residents of the facility. (h) Reasonable opportunity for regular exercise several times a week and to be outdoors at regular and frequent intervals except when prevented by inclement weather. (i) Exercise civil and religious liberties, including the right to independent personal decisions. No religious beliefs or practices, nor any attendance at religious services, shall be imposed upon any resident. (j) Access to adequate and appropriate health care consistent with established and recognized standards within the community. (k) At least 45 days' notice of relocation or termination of residency from the facility unless,		A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 7 for medical reasons, the resident is certified by a physician to require an emergency relocation to a facility providing a more skilled level of care or the resident engages in a pattern of conduct that is harmful or offensive to other residents. In the case of a resident who has been adjudicated mentally ill, the guardian shall be given at least 45 days' notice of a nonemergency relocation or residency termination. Reasons for relocation shall be set forth in writing. In order for a facility to terminate the residency of an individual without notice as provided herein, the facility shall show good cause in a court of competent jurisdiction. (I) Present grievances and recommend changes in policies, procedures, and services to the staff of the facility, governing officials, or any other person without harassment, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal. Each facility shall establish a grievance procedure to facilitate the residents' exercise of this right. This right includes access to ombudsman volunteers and advocates and the right to be a member of, to be active in, and to associate with advocacy or special interest groups. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, record review and interview facility failed to obtain a current prescription for bed rails placed in resident #2's bed. Findings include: Observation on _____ at 8:30 a.m. revealed that there was a set of half bed rails placed in resident #2s beds. Record review for resident # 2 on _____	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 8 revealed that half side rails prescription was dated _____ and expired on _____ Interview with ALF administrator on _____ at 12:45 pm revealed that administrator did not know that side rails prescriptions need to be renewed every 6 months. Class III	A 030		
A 052 SS=D	58A-5.0185(3) FAC Medication - Assistance with Self-Admin (3) ASSISTANCE WITH SELF-ADMINISTRATION. (a) For facilities which provide assistance with self-administered medication, either: a nurse; or an unlicensed staff member, who is at least 18 years old, trained to assist with self-administered medication in accordance with Rule 58A-5.0191, F.A.C., and able to demonstrate to the administrator the ability to accurately read and interpret a prescription label, must be available to assist residents with self-administered medications in accordance with procedures described in Section 429.256, F.S. (b) Assistance with self-administration of medication includes verbally prompting a resident to take medications as prescribed, retrieving and opening a properly labeled medication container, and providing assistance as specified in Section 429.256(3), F.S. In order to facilitate assistance with self-administration, staff may prepare and make available such items as water, juice, cups, and spoons. Staff may also return unused doses to the medication container. Medication, which appears to have been contaminated, shall not be returned to the container. (c) Staff shall observe the resident take the medication. Any concerns about the resident's	A 052		

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A 052	Continued From page 9 reaction to the medication shall be reported to the resident's health care provider and documented in the resident's record. (d) When a resident who receives assistance with medication is away from the facility and from facility staff, the following options are available to enable the resident to take medication as prescribed: 1. The health care provider may prescribe a medication schedule which coincides with the resident's presence in the facility; 2. The medication container may be given to the resident or a friend or family member upon leaving the facility, with this fact noted in the resident's medication record; 3. The medication may be transferred to a pill organizer pursuant to the requirements of subsection (2), and given to the resident, a friend, or family member upon leaving the facility, with this fact noted in the resident's medication record; or 4. Medications may be separately prescribed and dispensed in an easier to use form, such as unit dose packaging; (e) Pursuant to Section 429.256(4)(h), F.S., the term "competent resident" means that the resident is cognizant of when a medication is required and understands the purpose for taking the medication. (f) Pursuant to Section 429.256(4)(i), F.S., the terms "judgment" and "discretion" mean interpreting vital signs and evaluating or assessing a resident's condition. (4) Assistance with self-administration does not include: (a) Mixing, _____, converting, or _____ medication doses, except for measuring a prescribed amount of liquid medication or breaking a scored tablet or crushing a tablet as prescribed.		A 052		

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A 052	Continued From page 10 (b) The preparation of syringes for injection or the administration of medications by any injectable route. (c) Administration of medications through intermittent positive pressure breathing machines or a _____ (d) Administration of medications by way of a tube inserted in a cavity of the body. (e) Administration of _____ preparations. (f) Irrigations or debriding agents used in the treatment of a skin condition. (g) _____, or _____ preparations. (h) Medications ordered by the physician or health care professional with prescriptive authority to be given "as needed," unless the order is written with specific parameters that preclude independent judgment on the part of the unlicensed person, and at the request of a competent resident. (i) Medications for which the time of administration, the amount, the strength of dosage, the method of administration, or the reason for administration requires judgment or discretion on the part of the unlicensed person. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview and facility's staff (#3) failed to follow the appropriate procedure when assisted resident #2 with herself administration of her medication. Findings include: Observation on _____ at 11:47 a.m. revealed that staff #3 placed gloves in her hands, took _____ with noon medication belonged to resident #2 and placed it in the kitchen counter. She removed medication from _____ to plastic cup. She took the medication to resident #3 that was sitting in the living _____. She told resident	A 052			

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A 052	Continued From page 11 #3 "here is your medication". She told the resident to open her mouth. She placed the plastic cup with the pill in resident's mouth and told her to swallow the medication. She observed resident #3 taking her medication and marked the Medication Observation Record. Administrator's daughter acknowledged the findings on _____ at 2:00 pm Class III		A 052																								
A 079 SS=D	58A-5.019(4) FAC Staffing Standards - Levels (4) STAFFING STANDARDS. (a) Minimum staffing: 1. Facilities shall maintain the following minimum staff hours per week: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number of Residents</th> <th>Staff Hours/Week</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>0-5</td><td>168</td></tr> <tr><td>6-15</td><td>212</td></tr> <tr><td>16-25</td><td>253</td></tr> <tr><td>26-35</td><td>294</td></tr> <tr><td>36-45</td><td>335</td></tr> <tr><td>46-55</td><td>375</td></tr> <tr><td>56-65</td><td>416</td></tr> <tr><td>66-75</td><td>457</td></tr> <tr><td>76-85</td><td>498</td></tr> <tr><td>86-95</td><td>539</td></tr> </tbody> </table> For every 20 residents over 95 add 42 staff hours per week. 2. At least one staff member who has access to facility and resident records in case of an emergency shall be within 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. 3. In facilities with 17 or more residents, there		Number of Residents	Staff Hours/Week	0-5	168	6-15	212	16-25	253	26-35	294	36-45	335	46-55	375	56-65	416	66-75	457	76-85	498	86-95	539	A 079		
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A 079	Continued From page 12 shall be at least one staff member awake at all hours of the day and night. 4. At least one staff member who is trained in First Aid and _____, as provided under Rule 58A-5.0191, F.A.C., shall be within the facility at all times when residents are in the facility. 5. During periods of temporary absence of the administrator or manager when residents are on the premises, a staff member who is at least _____, must be designated in writing to be in charge of the facility. 6. Staff whose duties are exclusively building maintenance, clerical, or food preparation shall not be counted toward meeting the minimum staffing hours requirement. 7. The administrator or manager's time may be counted for the purpose of meeting the required staffing hours provided the administrator 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. 8. 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, shall 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 58A-5.0182, F.A.C. (c) The facility must maintain a written work schedule which reflects its 24-hour staffing pattern for a given time period. Upon request, the facility must make the daily work schedules for	A 079		

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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER TROPICAL ALF (THE)		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 8495 SW 40 TERR MIAMI, FL 33155		
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A 079	Continued From page 13 direct care staff available to residents or representatives, specific to the resident 's care. (d) The facility shall be required to provide staff immediately when the Agency determines that the requirements of paragraph (a) are not met. The facility shall also be required to 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 58A-5.0182, F.A.C., are not being met, or that the facility is failing to meet the terms of residents ' contracts. The Agency shall consult with the facility administrator and residents regarding any determination that additional staff is required. 1. When additional staff is required above the minimum, the agency shall require the submission, within the time specified in the notification, of a corrective action plan indicating how the increased staffing is to be achieved and resident service needs will be met. The plan shall be reviewed by the agency to determine if the plan will increase the staff to needed levels and 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, modifications may be made in staffing requirements for the facility and the facility shall no longer be required to maintain a plan with the agency. 3. 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 Section 429.41, F.S., and 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.	A 079		

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A 079	Continued From page 14 (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 Rule 58A-5.029, 58A-5.030, or 58A-5.031, F.A.C., respectively. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, record review and interview facility failed to maintain a written work schedule which reflects its 24-hour staffing pattern for a given time period. Findings include: Observation on _____ at 8:30 a.m. revealed that the only staff on premises was staff #2 and #3. Record review revealed that there was no written staffing schedule which reflects its 24-hour staffing pattern for a given time period Staff # #2 stated on _____ at 9:00 a.m. That she lives in the facility and works 24/7. Staff #3 stated that she works 7 am to 7 pm. Administrator acknowledged the findings on _____ at 2:00 pm Class III	A 079			



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GOVERNOR

Better Health Care for all Floridians

ELIZABETH DUDEK
SECRETARY

, 2013

Administrator
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Miami, FL 33155

Dear Administrator:

This letter reports the findings of a state licensure survey that was conducted on , 2013 by representative(s) of this office.

Attached is the provider's copy of the State (3020) Form, which indicates the deficiencies that were identified on the day of the visit. Section 408.811(4), Florida Statutes, requires that you correct these deficiencies within thirty days of the date of this letter unless the Agency has approved another timeframe.

Staff from this office will conduct a review after to verify that the necessary corrections are in place to correct the deficiencies identified on your survey. .

The Quality Assurance Questionnaire has long been employed to obtain your feedback following survey activity. This form has been placed on the Agency's website at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Publications/Forms.shtml> as a first step in providing a web-based interactive consumer satisfaction survey system. You may access the questionnaire through the link under Health Facilities and Providers on this page. Your feedback is encouraged and valued, as our goal is to ensure the professional and consistent application of the survey process.

Thank you for the assistance provided to the surveyor(s). Should you have any questions please call Kristal Branton, Health Facility Evaluator Supervisor at (305) 593-3100.

Sincerely,

Kr Arlene Mayo-Davis
Field Office Manager

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