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A 000	Initial Comments A complaint (complaint numbers 2026007423 and 2026009348) in conjunction with a generator monitoring survey was conducted at Cottages at Belleair on . Deficiencies were identified at the time of survey.	A 000		
A 030 SS=D	59A-36.007(5) FAC; 429.28( ) FS 429.27 Resident Care - Rights & Facility Procedures 59A-36.007 (5) 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 Program must be posted in full view in a freely accessible resident area, and included in the admission package provided pursuant to Rule 59A-36.006, F.A.C. (b) In accordance with Section 429.28, F.S., the facility must have a written grievance procedure for receiving and responding to resident complaints and a written procedure to allow 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 telephone number for lodging complaints against a facility or facility staff must be posted in full view in a common area accessible to all residents. The telephone numbers are: the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, 1(888)831-0404; , Rights Florida, 1(800)342-0823; the Agency Consumer Hotline 1(888)419-3456, and the statewide toll-free telephone number of the Florida Hotline, 1(800)96- or 1(800)962-2873. The telephone numbers must be posted in close proximity to a telephone accessible by residents	A 030		

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and the text must be a minimum of 14-point font.
(d) The facility must have a written statement of its house rules and procedures that must be included in the admission package provided pursuant to Rule 59A-36.006, F.A.C. The rules and procedures must at a minimum address the facility's policies regarding:
1. Resident responsibilities;
2. and tobacco use;
3. Medication storage;
4. Resident elopement;
5. Reporting resident , neglect, and , ;
6. Administrative and housekeeping schedules and requirements;
7. control, sanitation, and standard precautions;
8. The requirements for coordinating the delivery of services to residents by third party providers;
9. Assistive devices; and
10. Physical .
(e) Residents may not be required to perform any work in the facility without compensation. Residents may be required to clean their own sleeping areas or apartments if the facility rules or the facility contract includes such a requirement. If a resident is employed by the facility, the resident must be compensated in compliance with state and federal wage laws.
(f) The facility must 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 must allow 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 must be, at a minimum, a readily accessible telephone on each floor of each building where

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A 030	Continued From page 2 residents reside. 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 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 pursue 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	A 030		

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provided in s. 429.27.
(g) Share a room with 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) Assistance with obtaining access to adequate and appropriate health care. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "adequate and appropriate health care" means the management of medications, assistance in making , , for health care services, the provision of or arrangement of transportation to health care , , , and the performance of health care services in accordance with s. 429.255 which are 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, 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 , , the guardian shall be given at least 45 days' notice of a nonemergency relocation or residency termination. Reasons for relocation must be set forth in writing and provided to the resident or the resident's legal representative. The notice must state that the resident may contact the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program for assistance with

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A 030	Continued From page 4 relocation and must include the statewide toll-free telephone number of the program. 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. (l) Present grievances and recommend changes in policies, procedures, and services to the staff of the facility, governing officials, or any other person without , 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. (2) The administrator of a facility shall ensure that a written notice of the rights, , and prohibitions set forth in this part is posted in a prominent place in each facility and read or explained to residents who cannot read. The notice must include the statewide toll-free telephone number and e-mail address of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and the telephone number of the local ombudsman council, the Elder Hotline operated by the Department of Children and Families, and, if applicable, , Rights Florida, where complaints may be lodged. The notice must state that a complaint made to the Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman or a local long-term care ombudsman council, the names and identities of the residents involved in the complaint, and the identity of complainants are kept confidential pursuant to s. 400.0077 and that retaliatory action cannot be taken against a resident for presenting grievances or for exercising any other resident right. The facility	A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 5 must ensure a resident's access to a telephone to call the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program or local ombudsman council, the Elder Hotline operated by the Department of Children and Families, and , Rights Florida. 429.27 Property and personal affairs of residents.- (1)(a) A resident shall be given the option of using his or her own belongings, as space permits; choosing his or her roommate; and, whenever possible, unless the resident is adjudicated , or , under state law, managing his or her own affairs. (b) The admission of a resident to a facility and his or her presence therein shall not confer on the facility or its owner, administrator, employees, or representatives any authority to manage, use, or dispose of any property of the resident; nor shall such admission or presence confer on any of such persons any authority or responsibility for the personal affairs of the resident, except that which may be necessary for the safe management of the facility or for the safety of the resident. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure one resident (#7) of one sampled resident grievance was investigated and resolved in accordance with the facility's written grievance policy. Findings included: A review of the facility's Complaint and Grievance Policy revealed complaints and grievances are to	A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 6 be investigated within five (5) days of receipt and completed within thirty (30) days, with the investigation and results documented on the Resident Complaint and Grievance Form. A review of the facility's grievance forms dated and revealed Resident #7 alleged billing discrepancies and inaccurate account balances. The review of the resident record and grievance documentation failed to reveal evidence the grievances were investigated, findings were documented, or a written response was provided to the resident or the resident's representative. The review revealed the facility failed to investigate and resolve resident grievances in accordance with its written policy. During an interview on at 11:29 a.m., the Administrator was asked to provide documentation demonstrating the grievances submitted by complainant regarding billing discrepancies had been investigated and resolved. The Administrator was unable to provide documentation demonstrating the grievances were investigated, responded to, or resolved in accordance with the facility's grievance policy. Class III	A 030		
A 167 SS=D	59A-36.018 FAC; 429.24 FS Resident Contracts 59A-36.018 Resident Contracts. (1) Pursuant to section 429.24, F.S., the facility must offer a contract for execution by the resident or the resident's legal representative before or at the time of admission. The contract must contain the following provisions: (a) A list of the specific services, supplies and	A 167		

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accommodations to be provided by the facility to the resident, including limited nursing and extended congregate care services that the resident elects to receive;
(b) The daily, weekly, or monthly rate;
(c) A list of any additional services and charges to be provided that are not included in the daily, weekly, or monthly rates, or a reference to a separate fee schedule that must be attached to the contract;
(d) A provision stating that at least 30 days written notice will be given before any rate increase;
(e) Any rights, duties, or [illegible] of residents, other than those specified in section 429.28, F.S.;
(f) The purpose of any advance payments or deposit payments, and the refund policy for such advance or deposit payments;
(g) A refund policy that must conform to section 429.24(3), F.S.;
(h) A written bed hold policy and provisions for terminating a bed hold agreement if a facility agrees in writing to reserve a bed for a resident who is admitted to a nursing home, health care facility, or [illegible] facility. The resident or responsible party must notify the facility in writing of any change in status that would prevent the resident from returning to the facility. Until such written notice is received, the agreed upon daily, weekly, or monthly rate may be charged by the facility unless the resident's medical condition prevents the resident from giving written notification, such as when a resident is comatose, and the resident does not have a responsible party to act on the resident's behalf;
(i) A provision stating whether the facility is affiliated with any religious organization and, if so, which organization and its relationship to the facility;
(j) A provision that, upon determination by the

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A 167	Continued From page 8 administrator or health care provider that the resident needs services beyond those that the facility is licensed to provide, the resident or the resident's representative, or agency acting on the resident's behalf, must be notified in writing that the resident must make arrangements for transfer to a care setting that is able to provide services needed by the resident. In the event the resident has no one to represent him or her, the facility must refer the resident to the social service agency for placement. If there is disagreement regarding the appropriateness of placement, provisions outlined in section 429.26(8), F.S., will take effect; (k) A provision that residents must be assessed upon admission pursuant to subsection 59A-36.006(2), F.A.C., and every 3 years thereafter, or after a significant change, pursuant to subsection (4), of that rule; (l) The facility's policies and procedures for self-administration, assistance with self-administration, and administration of medications, if applicable, pursuant to rule 59A-36.008, F.A.C. This also includes provisions regarding over-the-counter (OTC) products pursuant to subsection (8) of that rule; and, (m) The facility's policies and procedures related to a properly executed DH Form 1896, (2) The resident, or the resident's representative, must be provided with a copy of the executed contract. (3) The facility may not levy an additional charge for any supplies, services, or accommodations that the facility has agreed by contract to provide as part of the standard daily, weekly, or monthly rate. The resident or resident's representative must be furnished in advance with an itemized written statement setting forth additional charges	A 167		

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A 167	Continued From page 9 for any services, supplies, or accommodations available to residents not covered under the contract. An addendum must be added to the resident contract to reflect the additional services, supplies, or accommodations not provided under the original agreement. Such addendum must be dated and signed by the facility and the resident or resident's legal representative and a copy given to the resident or resident's representative. 429.24 FS (1) The presence of each resident in a facility shall be covered by a contract, executed at the time of admission or prior thereto, between the licensee and the resident or his or her designee or legal representative. Each party to the contract shall be provided with a duplicate original thereof, and the licensee shall keep on file in the facility all such contracts. The licensee may not destroy or otherwise dispose of any such contract until 5 years after its expiration. (2) Each contract must contain express provisions specifically setting forth the services and accommodations to be provided by the facility; the rates or charges; provision for at least 30 days' written notice of a rate increase; the rights, duties, and of the residents, other than those specified in s. 429.28; and other matters that the parties deem appropriate. A new service or accommodation added to, or implemented in, a resident's contract for which the resident was not previously charged does not require a 30-day written notice of a rate increase. Whenever money is deposited or advanced by a resident in a contract as security for performance of the contract agreement or as advance rent for other than the next immediate rental period: (a) Such funds shall be deposited in a banking	A 167		

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A 167	Continued From page 10 institution in this state that is located, if possible, in the same community in which the facility is located; shall be kept separate from the funds and property of the facility; may not be represented as part of the assets of the facility on financial statements; and shall be used, or otherwise expended, only for the account of the resident. (b) The licensee shall, within 30 days of receipt of advance rent or a security deposit, notify the resident or residents in writing of the manner in which the licensee is holding the advance rent or security deposit and state the name and address of the depository where the moneys are being held. The licensee shall notify residents of the facility's policy on advance deposits. (3)(a) The contract shall include a refund policy to be implemented at the time of a resident's transfer, discharge, or . . . (b) If a licensee agrees to reserve a bed for a resident who is admitted to a medical facility, including, but not limited to, a nursing home, health care facility, or , , facility, the resident or his or her responsible party shall notify the licensee of any change in status that would prevent the resident from returning to the facility. Until such notice is received, the agreed-upon daily rate may be charged by the licensee. (c) The purpose of any advance payment and a refund policy for such payment, including any advance payment for housing, meals, or personal services, shall be covered in the contract. (4) The contract shall state whether or not the facility is affiliated with any religious organization and, if so, which organization and its general responsibility to the facility.	A 167		

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A 167	Continued From page 11 (5) Neither the contract nor any provision thereof relieves any licensee of any requirement or imposed upon it by this part or rules adopted under this part. (6) In lieu of the provisions of this section, facilities certified under chapter 651 shall comply with the requirements of s. 651.055. (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, facilities which consist of 60 or more apartments may require refund policies and termination notices in accordance with the provisions of part II of chapter 83, provided that the lease is terminated automatically without financial penalty in the event of a resident's or relocation due to , hospitalization or to medical reasons which necessitate services or care beyond which the facility is licensed to provide. The date of termination in such instances shall be the date the unit is fully vacated. A lease may be substituted for the contract if it meets the disclosure requirements of this section. For the purpose of this section, the term "apartment" means a room or set of rooms with a kitchen or kitchenette and lavatory located within one or more buildings containing other similar or like residential units. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure one resident (#7) of one sampled resident's financial agreement accurately reflected the rates charged to the resident. Findings included: A review of Resident #7's admission agreement dated revealed the Resident #7's	A 167		

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A 167	Continued From page 12 monthly room rate was $2,995.00. Review of the resident's billing ledger and account transaction history revealed the monthly rate fluctuated multiple times, including increases and decreases, throughout the Resident #7's stay. The ledger reflected various charges, credits, adjustments, and recurring monthly amounts that were inconsistent with the executed admission agreement. The record review failed to reveal documentation that written notice of the rate changes was provided to the resident or the resident's responsible party, nor was there an executed contract addendum or amended financial agreement authorizing the revised rates. The review revealed the facility did not maintain an accurate resident contract and ensure billing practices were consistent with the executed financial agreement. During an interview on at 1:14 p.m. the Corporate Accounting Representative (CAR) confirmed Resident #7's monthly room rate had been changed on multiple occasions. The CAR stated the Resident #7's rate fluctuated throughout the resident's stay; however, written notification was not provided to the resident or the resident's responsible party. The CAR further confirmed no contract addendum or amended financial agreement was completed to reflect the rate changes. Class III	A 167		