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{A 000}	Initial Comments A second re-visit survey was conducted at Santa Teresita Home Care on . Deficiencies were identified at the time of the survey.	{A 000}		
A 055 SS=D	59A-36.008(6) FAC Medication - Storage and Disposal (6) MEDICATION STORAGE AND DISPOSAL. (a) In order to accommodate the needs and preferences of residents and to encourage residents to remain as independent as possible, residents may keep their medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, in their possession both on or off the facility premises. Residents may also store their medication in their rooms or apartments if either the room is kept locked when residents are absent or the medication is stored in a secure place that is out of sight of other residents. (b) Both prescription and over-the-counter medications for residents must be centrally stored if: 1. The facility administers the medication; 2. The resident requests central storage. The facility must maintain a list of all medications being stored pursuant to such a request; 3. The medication is determined and documented by the health care provider to be hazardous if kept in the personal possession of the person for whom it is prescribed; 4. The resident fails to maintain the medication in a safe manner as described in this paragraph; 5. The facility determines that, because of physical arrangements and the conditions or habits of residents, the personal possession of medication by a resident poses a safety hazard to other residents, or 6. The facility's rules and regulations require central storage of medication and that policy has	A 055		

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A 055	Continued From page 1 been provided to the resident before admission as required in Rule 59A-36.006, F.A.C. (c) Centrally stored medications must be: 1. Kept in a locked cabinet; locked cart; or other locked storage receptacle, room, or area at all times; 2. Located in an area free of dampness and abnormal temperature, except that a medication requiring refrigeration must be kept refrigerated. Refrigerated medications must be secured by being kept in a locked container within the refrigerator, by keeping the refrigerator locked, or by keeping the area in which the refrigerator is located locked; 3. Accessible to staff responsible for filling pill-organizers, assisting with self-administration of medication, or administering medication. Such staff must have ready access to keys or codes to the medication storage areas at all times; and, 4. Kept separately from the medications of other residents and properly closed or sealed. (d) Medication that has been discontinued but has not expired must be returned to the resident or the resident's representative, as appropriate, or may be centrally stored by the facility for future use by the resident at the resident's request. If centrally stored by the facility, the discontinued medication must be stored separately from medication in current use, and the area in which it is stored must be marked "discontinued medication." Such medication may be reused if prescribed by the resident's health care provider. (e) When a resident's stay in the facility has ended, the administrator must return all medications to the resident, the resident's family, or the resident's guardian unless otherwise prohibited by law. If, after notification and waiting at least 15 days, the resident's medications are still at the facility, the medications are considered	A 055		

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A 055	Continued From page 2 abandoned and may disposed of in accordance with paragraph (f). (f) Medications that have been abandoned or have expired must be disposed of within 30 days of being determined abandoned or expired and the disposal must be documented in the resident's record. The medication may be taken to a pharmacist for disposal or may be destroyed by the administrator or designee with one witness. (g) Facilities that hold a Special-ALF permit issued by the Board of Pharmacy may return dispensed medicinal drugs to the dispensing pharmacy pursuant to Rule 64B16-28.870, F.A.C. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the facility failed to keep medications kept in a locked cabinet; locked cart; or other locked storage receptacle, room, always separate from food and chemicals. Findings included: Observation on at 7:46 AM, showed an unlocked storage closet with several containers of "Thick-it" that had stored with canned food, hygiene products, cartons of boost and ensure. (Photographic evidence obtained) During an interview on at 8:38 AM, concerning the unsecured and improper storage of medication, the Administrator stated we are going to move them now." Class III	A 055		
A 152 SS=D	59A-36.014(3) FAC Physical Plant - Safe Living Environ/Other	A 152		

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A 152	Continued From page 3 (3) OTHER REQUIREMENTS. (a) All facilities must: 1. Provide a safe living environment pursuant to section 429.28(1)(a), F.S.; 2. Be maintained free of hazards; and, 3. Ensure that all existing architectural, mechanical, electrical and structural systems, and appurtenances are maintained in good working order. (b) Pursuant to section 429.27, F.S., residents must be given the option of using their own belongings as space permits. When the facility supplies the furnishings, each resident bedroom or sleeping area must have at least the following furnishings: 1. A clean, comfortable bed with a mattress no less than 36 inches wide and 72 inches long, with the top surface of the mattress at a comfortable to ensure easy access by the resident, 2. A closet or wardrobe space for hanging clothes, 3. A dresser, or other furniture designed for storage of clothing or personal effects, 4. A table or nightstand, bedside lamp or floor lamp, and waste basket; and, 5. A comfortable chair, if requested. (c) The facility must maintain master or duplicate keys to resident bedrooms to be used in the event of an emergency. (d) Residents who use portable bedside commodes must be provided with privacy during use. (e) Facilities must make available linens and personal laundry services for residents who require such services. Linens provided by a facility must be free of tears, stains and must not be . This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by:	A 152		

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A 152	Continued From page 4 Based on observation and interview, the facility failed to ensure that it maintained a safe living environment that was free of hazards for all residents. Findings Include: Observation on showed a window upon the entrance of the facility with damaged and torn screening. The screen had been ripped and separated near the center. Further observation showed the screen had been from the window frame. Observation on at 7:45 AM showed a circular metal maintaining plate attached to the ceiling, with electrical wires and a white connector hanging from the opening Interview on at 8:38 AM the Administrator stated, "the screen will be fixed tomorrow, and they will cover the wires." Class III	A 152		
{A 182} SS=D	59A-36.019(3) FAC Emergency Mgmt - Plan Implementation (3) PLAN IMPLEMENTATION. (a) All staff must be trained in their duties and are responsible for implementing the emergency management plan. New staff must be trained on the plan within 30 days of employment. (b) If telephone service is not available during an emergency, the facility must request assistance from local law enforcement or emergency management personnel in maintaining communication	{A 182}		

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{A 182}	Continued From page 5 This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review the facility failed to ensure all staff was sufficiently trained to implement the emergency management plan (Staff C). The staff on duty was unable to identify the monoxide detector. Findings Included: Interviewed on at on evacuation procedures, Staff C (Caretaker) stated, "If the resident cannot be transferred to another facility, she would try to turn the generator on but really didn't know how." Interviewed on at 8:00 A.M, Staff C was asked to locate and test the monoxide detector. Staff C pointed at the fire extinguisher and indicated it as the monoxide detector. Record review showed Staff C had a hire date of and had received training on reporting major incident and emergency procedures on During an interview on at 9:38 A.M, the Administrator was made aware that Staff C lacked knowledge of the monoxide detector. The Administrator acknowledged the findings. Class III	{A 182}		
A 200 SS=F	59A-36.025 FAC Emergency Environmental Control 59A-36.025 Emergency Environmental Control for Assisted Living Facilities.	A 200		

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A 200	Continued From page 6 (1) DETAILED EMERGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL PLAN. Each assisted living facility shall prepare a detailed plan ("plan") to serve as a supplement to its Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, to address emergency environmental control in the event of the loss of primary electrical power in that assisted living facility which includes the following information: (a) The acquisition of a sufficient alternate power source such as a generator(s), maintained at the assisted living facility, to ensure that current licensees of assisted living facilities will be equipped to ensure air temperatures will be maintained at or below 81 degrees Fahrenheit for a minimum of ninety-six (96) hours in the event of the loss of primary electrical power. 1. The required temperature must be maintained in an area or areas, determined by the assisted living facility, of sufficient size to maintain residents safely at all times and that is appropriate for resident care needs and life safety requirements. For planning purposes, no less than twenty (20) net square per resident must be provided. The assisted living facility may use eighty percent (80%) of its licensed bed capacity as the number of residents to be used in the to determine the required square footage. This may include areas that are less than the entire assisted living facility if the assisted living facility's comprehensive emergency management plan includes allowing a resident to congregate when he or she desires in portions of the building where temperatures will be maintained and includes procedures for monitoring residents for signs of heat related injury as required by this rule. This rule does not prohibit a facility from acting as a receiving provider for evacuees when the conditions stated in Section 408.821, F.S. and subsection	A 200		

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A 200	Continued From page 7 59A-36.019(5), F.A.C., are met. The plan shall include information regarding the area(s) within the assisted living facility where the required temperature will be maintained. 2. The alternate power source and fuel supply shall be located in an area(s) in accordance with local zoning and the Florida Building Code. 3. Each assisted living facility is unique in size; the types of care provided; the physical and mental capabilities and needs of residents; the type, frequency, and amount of services and care offered; and staffing characteristics. Accordingly, this rule does not limit the types of systems or equipment that may be used to achieve temperatures at or below 81 degrees Fahrenheit for a minimum of ninety-six (96) hours in the event of the loss of primary electrical power. The plan shall include information regarding the systems and equipment that will be used by the assisted living facility and the fuel required to operate the systems and equipment. a. An assisted living facility in an evacuation zone pursuant to Chapter 252, F, S. must maintain an alternative power source and fuel as required by this subsection at all times when the assisted living facility is occupied but is permitted to utilize a mobile generator(s) to enable portability if evacuation is necessary. b. Assisted living facilities located on a single campus with other facilities under common ownership, may share fuel, alternative power resources, and resident space available on the campus if such resources are sufficient to support the requirements of each facility's residents, as specified in this rule. Details regarding how resources will be shared and any necessary movement of residents must be clearly described in the emergency power plan. c. A multistory facility, whose comprehensive	A 200		

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A 200	Continued From page 8 emergency management plan is to move residents to a higher floor during a flood or surge event, must place its alternative power source and all necessary additional equipment so it can safely operate in a location protected from flooding or storm surge damage. (b) The acquisition of sufficient fuel, and safe maintenance of that fuel at the facility, to ensure that in the event of the loss of primary electrical power there is sufficient fuel available for the alternate power source to maintain temperatures at or below 81 degrees Fahrenheit for a minimum of ninety-six (96) hours after the loss of primary electrical power during a declared state of emergency. The plan must include information regarding fuel source and fuel storage. 1. Facilities must store minimum amounts of fuel onsite as follows: a. A facility with a licensed capacity of 16 beds or less must store 48 hours of fuel onsite. b. A facility with a licensed capacity of 17 or more beds must store 72 hours of fuel onsite. 2. An assisted living facility located in an area in a declared state of emergency area pursuant to Section 252.36, F.S. that may impact primary power delivery must secure ninety-six (96) hours of fuel. The assisted living facility may utilize portable fuel storage containers for the remaining fuel necessary for ninety-six (96) hours during the period of a declared state of emergency. 3. Piped natural gas is an allowable fuel source and meets the onsite fuel supply requirements under this rule. 4. If local ordinances or other regulations limit the amount of onsite fuel storage for the assisted living facility's location, then the assisted living facility must develop a plan that includes maximum onsite fuel storage allowable by the	A 200		

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A 200	Continued From page 9 ordinance or regulation and a reliable method to obtain the maximum additional fuel at least 24 hours prior to depletion of onsite fuel. (c) The acquisition of services necessary to maintain, and test the equipment and its functions to ensure the safe and sufficient operation of the alternate power source maintained at the assisted living facility. (d) The acquisition and maintenance of a monoxide alarm. (2) SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN. (a) Each new assisted living facility shall submit the plan required under this rule prior to obtaining a license. (b) Each existing assisted living facility that undergoes any additions, modifications, alterations, refurbishment, renovations or reconstruction that require modification of its systems or equipment affecting the facility's compliance with this rule shall amend its plan and submit it to the county emergency management agency for review and approval. (3) APPROVED PLANS. (a) Each assisted living facility must maintain a copy of its approved plan in a manner that makes the plan readily available at the licensee's physical address for review by a legally authorized entity. If the plan is maintained in an electronic format, assisted living facility staff must be readily available to access and produce the plan. For purposes of this section, "readily available" means the ability to immediately produce the plan, either in electronic or paper format, upon request. (b) Within 30 days of the approval of the plan from the county emergency management agency, the assisted living facility shall submit in writing proof of the approval to the Agency for Health Care Administration to	A 200		

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A 200	Continued From page 10 assistedliving@ahca.myflorida.com. (c) The assisted living facility shall submit a consumer-friendly summary of the emergency power plan to the Agency. The Agency shall post the summary and notice of the approval and implementation of the assisted living facility emergency power plans on its website within ten (10) business days of the plan's approval by the county emergency management agency and update within ten (10) business days of implementation. (4) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN. (a) Each assisted living facility licensed prior to the effective date of this rule shall, no later than . , have implemented the plan required under this rule. (b) Each new assisted living facility shall implement the plan required under this rule prior to obtaining a license. (c) Existing assisted living facilities that undergo any additions, modifications, alterations, refurbishment, renovations or reconstruction that require modification of the systems or equipment affecting the assisted living facility's compliance with this rule shall implement its amended plan concurrent with any such additions, modifications, alterations, refurbishment, renovations or reconstruction. (5) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. (a) Each assisted living facility shall develop and implement written policies and procedures to ensure that the assisted living facility can effectively and immediately activate, operate and maintain the alternate power source and any fuel required for the operation of the alternate power source. The procedures shall ensure that residents do not experience complications from fluctuations in air temperatures inside the facility. Procedures must address the care of	A 200		

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A 200	Continued From page 11 residents occupying the facility during a declared state of emergency, specifically, a description of the methods to be used to mitigate the potential for heat related injury including: 1. The use of cooling devices and equipment; 2. The use of refrigeration and freezers to produce ice and appropriate temperatures for the maintenance of medicines requiring refrigeration; 3. Wellness checks by assisted living facility staff to monitor for signs of , and heat injury; and 4. A provision for obtaining medical intervention from emergency services for residents whose life safety is in jeopardy. (b) Each assisted living facility shall maintain the written policies and procedures in a manner that makes them readily available at the licensee's physical address for review by a legally authorized entity. If the policies and procedures are maintained in an electronic format, assisted living facility staff must be readily available to access the policies and procedures and produce the requested information. For purposes of this section, "readily available" means the ability to immediately produce the policies and procedures, either in electronic or paper format, upon request. (c) The written policies and procedures must be readily available for inspection by each resident; each resident's legal representative, designee, surrogate, guardian, attorney in fact, or case manager; each resident's estate; and such additional parties as authorized in writing or by law. (6) REVOCATION OF LICENSE, FINES OR SANCTIONS. For a violation of any part of this rule, the Agency for Health Care Administration may seek any remedy authorized by Chapter 429, Part I, or Chapter 408, Part II, F.S., including, but not limited to, license revocation, license	A 200		

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A 200	Continued From page 12 suspension, and the imposition of administrative fines. (7) COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) Assisted living facilities whose comprehensive emergency management plan is to evacuate must comply with this rule. (b) Each facility whose plan has been approved shall submit the plan as an addendum with any future submissions for approval of its comprehensive emergency management plan. (8) NOTIFICATION. (a) Within five (5) business days, each assisted living facility must notify in writing, unless permission for electronic communication has been granted, each resident and the resident's legal representative: 1. Upon the initial submission of the plan to the county emergency management agency that the plan has been submitted for review and approval; 2. Upon final implementation of the plan by the assisted living facility. 3. Annual submissions and approvals of the plan do not require notification to residents or their legal representatives unless a significant modification as defined in Rule 59A-36.019, F.A.C., has been made to the plan. (b) Each assisted living facility must maintain a copy of each notification set forth in paragraph (a) above in a manner that makes each notification readily available at the licensee's physical address for review by a legally authorized entity. If the notifications are maintained in an electronic format, facility staff must be readily available to access and produce the notifications. For purposes of this section, "readily available" means the ability to immediately produce the notifications, either in electronic or paper format, upon request.	A 200		

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A 200	Continued From page 13 This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview and record review, the facility failed to have a functional working Generator available at all times in case of emergency. Findings included: On at 8:03 AM Staff C was asked to start the generator. Staff C connected a hose from the generator to the propane tank and attempted to start the generator. Staff C stated there was no power and was unable to start the generator. Record review of Staff C employee files showed training on Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and Evacuation Procedures dated . Interview on at 8:35 AM the Administrator stated, "the battery is not working and needed to be changed.". Class III	A 200		