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A 000	Initial Comments A biennial survey was conducted at Palmetto Senior Care, Inc on . Deficiencies were identified at the time of the 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 and the text must be a minimum of 14-point font. (d) The facility must have a written statement of	A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 1 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 residents reside.	A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 2 429.28 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 provided in s. 429.27. (g) Share a room with his or her spouse if both	A 030		

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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 relocation and must include the statewide toll-free telephone number of the program. In order for a

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A 030	Continued From page 4 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 must ensure a resident's access to a telephone to call the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman	A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 5 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 observation and interview, the facility failed to ensure the personal dignity of one out of six sampled resident (Resident #1) to retain that use of his living quarters. Resident had a large bag of rice in his closet. Findings included: Observation on at 6:42 AM showed a 20-, bag of rice in Resident 's closet. (photographic evidence obtained).	A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 6 During an interview on at 6:42 AM the Administrator did not know about the bag of rice in Resident # 1's closet. The Administrator asked Staff B about the bag and told her to put it in the staff room. Observation on at 6:43 AM showed Staff C removing the bag of rice. Class III	A 030		
A 054 SS=D	59A-36.008(5) FAC Medication - Records (5) MEDICATION RECORDS. (a) For residents who use a pill organizer managed in subsection (2), the facility must keep either the original labeled medication container; or a medication listing with the prescription number, the name and address of the issuing pharmacy, the health care provider's name, the resident's name, the date dispensed, the name and strength of the drug, and the directions for use. (b) The facility must maintain a daily medication observation record for each resident who receives assistance with self-administration of medications or medication administration. A medication observation record must be immediately updated each time the medication is offered or administered and include: 1. The name of the resident and any known the resident may have; 2. The name of the resident's health care provider and the health care provider's telephone number; 3. The name, strength, and directions for use of each medication; and, 4. A chart for recording each time the medication is taken, any missed dosages, refusals to take	A 054		

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A 054	Continued From page 7 medication as prescribed, or medication errors. (c) For medications that serve as chemical , the facility must, pursuant to Section 429.41, F.S., maintain a record of the prescribing physician's annual evaluation of the use of the medication. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on interviews and record reviews, that facility failed to maintain an accurate and up-to-date medication observation record (MOR) for one out of six sampled residents (Resident #2). The MOR showed that Resident # 2's medication was marked when it was not given to the resident. Findings included: During an interview on at 6:08 AM Staff C stated that medications had not been given to residents yet. A review of the MOR showed that 25 mg was mark as given for . Staff C initials the MOR. During an interview on at 6:15 AM Staff C stated that she needed to get her glasses because she couldn't see the MOR books lines. A review of Staff C's employee records showed that she received training on the assistance of self-administration of medication . Staff C's hire date was . Class III	A 054		
A 055 SS=D	59A-36.008(6) FAC Medication - Storage and Disposal	A 055		

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A 055	Continued From page 8 (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 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;	A 055		

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A 055	Continued From page 9 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 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	A 055		

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A 055	Continued From page 10 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, interview, and record review the facility failed to centrally store medications in a locked cabinet and failed to dispose of expired medication. Resident # 1 from 2021 and 2022 were kept in the staff refrigerator. Staff did not lock the medication cabinet. Findings included: Observation on at 6:01 AM showed that in the staff room there was a lock box containing pre-filled [200ML] for Resident # 1. The labels showed discard date of 2023. There were 12 , with labels showing filled dated between 2021 and 2022 and all expired. During an interview on at 6:02 AM Staff B stated that she would have to ask the administrator about the expired . Observation on at 6:06 AM showed that the medication cabinet was unlocked. The door on the left required an internal lock for locking mechanism to work. During an interview on at 6:07 AM Staff C stated that she did not lock the internal lock.	A 055		

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A 055	Continued From page 11 During an interview on at 6:20 AM the Administrator stated that the pharmacist was supposed to pick up the , and stated that they must be disposed of the medication. A review of Staff B's employee records showed that she received training on the assistance of self-administration of medication . Staff B's hire date was . A review of Staff C's employee records showed that she received training on the assistance of self-administration of medication . Staff C's hire date was . Class III	A 055		
A 152 SS=D	59A-36.014(3) FAC Physical Plant - Safe Living Environ/Other (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	A 152		

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A 152	Continued From page 12 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: Based on observation and interview, that facility failed to ensure a safe living environment free of hazards and well-maintained appurtenances. Findings included Observation on at 5:59 AM showed that the staff room was unlocked and, in the staff 's closet there was unsecured bleach and floor cleaner. (photographic evidence obtained) Observation on at 6:05 AM showed that in the kitchen under the sink there was an unlocked cabinet containing soap, glass cleaner, and wood cleaner. Additionally in the kitchen there was another unlocked cabinet containing powdered detergent. During an interview at 6:06 AM Staff	A 152		

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A 152	Continued From page 13 C stated that the powder was detergent and not sugar when asked about the powder. Observation on at 8:00 AM showed in the resident bathroom there was unpainted plaster around the vanity. During an interview on at 10:05 AM the Administrator did not know about the detergent under the sink and asked that staff remove the detergent promptly and secure it. Class III	A 152		
A 162 SS=D	59A-36.015(3) FAC Records - Resident (3) RESIDENT RECORDS. Resident records must be maintained on the premises and include: (a) Resident demographic data as follows: 1. Name, 2. , 3. Race, 4. Date of birth, 5. Place of birth, if known, 6. Social security number, 7. Medicaid and/or Medicare number, or name of other health insurance , 8. Name, address, and telephone number of next of kin, legal representative, or individual designated by the resident for notification in case of an emergency; and, 9. Name, address, and telephone number of the resident's health care practioner and case manager, if applicable. (b) A copy of the Resident Health Assessment form, AHCA Form 1823 or the health care practitioner's medical examination form described in Rule 59A-36.006, F.A.C. (c) Any orders for medications, nursing services,	A 162		

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A 162	Continued From page 14 therapeutic diets, , or other services to be provided, supervised, or implemented by the facility that require a health care provider's order. (d) Documentation of a resident's refusal of a therapeutic diet pursuant to Rule 59A-36.012, F.A.C., if applicable. (e) The resident care record described in paragraph 59A-36.007(1)(f), F.A.C. (f) A ◡ record that is initiated on admission. Information may be taken from AHCA Form 1823 or the resident's health assessment. Residents receiving assistance with the activities of daily living must have their ◡ recorded semi-annually. This subsection does not apply to residents who are receiving licensed hospice services when such residents, their representatives, or their physicians request in writing that ◡ not be taken. (g) For facilities that will have unlicensed staff assisting the resident with the self-administration of medication, a copy of the written informed consent described in Rule 59A-36.006, F.A.C., if such consent is not included in the resident's contract. (h) For facilities that manage a pill organizer, assist with self-administration of medications or administer medications for a resident, copies of the required medication records maintained pursuant to Rule 59A-36.008, F.A.C. (i) A copy of the resident's contract with the facility, including any addendums to the contract as described in Rule 59A-36.018, F.A.C. (j) For a facility whose owner, administrator, staff, or representative thereof, serves as an attorney in fact for a resident, a copy of the monthly written statement of any transaction made on behalf of the resident as required in Section 429.27, F.S. (k) For any facility that maintains a separate trust	A 162		

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A 162	Continued From page 15 fund to receive funds or other property belonging to or due a resident, a copy of the quarterly written statement of funds or other property disbursed as required in Section 429.27, F.S. (l) If the resident is an recipient, a copy of the Department of Children and Families form Alternate Care Certification for , , , ( ), CF-ES 1006, , which is hereby incorporated by reference and available for review at: http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04004. The absence of this form will not be the basis for administrative action against a facility if the facility can demonstrate that it has made a good faith effort to obtain the required documentation from the Department of Children and Families. (m) Documentation of the , , of a health care surrogate, health care proxy, guardian, or the existence of a power of attorney, where applicable. (n) For hospice patients, the interdisciplinary care plan and other documentation that the resident is a hospice patient as required in Rule 59A-36.006, F.A.C. (o) The resident's , DH Form 1896, if applicable. (p) For independent living residents who receive meals and occupy beds included within the licensed capacity of an assisted living facility, but who are not receiving any personal, limited nursing, or extended congregate care services, record keeping may be limited to a log listing the names of residents participating in this arrangement. (q) Except for resident contracts, which must be retained for 5 years, all resident records must be retained for 2 years following the departure of a resident from the facility unless it is required by	A 162		

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A 162	Continued From page 16 contract to retain the records for a longer period of time. Upon request, residents must be provided with a copy of their records upon departure from the facility. (r) Additional resident records requirements for facilities holding a limited mental health, extended congregate care, or limited nursing services license are provided in Rules 59A-36.020, 59A-36.021 and 59A-36.022, F.A.C., respectively. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview and record review the facility failed to document ⌄ record for one out of six sampled resident (Resident #1) and did not have a written request from the resident, representative, or physician requesting ⌄ not be taken. Findings included: A review of Resident # 1 records showed that there were no ⌄ records for 2026. During an interview on at 7:26 AM the Administrator stated that Resident # 1 was under hospice care. When asked for the written statement requesting that the ⌄ not be taken, the Administrator stated that this was new to her. The Administrator also stated that she would call the doctor for the written statement. During an interview on at 8:10 AM the Administrator stated that she received a fax from the doctor with the written statement. Class III	A 162		
A 182 SS=D	59A-36.019(3) FAC Emergency Mgmt - Plan Implementation	A 182		

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A 182	Continued From page 17 (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 This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure that two (Staff B and C) out of four sampled staff were trained in their duties and responsibility for implementing the emergency management plan. Findings included: Observation on at 6:20 AM showed that there were six residents at the facility and one resident was bedridden and under hospice care. During an interview on at 8:45 AM Staff C stated that she did not know where the cooling area was in the facility. Staff C did not know that the generator would be used to power the portable air conditioning units. Observation on at 8:47 AM the Administrator showed the staff that the cooling area was the living room. During an interview on at 8:54 AM Staff C stated that the generator would run for like four hours on one propane tank.	A 182		

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A 182	Continued From page 18 A review of the manufactures specification the generator will run for seven hours at a half load capacity. During an interview on at 9:15 AM Staff B stated that the cooled area was the resident rooms. Staff B stated that she would keep each room cooled with the two portable air-conditioners. When asked how many rooms were at the facility, she stated two and said that she would not know how to cool the rooms. Class III	A 182		