

NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Federal Aging Programs

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

58A-5.036: Emergency Environmental Control for Assisted Living Facilities

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Department of Elder Affairs, in consultation with the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Health, announces the commencement of rulemaking proceedings to address assisted living facility regulation. The purpose of the rulemaking is to address the safety and quality of services and care provided to residents of assisted living facilities that may experience loss of power. Ensuring assisted living facilities have alternative power sources to provide sufficient cooling during emergency situations is critical to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of residents of assisted living facilities that experience loss of power.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The subject area to be addressed is alternative power sources to provide emergency environmental control for assisted living facilities that experience loss of power.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 429.41, FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Part I, Assisted Living Facilities, Chapter 429, FS.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Jeanne Curtin, Senior Attorney, Department of Elder Affairs, Office of the General Counsel, curtinj@elderaffairs.org, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399-7000. THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS NOT AVAILABLE.