1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to health care disaster preparedness
3	and response; amending s. 252.355, F.S.; directing the
4	Department of Health, in coordination with the
5	Division of Emergency Management and local emergency
6	management agencies to maintain a statewide registry
7	of persons with special needs; requiring the
8	department to develop and maintain a statewide special
9	needs shelter registration program; creating the
10	Special Needs Shelter Registry Work Group; providing
11	for membership and meetings; directing the work group
12	to develop the uniform special needs registration form
13	by a certain date; requiring local emergency
14	management agencies to exclusively use the statewide
15	registry to register persons for special needs
16	shelters; requiring local emergency management
17	agencies to enter into agreements with certain
18	hospitals to shelter certain individuals; requiring
19	the Department of Health to assist local emergency
20	management agencies with developing alternative
21	sheltering options for persons deemed ineligible for a
22	special needs shelter; authorizing local emergency
23	management agencies to coordinate with the Agency for
24	Health Care Administration for placement of certain
25	persons deemed ineligible for a special needs shelter
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26 in certain circumstances; creating s. 252.3591, F.S.; 27 requiring local emergency management agencies to 28 establish a procedure for authorizing employees of 29 health care facilities to enter and remain in curfew 30 areas during a declared emergency or disaster; 31 authorizing a law enforcement officer to specify a 32 permissible route of ingress or egress for an 33 authorized person; amending s. 381.0303, F.S.; directing the department to recruit faculty and 34 35 students from state university and college health care 36 programs to staff special needs shelters; authorizing 37 certain employees of state agencies, universities, and colleges to staff local special needs shelters; 38 39 requiring the department to reimburse a state agency, university, or college employee who staffs a special 40 needs shelters at the request of the department; 41 42 deleting a provision specifying that the submission of 43 emergency management plans to county health departments is contingent upon a specified 44 appropriation by the department; amending s. 393.0651, 45 F.S.; requiring the Agency for Persons with 46 Disabilities to develop a personal disaster plan for 47 each client receiving services under the home and 48 49 community-based services Medicaid waiver program and 50 update such plan annually; amending s. 393.067, F.S.;

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51 requiring the agency to determine compliance with 52 specified requirements by entities licensed by the 53 agency; directing the agency to require facilities 54 licensed under ch. 393, F.S., to include additional 55 components in their comprehensive emergency management 56 plans; requiring a facility to provide information 57 regarding its plan and any changes thereto to 58 designated individuals, the agency, and the local 59 emergency management agency within a specified 60 timeframe; requiring a facility to conduct specified staff training on the policies and procedures for 61 62 implementing the plan; requiring the agency to 63 communicate before the disaster impacts the area which 64 service provision requirements may be waived during the emergency; amending s. 393.0673, F.S.; authorizing 65 the agency to discipline or refuse to issue or renew a 66 67 facility's license for failure to comply with the 68 requirements of the comprehensive emergency management 69 plan or to follow the policies or procedures in the 70 plan during a disaster; amending s. 393.0675, F.S.; 71 authorizing the agency to pursue injunctive 72 proceedings against a facility for failure to comply 73 with the requirements of the comprehensive emergency 74 management plan or to follow the policies or 75 procedures in the plan during a disaster; amending s.

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76 400.102, F.S.; providing additional grounds for action 77 by the agency against a licensee; amending s. 400.19, 78 F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care 79 Administration to conduct certain unannounced 80 inspections of any facility licensed under part II of ch. 400, F.S., a district nursing home unit in a 81 82 hospital, and certain freestanding facilities licensed 83 under ch. 395, F.S., to determine compliance with comprehensive emergency management plan requirements; 84 amending s. 400.23, F.S.; directing the agency to 85 require facilities licensed under part II of ch. 400, 86 87 F.S., to include additional components in their comprehensive emergency management plans; requiring a 88 89 facility to provide information regarding its plan and any changes thereto to designated individuals, the 90 agency, and the local emergency management agency 91 92 within a specified timeframe; amending s. 400.492, 93 F.S.; revising requirements with respect to the 94 comprehensive emergency management plans of home 95 health agencies to include the means by which 96 continuing services will be provided to patients in private residences, assisted living facilities, or 97 adult family care homes and patients who evacuate to 98 special needs shelters; providing requirements for 99 100 notification of patients and designated interested

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101 parties; requiring the list of patients needing 102 continued home health agency care to include certain 103 patients; requiring home health agencies to 104 demonstrate a good faith effort to attempt to provide 105 services by documenting staff attempts to follow 106 procedures outlined in the comprehensive emergency 107 management plan; amending s. 400.497, F.S.; providing 108 deadlines for submission and approval of a home health 109 agency's comprehensive emergency management plan; 110 authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration 111 to impose a fine on a home health agency for failure 112 to comply with plan requirements and submission deadlines; amending s. 400.506, F.S.; revising 113 114 requirements with respect to the comprehensive 115 emergency management plans of nurse registries to include the means by which continuing services will be 116 provided to certain patients who remain at home or in 117 118 an assisted living facility or adult family care home 119 or who evacuate to a special needs shelter; requiring a nurse registry to document efforts to comply with 120 121 plan requirements; providing requirements for 122 notification of patients and designated interested 123 parties; requiring the list of patients needing 124 continued care to include certain patients; providing 125 additional responsibilities of a nurse registry;

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126 providing deadlines for plan submission and approval; 127 amending s. 408.813, F.S.; authorizing the agency to 128 impose a fine on a health care provider regulated 129 under part II of ch. 408, F.S., for failure to have an 130 approved comprehensive emergency management plan and 131 for failure to have certain agreements after a certain 132 date; amending s. 408.821, F.S.; requiring licensees 133 required by authorizing statutes to have a 134 comprehensive emergency management plan to conduct 135 annual staff training on the policies and procedures 136 for implementing the plan within a specified 137 timeframe; providing for agency action for failure to 138 comply; amending s. 429.14, F.S.; authorizing the 139 agency to deny or revoke the license of an assisted 140 living facility for failure to comply with 141 comprehensive emergency management plan requirements; 142 amending s. 429.19, F.S.; conforming a reference; 143 amending s. 429.28, F.S.; revising the assisted living 144 facility resident bill of rights to include a requirement that the agency determine compliance with 145 146 the facility's comprehensive emergency management 147 plan; deleting a requirement that the agency conduct at least one monitoring visit under certain 148 circumstances; deleting provisions authorizing the 149 150 agency to conduct periodic followup inspections and

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151 complaint investigations under certain circumstances; 152 amending s. 429.34, F.S.; authorizing the agency to 153 inspect and investigate assisted living facilities as 154 necessary to determine compliance with certain laws; 155 removing a provision requiring the agency to inspect 156 each licensed assisted living facility at least 157 biennially; authorizing the agency to conduct 158 monitoring visits of each facility cited for prior 159 violations under certain circumstances; requiring the 160 agency to conduct followup inspections to monitor 161 compliance with requirements for the comprehensive 162 emergency management plan under certain circumstances; 163 amending s. 429.41, F.S.; directing the agency to 164 require facilities licensed under ch. 429, F.S., to 165 include additional components in their comprehensive emergency management plans; requiring a facility to 166 167 provide information regarding its plan and any changes 168 thereto to designated individuals, the agency, and the 169 local emergency management agency within a specified timeframe; providing an appropriation to the Agency 170 171 for Health Care Administration and the Department of 172 Health; providing an effective date. 173 174 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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176 Section 1. Section 252.355, Florida Statutes, is amended 177 to read:

178 252.355 Registry of persons with special needs; notice; 179 registration program.-

180 (1)In order to meet the special needs of persons who 181 would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering because of physical, mental, cognitive impairment, or sensory 182 183 disabilities, the Department of Health division, in coordination with the division and each local emergency management agency in 184 185 the state, shall maintain a statewide registry of persons with special needs located within the jurisdiction of the local 186 187 agency. The registration shall identify those persons in need of 188 assistance and plan for resource allocation to meet those identified needs. 189

190 (2) In order to ensure that all persons with special needs
191 may register, The Department of Health division shall develop
192 and maintain a statewide special needs shelter registration
193 program. The registration program must be developed by January
194 1, 2015, and fully implemented by March 1, 2015.

195(a) The statewide special needs shelter registration196program shall:

1971. Identify those persons in need of assistance and plan198for resource allocation to meet those identified needs.

1992. Include, at a minimum, a uniform registration form and200a database for uploading and storing submitted registration

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201	forms that may be accessed by the Department of Health, the
202	division, and local emergency management agencies.
203	(b) The registration program must be developed by January
204	1, 2019, and fully implemented by March 1, 2019.
205	(a) The registration program shall include, at a minimum,
206	a uniform electronic registration form and a database for
207	uploading and storing submitted registration forms that may be
208	accessed by the appropriate local emergency management agency.
209	The link to the registration form shall be easily accessible on
210	each local emergency management agency's website. Upon receipt
211	of a paper registration form, the local emergency management
212	agency shall enter the person's registration information into
213	the database.
214	(3) The Department of Health shall develop the uniform
215	registration form based upon recommendations of the Special
216	Needs Shelter Registry Work Group.
217	(a) The Special Needs Shelter Registry Work Group is
218	created within the Department of Health for the purpose of
219	making recommendations for the development of the uniform
220	registration form. The Department of Health shall use existing
221	and available resources to administer and support the activities
222	of the work group. Members of the work group shall serve without
223	compensation and are not entitled to reimbursement for per diem
224	or travel expenses. Meetings may be conducted in person, by
225	teleconference, or by other electronic means.
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226	(b) The work group shall consist of 12 members:
227	1. The State Surgeon General or a designee, who shall
228	serve as the chair of the work group.
229	2. The Director of the Division of Emergency Management or
230	<u>a designee.</u>
231	3. The Secretary of the Agency for Health Care
232	Administration or a designee.
233	4. The Secretary of the Department of Children and
234	Families or a designee.
235	5. The Secretary of the Department of Elder Affairs or a
236	designee.
237	6. The Director of the Agency for Persons with
238	Disabilities or a designee.
239	7. Five representatives of local emergency management
240	agencies appointed by the Florida Association of Counties.
241	8. The Chief Executive Officer of the Arc of Florida or a
242	designee.
243	(c) The Special Needs Shelter Registry Work Group shall
244	submit its recommendations to the Department of Health on or
245	before October 31, 2018.
246	(d) This subsection expires January 1, 2019.
247	(4) Each local emergency management agency shall
248	exclusively use the statewide special needs shelter registry to
249	register individuals for special needs shelters and may not use
250	local special needs registries. Each local emergency management
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251	agency, in coordination with its local county health department,
252	shall establish eligibility requirements for sheltering in a
253	local special needs shelter and publish these requirements and a
254	link to the uniform registration form for the statewide special
255	needs shelter registry on its website. Each local emergency
256	management agency shall also make paper registration forms
257	available and establish procedures for submitting a paper
258	registration form and entering into the statewide special needs
259	shelter registry.
260	(a) A local emergency management agency shall notify a
261	registrant in writing within 30 days after submission of a
262	registration form whether he or she is eligible to shelter in a
263	local special needs shelter and designate his or her eligibility
264	status in the registry.
265	(b) The Department of Health shall assist local emergency
266	management agencies with developing alternative sheltering
267	options for any ineligible registrant. Each local emergency
268	management agency and each general hospital licensed under
269	chapter 395 located within the local emergency management
270	agency's jurisdiction shall enter into agreements to shelter
271	individuals during a declared emergency, whose medical
272	complexity or reliance on life support devices or other medical
273	equipment exceeds the capabilities of special needs shelters. A
274	local emergency management agency may coordinate with the Agency
275	for Health Care Administration to facilitate placement in a

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276 health care facility for any individual who registers during a 277 declared emergency or disaster and is deemed ineligible to 278 shelter in a local special needs shelter. 279 The Department of Health, in conjunction with the (5) 280 division and local emergency management agencies, shall be the 281 designated lead agency responsible for community education and outreach to the public, including special needs clients, 282 283 regarding registration and special needs shelters and general 284 information regarding shelter stays. The Department of Health 285 shall develop a brochure that provides information regarding special needs shelter registration procedures. The Department of 286 287 Health, the division, and each local management agency shall 288 make the brochure easily accessible on their websites. 289 (6) (b) To assist in identifying persons with special 290 needs, home health agencies, hospices, nurse registries, home 291 medical equipment providers, the Department of Children and 292 Families, the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care 293 Administration, the Department of Education, the Agency for 294 Persons with Disabilities, the Department of Elderly Affairs, 295 and memory disorder clinics shall, and any physician or 296 physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, 297 any advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 464, and any pharmacy licensed under chapter 465 may, 298 annually provide registration information to all of their 299 300 special needs clients or their caregivers. The division shall

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develop a brochure that provides information regarding special

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needs shelter registration procedures. The brochure must be easily accessible on the division's website. All appropriate agencies and community-based service providers, including aging and disability resource centers, memory disorder clinics, home health care providers, hospices, nurse registries, and home medical equipment providers, shall, and any physician or physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 and any advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 464 may, assist emergency management agencies by annually registering persons with special needs for special needs shelters, collecting registration information for persons with special needs as part of the program intake process, and establishing programs to educate clients about the registration process and disaster preparedness safety procedures. A client of a state-funded or federally funded service program who has a physical, mental, or cognitive impairment or sensory disability and who needs assistance in evacuating, or when in a shelter, must register as a person with special needs. The registration program shall give persons with special needs the option of preauthorizing emergency response personnel to enter their homes during search and rescue operations if necessary to ensure their safety and welfare following disasters.

324 (c) The division shall be the designated lead agency 325 responsible for community education and outreach to the public,

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326 including special needs clients, regarding registration and 327 special needs shelters and general information regarding shelter 328 stays. 329 (7) (d) On or before May 31 of each year, each electric 330 utility in the state shall annually notify residential customers 331 in its service area of the availability of the registration 332 program available through their local emergency management 333 agency by: 334 (a) 1. An initial notification upon the activation of new residential service with the electric utility, followed by one 335 336 annual notification between January 1 and May 31; or 337 (b) $\frac{2}{2}$ . Two separate annual notifications between January 1 338 and May 31. 339 340 The notification may be made by any available means, including, 341 but not limited to, written, electronic, or verbal notification, 342 and may be made concurrently with any other notification to residential customers required by law or rule. 343 344 (8) (3) A local emergency management agency shall allow a 345 person with special needs must be allowed to bring his or her 346 service animal into a special needs shelter in accordance with 347 s. 413.08. (9) (4) All records, data, information, correspondence, and 348 communications relating to the registration of persons with 349 350 special needs as provided in subsection (1) are confidential and Page 14 of 66

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351 exempt from s. 119.07(1), except that such information shall be 352 available to other emergency response agencies, as determined by 353 the local emergency management director and the Department of 354 Health. Local law enforcement agencies shall be given complete 355 shelter roster information upon request. Section 2. Section 252.3591, Florida Statutes, is created 356 357 to read: 358 252.3591 Ensuring access to care.-359 (1) Each local emergency management agency shall establish 360 a procedure for authorizing employees of a facility licensed 361 under chapter 393 or subject to part II of chapter 408 to enter 362 and remain in a curfew area during a declared emergency or 363 disaster. 364 (2) Notwithstanding any curfew, a person authorized under 365 subsection (1) may enter or remain in a curfew area for the 366 limited purpose of implementing a licensed facility's emergency 367 management plan and providing services authorized under chapter 368 393 or chapter 408. 369 This section does not prohibit a law enforcement (3) 370 officer from specifying the permissible route of ingress or 371 egress for a person authorized under this section. 372 Section 3. Section 381.0303, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 373 374 381.0303 Special needs shelters.-375 (1) PURPOSE. - The purpose of this section is to provide for

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376 the operation and closure of special needs shelters and to 377 designate the Department of Health, through its county health 378 departments, as the lead agency for coordination of the 379 recruitment of health care practitioners, as defined in s. 380 456.001(4), to staff special needs shelters in times of 381 emergency or disaster and to provide resources to the department 382 to carry out this responsibility. However, nothing in this 383 section prohibits a county health department from entering into 384 an agreement with a local emergency management agency to assume 385 the lead responsibility for recruiting health care 386 practitioners.

387 (2) SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER PLAN; STAFFING; STATE AGENCY
 388 ASSISTANCE.—If funds have been appropriated to support disaster
 389 coordinator positions in county health departments:

390 The department shall assume lead responsibility for (a) 391 the coordination of local medical and health care providers, the 392 American Red Cross, and other interested parties in developing a 393 plan for the staffing and medical management of special needs 394 shelters. The local Children's Medical Services offices shall 395 assume lead responsibility for the coordination of local medical 396 and health care providers, the American Red Cross, and other 397 interested parties in developing a plan for the staffing and medical management of pediatric special needs shelters. Plans 398 must conform to the local comprehensive emergency management 399 400 plan.

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401	(b) County health departments shall, in conjunction with
402	the local emergency management agencies, have the lead
403	responsibility for coordination of the recruitment of health
404	care practitioners, including faculty and students from state
405	university and college health care programs, to staff local
406	special needs shelters. <del>County health departments shall assign</del>
407	their employees to work in special needs shelters when those
408	employees are needed to protect the health and safety of persons
409	with special needs. County governments shall assist the
410	department with nonmedical staffing and the operation of special
411	needs shelters. The local health department and emergency
412	management agency shall coordinate these efforts to ensure
413	appropriate staffing in special needs shelters, including a
414	staff member who is familiar with the needs of persons with
415	Alzheimer's disease.
416	(c) State agencies, universities, and colleges shall
417	authorize employees that are health care practitioners as
418	defined in s. 456.001(4) to staff local special needs shelters,
419	unless such employees have a designated emergency duty for their
420	agency, university, or college. Each state agency, university,
421	and college shall submit a roster of such employees to the
422	department by January 31 of each year and submit an amended
423	roster, if necessary, by May 31 of each year <del>The appropriate</del>
424	county health department, Children's Medical Services office,
425	and local emergency management agency shall jointly decide who
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426 has responsibility for medical supervision in each special needs 427 shelter. 428 County health departments shall assign their (d) 429 employees, and state employees pursuant to paragraph (c), to 430 work in special needs shelters when such employees are needed to 431 protect the health and safety of persons with special needs. 432 County governments shall assist the department with nonmedical 433 staffing and the operation of special needs shelters. The local 434 health department and emergency management agency shall 435 coordinate these efforts to ensure appropriate staffing in 436 special needs shelters, including a staff member who is familiar 437 with the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease. 438 The appropriate county health department and local (e) 439 emergency management agency shall jointly decide who has 440 responsibility for medical supervision in each special needs 441 shelter. 442 (f) (d) Local emergency management agencies shall be 443 responsible for the designation and operation of special needs 444 shelters during times of emergency or disaster and the closure 445 of the facilities following an emergency or disaster. The local 446 health department and emergency management agency shall 447 coordinate these efforts to ensure the appropriate designation and operation of special needs shelters. County health 448 departments shall assist the local emergency management agency 449 450 with regard to the management of medical services in special

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451 needs shelters.

452 (q) (e) The Secretary of Elderly Affairs, or his or her 453 designee, shall convene, at any time that he or she deems 454 appropriate and necessary, a multiagency special needs shelter 455 discharge planning team to assist local areas that are severely 456 impacted by a natural or manmade disaster that requires the use 457 of special needs shelters. Multiagency special needs shelter 458 discharge planning teams shall include the Surgeon General, or 459 his or her designee, and shall provide assistance to local 460 emergency management agencies with the continued operation or 461 closure of the shelters, as well as with the discharge of 462 special needs clients to alternate facilities if necessary. 463 Local emergency management agencies may request the assistance 464 of a multiagency special needs shelter discharge planning team 465 by alerting statewide emergency management officials of the 466 necessity for additional assistance in their area. The Secretary 467 of Elderly Affairs shall is encouraged to proactively work with 468 other state agencies prior to any natural disasters for which 469 warnings are provided to ensure that multiagency special needs 470 shelter discharge planning teams are ready to assemble and deploy rapidly upon a determination by state emergency 471 472 management officials that a disaster area requires additional assistance. The Secretary of Elderly Affairs may call upon any 473 474 state agency or office to provide staff to assist a multiagency 475 special needs shelter discharge planning team. Unless the

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476 secretary determines that the nature or circumstances 477 surrounding the disaster do not warrant participation from a 478 particular agency's staff, each multiagency special needs 479 shelter discharge planning team shall include at least one 480 representative from each of the following state agencies: 481 Department of Elderly Affairs. 1. 482 2. Department of Health. 483 2.<del>3.</del> Department of Children and Families. 484 3.4. Department of Veterans' Affairs. 485 4.5. Division of Emergency Management. 486 5.6. Agency for Health Care Administration. 487 6.7. Agency for Persons with Disabilities. 488 The Department of Health shall collect intake and (h) 489 discharge information from each person who shelters in a special 490 needs shelter during an emergency or disaster, including 491 information regarding whether a person is a patient or resident 492 of a licensee under chapter 393, chapter 400, or chapter 429. 493 The Department of Health shall use a form adopted by department 494 rule to collect this information. 495 SPECIAL CARE FOR PERSONS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR (3)496 RELATED FORMS OF DEMENTIA.-All special needs shelters must 497 establish designated shelter areas for persons with Alzheimer's disease or related forms of dementia to enable those persons to 498 maintain their normal habits and routines to the greatest extent 499 500 possible.

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501(4) REIMBURSEMENT TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND502FACILITIES.-

(a) The department shall, upon request, reimburse inaccordance with paragraph (b):

505 1. Health care practitioners, as defined in s. 456.001, 506 provided the practitioner is not providing care to a patient 507 under an existing contract, and emergency medical technicians 508 and paramedics licensed under chapter 401 for medical care provided at the request of the department in special needs 509 shelters or at other locations during times of emergency or a 510 511 declared disaster. Reimbursement for health care practitioners, 512 except for physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, 513 shall be based on the average hourly rate that such 514 practitioners were paid according to the most recent survey of 515 Florida hospitals conducted by the Florida Hospital Association 516 or other nationally recognized or state-recognized data source.

517 2. Health care facilities, such as hospitals, nursing 518 homes, assisted living facilities, and community residential 519 homes, if, upon closure of a special needs shelter, a 520 multiagency special needs shelter discharge planning team 521 determines that it is necessary to discharge persons with 522 special needs to other health care facilities. The receiving facilities are eligible for reimbursement for services provided 523 to the individuals for up to 90 days. A facility must show proof 524 525 of a written request from a representative of an agency serving

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526 on the multiagency special needs shelter discharge planning team 527 that the individual for whom the facility is seeking 528 reimbursement for services rendered was referred to that 529 facility from a special needs shelter. The department shall 530 specify by rule which expenses are reimbursable and the rate of 531 reimbursement for each service.

532 (b) Reimbursement is subject to the availability of 533 federal funds and shall be requested on forms prepared by the 534 department. If a Presidential Disaster Declaration has been 535 issued, the department shall request federal reimbursement of 536 eligible expenditures. The department may not provide 537 reimbursement to facilities under this subsection for services provided to a person with special needs if, during the period of 538 539 time in which the services were provided, the individual was 540 enrolled in another state-funded program, such as Medicaid or 541 another similar program, was covered under a policy of health 542 insurance as defined in s. 624.603, or was a member of a health 543 maintenance organization or prepaid health clinic as defined in 544 chapter 641, which would otherwise pay for the same services. 545 Travel expense and per diem costs shall be reimbursed pursuant 546 to s. 112.061.

(5) HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER REGISTRY.-The department may
use the registries established in ss. 401.273 and 456.38 when
health care practitioners are needed to staff special needs
shelters or to assist with other disaster-related activities.

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551 (6)SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE.-The State 552 Surgeon General may establish a special needs shelter 553 interagency committee and serve as, or appoint a designee to 554 serve as, the committee's chair. The department shall provide 555 any necessary staff and resources to support the committee in 556 the performance of its duties. The committee shall address and 557 resolve problems related to special needs shelters not addressed 558 in the state comprehensive emergency medical plan and shall consult on the planning and operation of special needs shelters. 559 The committee shall develop, negotiate, and regularly 560 (a) 561 review any necessary interagency agreements, and undertake other 562 such activities as the department deems necessary to facilitate 563 the implementation of this section. 564 (b) The special needs shelter interagency committee shall 565 be composed of representatives of emergency management, health, 566 medical, and social services organizations. Membership shall 567 include, but shall not be limited to, representatives of the 568 Departments of Health, Children and Families, Elderly Affairs, 569 and Education; the Agency for Health Care Administration; the 570 Division of Emergency Management; the Florida Medical 571 Association; the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association; 572 Associated Home Health Industries of Florida, Inc.; the Florida Nurses Association; the Florida Health Care Association; the 573 574 Florida Assisted Living Affiliation; the Florida Hospital 575 Association; the Florida Statutory Teaching Hospital Council;

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576 the Florida Association of Homes for the Aging; the Florida 577 Emergency Preparedness Association; the American Red Cross; 578 Florida Hospices and Palliative Care, Inc.; the Association of 579 Community Hospitals and Health Systems; the Florida Association 580 of Health Maintenance Organizations; the Florida League of 581 Health Systems; the Private Care Association; the Salvation 582 Army; the Florida Association of Aging Services Providers; the 583 AARP; and the Florida Renal Coalition.

(c) Meetings of the committee shall be held in Tallahassee, and members of the committee shall serve at the expense of the agencies or organizations they represent. The committee shall make every effort to use teleconference or videoconference capabilities in order to ensure statewide input and participation.

(7) RULES.-The department, in coordination with the
Division of Emergency Management, has the authority to adopt
rules necessary to implement this section. Rules shall include:

(a) The definition of a "person with special needs,"
including eligibility criteria for individuals with physical,
mental, cognitive impairment, or sensory disabilities and the
services a person with special needs can expect to receive in a
special needs shelter.

(b) The process for special needs shelter health care
practitioners and facility reimbursement for services provided
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601 (c) Guidelines for special needs shelter staffing levels602 to provide services.

(d) The definition of and standards for special needs
shelter supplies and equipment, including durable medical
equipment.

606 (e) Standards for the special needs shelter registration
607 program, including all necessary forms and guidelines for
608 addressing the needs of unregistered persons in need of a
609 special needs shelter.

(f) Standards for addressing the needs of families where
only one dependent is eligible for admission to a special needs
shelter and the needs of adults with special needs who are
caregivers for individuals without special needs.

(g) The requirement of the county health departments to seek the participation of hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, home health agencies, hospice providers, nurse registries, home medical equipment providers, dialysis centers, and other health and medical emergency preparedness stakeholders in pre-event planning activities.

620 (8) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS. The submission of
 621 emergency management plans to county health departments by home
 622 health agencies, nurse registries, hospice programs, and home
 623 medical equipment providers is conditional upon receipt of an
 624 appropriation by the department to establish disaster
 625 coordinator positions in county health departments unless the

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626 State Surgeon General and a local county commission jointly 627 determine to require that such plans be submitted based on a 628 determination that there is a special need to protect public 629 health in the local area during an emergency.

630 Section 4. Subsection (9) is added to section 393.0651,631 Florida Statutes, to read:

632 393.0651 Family or individual support plan.-The agency 633 shall provide directly or contract for the development of a family support plan for children ages 3 to 18 years of age and 634 an individual support plan for each client. The client, if 635 636 competent, the client's parent or guardian, or, when 637 appropriate, the client advocate, shall be consulted in the development of the plan and shall receive a copy of the plan. 638 639 Each plan must include the most appropriate, least restrictive, 640 and most cost-beneficial environment for accomplishment of the 641 objectives for client progress and a specification of all 642 services authorized. The plan must include provisions for the most appropriate level of care for the client. Within the 643 644 specification of needs and services for each client, when 645 residential care is necessary, the agency shall move toward 646 placement of clients in residential facilities based within the 647 client's community. The ultimate goal of each plan, whenever possible, shall be to enable the client to live a dignified life 648 in the least restrictive setting, be that in the home or in the 649 community. For children under 6 years of age, the family support 650

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651 plan shall be developed within the 45-day application period as 652 specified in s. 393.065(1); for all applicants 6 years of age or 653 older, the family or individual support plan shall be developed 654 within the 60-day period as specified in that subsection. 655 (9) A personal disaster plan should be completed for each client enrolled in any home and community-based services 656 Medicaid waiver program administered by the agency and updated 657 658 annually, to include, at a minimum: 659 (a) Evacuation shelter selection as appropriate. 660 (b) Documented special needs shelter registration as 661 appropriate. 662 (c) A staffing plan for the client in the shelter, if 663 necessary. 664 Section 5. Subsections (2), (8) and (9) of section 665 393.067, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 666 393.067 Facility licensure.-667 (2)The agency shall conduct annual inspections and 668 reviews of facilities and programs licensed under this section. 669 The agency shall determine compliance by foster care facilities, 670 group home facilities, residential habilitation centers, and 671 comprehensive transitional education programs with the 672 applicable provisions of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant 673 hereto, including the requirements for the comprehensive 674 emergency management plan. 675 (8) (a) The agency, after consultation with the Division of

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676	Emergency Management, shall adopt rules for foster care
677	facilities, group home facilities, and residential habilitation
678	centers which establish minimum standards for the preparation
679	and annual update of a comprehensive emergency management plan.
680	<u>1.</u> At a minimum, the rules must provide for plan
681	components that address:
682	a. Emergency evacuation transportation;
683	b. Adequate sheltering arrangements;
684	<u>c.</u> Postdisaster activities, including emergency power,
685	food, and water;
686	d. Postdisaster transportation;
687	<u>e.</u> Supplies;
688	f. Hardening;
689	g. Staffing, including which staff are responsible for
690	implementing each element of the plan, how the facility will
691	maintain staffing during emergencies, and whether and how the
692	facility will accommodate family members of staff;
693	h. Emergency equipment;
694	i. Individual identification of residents and transfer of
695	records; and
696	j. Responding to family inquiries.
697	2. Facilities must include information in their plans
698	about:
699	a. Whether the facility is located in an evacuation zone;
700	b. Whether the facility intends to shelter in place or
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701 relocate to another facility; 702 c. Whether the facility has an emergency power source; 703 How the facility will inform residents and the d. 704 resident's designated family member, legal representative, or 705 guardian when the emergency management plan has been activated; 706 and e. A working phone number for the facility for use by the 707 resident's designated family member, legal representative, or 708 709 guardian to make contact postdisaster. 710 3. A facility must provide to the agency, its residents, 711 and the resident's designated family member, legal 712 representative, or guardian the information specified in subparagraph 2., an overview of the facility's comprehensive 713 714 emergency management plan, and a description of the evacuation 715 plan, if appropriate. Any changes to this information must be 716 provided to the agency, the facility's residents, and the 717 resident's designated family member, legal representative, or 718 guardian within 30 days after the change takes effect. 719 The comprehensive emergency management plan for all (b) 720 comprehensive transitional education programs and for homes 721 serving individuals who have complex medical conditions is 722 subject to review and approval by the local emergency management 723 agency. 724 1. A facility must submit its plan to the local emergency 725 management agency within 90 days after licensure or change of

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726	ownership and must notify the agency within 30 days after
727	submission of the plan.
728	2. Such plan must be submitted annually and within 30 days
729	after any significant modification, as defined by agency rule,
730	to a previously approved plan.
731	3. During its review, the local emergency management
732	agency shall ensure that the agency and the Division of
733	Emergency Management, at a minimum, are given the opportunity to
734	review the plan. Also, appropriate volunteer organizations must
735	be given the opportunity to review the plan.
736	4. The local emergency management agency shall complete
737	its review within 60 days and either approve the plan or advise
738	the facility of necessary revisions. <u>A facility must submit the</u>
739	requested revisions to the local emergency management agency
740	within 30 days after receiving written notification from the
741	local emergency management agency.
742	5. A facility must notify the agency within 30 days after
743	approval of its plan by the local emergency management agency.
744	(c) A facility must conduct annual staff training on the
745	policies and procedures for implementing the emergency
746	management plan within 2 months before the start of the
747	hurricane season, including testing of the implementation of the
748	plan, either in a planned drill or in response to a disaster or
749	an emergency. New staff must receive such training within 30
750	days after commencement of employment. Such training for new
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751 staff is not required to include testing of the implementation 752 of the plan if testing is impracticable. Documentation of the 753 training and testing, including evaluation of the outcome of the 754 training and testing and modifications to the plan to address 755 inadequacies must be provided to the agency within 30 days after 756 the training and testing is finished. The evaluation must 757 include a survey of staff to determine their familiarity with 758 the plan. 759 (d) In the event of a declared emergency, the agency shall 760 communicate before the disaster impacts the area which 761 requirements for providing services to clients in shelters and 762 other facilities may be waived during the emergency. The agency 763 may waive additional requirements following the initial impact 764 of the disaster, if appropriate. 765 The agency may conduct unannounced inspections to (9)766 determine compliance by foster care facilities, group home 767 facilities, residential habilitation centers, and comprehensive 768 transitional education programs with the applicable provisions 769 of this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant hereto, including 770 the requirements for the comprehensive emergency management plan 771 and the rules adopted for training staff of a facility or a 772 program to detect, report, and prevent sexual abuse, abuse, neglect, exploitation, and abandonment, as defined in ss. 39.01 773 774 and 415.102, of residents and clients. The agency shall conduct periodic followup inspections as necessary to monitor facility 775

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776 compliance with the requirements for the comprehensive emergency 777 management plan. The facility or program shall make copies of 778 inspection reports available to the public upon request. 779 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph 780 (a) of subsection (2) of section 393.0673, Florida Statutes, are 781 amended to read: 393.0673 Denial, suspension, or revocation of license; 782 783 moratorium on admissions; administrative fines; procedures.-784 The agency may revoke or suspend a license or impose (1)785 an administrative fine, not to exceed \$1,000 per violation per 786 day, if: 787 (a) The licensee has: 788 Falsely represented or omitted a material fact in its 1. 789 license application submitted under s. 393.067; 790 Had prior action taken against it under the Medicaid or 2. 791 Medicare program; or 792 3. Failed to comply with the applicable requirements of 793 this chapter or rules applicable to the licensee; or 794 4. Failed to comply with the requirements for the 795 comprehensive emergency management plan under this part; or 796 5. Failed to follow the policies and procedures in the 797 comprehensive emergency management plan. However, the agency 798 shall consider the facility's efforts to follow the plan and 799 circumstances beyond the facility's control that caused the 800 failure. In determining the penalty, the agency shall evaluate

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801 the potential or actual harm to the client's health, safety, and 802 security caused by the failure. 803 (2) The agency may deny an application for licensure submitted under s. 393.067 if: 804 805 (a) The applicant has: 806 Falsely represented or omitted a material fact in its 1. 807 license application submitted under s. 393.067; 808 2. Had prior action taken against it under the Medicaid or 809 Medicare program; Failed to comply with the applicable requirements of 810 3. 811 this chapter or rules applicable to the applicant; or 812 4. Failed to comply with the requirements for the 813 comprehensive emergency management plan under this chapter; 5. Failed to follow the policies and procedures in the 814 815 comprehensive emergency management plan. However, the agency 816 shall consider the facility's efforts to follow the plan and 817 circumstances beyond the facility's control that caused the failure. In determining the penalty, the agency shall evaluate 818 819 the potential or actual harm to the client's health, safety, and 820 security caused by the failure; or 821 6.4. Previously had a license to operate a residential 822 facility revoked by the agency, the Department of Children and 823 Families, or the Agency for Health Care Administration; or The Department of Children and Families has verified 824 (b)

825 that the applicant is responsible for the abuse, neglect, or

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abandonment of a child or the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of 826 827 a vulnerable adult. 828 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 393.0675, Florida 829 Statutes, is amended to read: 830 393.0675 Injunctive proceedings authorized.-831 The agency may institute injunctive proceedings in a (1)832 court of competent jurisdiction to: 833 Enforce the provisions of this chapter or any minimum (a) 834 standard, rule, regulation, or order issued or entered pursuant 835 thereto; or 836 Terminate the operation of facilities licensed (b) 837 pursuant to this chapter when any of the following conditions 838 exist: Failure by the facility to take preventive or 839 1. 840 corrective measures in accordance with any order of the agency. Failure by the facility to abide by any final order of 841 2. 842 the agency once it has become effective and binding. 843 Any violation by the facility constituting an emergency 3. requiring immediate action as provided in s. 393.0673. 844 845 4. Failed to comply with the requirements for the comprehensive emergency management plan under this chapter. 846 847 5. Failed to follow the policies and procedures in the comprehensive emergency management plan. However, the agency 848 849 shall consider the facility's efforts to follow the plan and 850 circumstances beyond the facility's control that caused the

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851 failure. In determining the penalty, the agency shall evaluate 852 the potential or actual harm to the client's health, safety, and 853 security caused by the failure. 854 Section 8. Section 400.102, Florida Statutes, is amended 855 to read: 856 400.102 Action by agency against licensee; grounds.-In 857 addition to the grounds listed in part II of chapter 408, any of 858 the following conditions shall be grounds for action by the 859 agency against a licensee: 860 (1) An intentional or negligent act materially affecting the health or safety of residents of the facility; 861 862 (2) Misappropriation or conversion of the property of a 863 resident of the facility; 864 (3) Failure to follow the criteria and procedures provided 865 under part I of chapter 394 relating to the transportation, 866 voluntary admission, and involuntary examination of a nursing 867 home resident; or Fraudulent altering, defacing, or falsifying any 868 (4) 869 medical or nursing home records, or causing or procuring any of 870 these offenses to be committed; or 871 (5) Failure to comply with the requirements for the comprehensive emergency management plan under this part or s. 872 873 408.821. 874 Section 9. Subsection (3) of section 400.19, Florida 875 Statutes, is amended to read:

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400.19 Right of entry and inspection.-

The agency shall every 15 months conduct at least one (3) unannounced inspection to determine compliance by the licensee with statutes, and with rules promulgated under the provisions of those statutes, governing minimum standards of construction, requirements for the comprehensive emergency management plan, quality and adequacy of care, and rights of residents. The 883 survey shall be conducted every 6 months for the next 2-year period if the facility has been cited for a class I deficiency, has been cited for two or more class II deficiencies arising from separate surveys or investigations within a 60-day period, 887 or has had three or more substantiated complaints within a 6-888 month period, each resulting in at least one class I or class II 889 deficiency. In addition to any other fees or fines in this part, 890 the agency shall assess a fine for each facility that is subject 891 to the 6-month survey cycle. The fine for the 2-year period 892 shall be \$6,000, one-half to be paid at the completion of each 893 survey. The agency may adjust this fine by the change in the 894 Consumer Price Index, based on the 12 months immediately 895 preceding the increase, to cover the cost of the additional 896 surveys. The agency shall verify through subsequent inspection 897 that any deficiency identified during inspection is corrected. However, the agency may verify the correction of a class III or 898 899 class IV deficiency unrelated to resident rights or resident care without reinspecting the facility if adequate written 900

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901 documentation has been received from the facility, which 902 provides assurance that the deficiency has been corrected. The 903 giving or causing to be given of advance notice of such 904 unannounced inspections by an employee of the agency to any 905 unauthorized person shall constitute cause for suspension of not 906 fewer than 5 working days according to the provisions of chapter 907 110.

908 Section 10. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section 909 400.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

910 400.23 Rules; evaluation and deficiencies; licensure 911 status.-

912 (2) Pursuant to the intention of the Legislature, the 913 agency, in consultation with the Department of Health and the 914 Department of Elderly Affairs, shall adopt and enforce rules to 915 implement this part and part II of chapter 408, which shall 916 include reasonable and fair criteria in relation to:

917 (g) The preparation and annual update of a comprehensive 918 emergency management plan. The agency shall adopt rules 919 establishing minimum criteria for the plan after consultation 920 with the Division of Emergency Management.

921 <u>1.</u> At a minimum, the rules must provide for plan 922 components that address:

- 923 <u>a.</u> Emergency evacuation transportation;
- 924 <u>b.</u> Adequate sheltering arrangements;
- 925 c. Postdisaster activities, including emergency power,

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926	food, and water;
927	d. Postdisaster transportation;
928	<u>e.</u> Supplies;
929	f. Hardening;
930	g. Staffing, including which staff are responsible for
931	implementing each element of the plan, how the facility will
932	maintain staffing during emergencies, and whether and how the
933	facility will accommodate family members of staff;
934	h. Emergency equipment;
935	i. Individual identification of residents and transfer of
936	records; and
937	j. Responding to family inquiries.
938	2. Facilities must include information in their plans
939	about:
940	a. Whether the facility is located in an evacuation zone;
941	b. Whether the facility intends to shelter in place or
942	relocate to another facility;
943	c. Whether the facility has an emergency power source;
944	d. How the facility will inform residents and the
945	resident's designated family member, legal representative, or
946	guardian when the emergency management plan has been activated;
947	and
948	e. A working phone number for the facility for use by the
949	resident's designated family member, legal representative, or
950	guardian to make contact postdisaster.

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951	3. A facility must provide to the agency, its residents,
952	and the resident's designated family member, legal
953	representative, or guardian the information in subparagraph 2.
954	and an overview of the facility's comprehensive emergency
955	management plan and, if appropriate, a description of the
956	evacuation plan. The agency must post this information on its
957	consumer information website. Any changes to this information
958	must be provided to the agency, the facility's residents, and
959	the resident's designated family member, legal representative,
960	or guardian within 30 days after the change takes effect.
961	4. The comprehensive emergency management plan is subject
962	to review and approval by the local emergency management agency.
963	a. A facility must submit its plan to the local emergency
964	management agency within 90 days after licensure or change of
965	ownership and must notify the agency within 30 days after
966	submission of the plan.
967	b. Such plan must be submitted annually or within 30 days
968	after any significant modification, as defined by agency rule,
969	to a previously approved plan.
970	<u>c.</u> During its review, the local emergency management
971	agency shall ensure that the following agencies, at a minimum,
972	are given the opportunity to review the plan: the Department of
973	Elderly Affairs, the Department of Health, the Agency for Health
974	Care Administration, and the Division of Emergency Management.
975	Also, appropriate volunteer organizations must be given the
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976	opportunity to review the plan.
977	d. The local emergency management agency shall complete
978	its review within 60 days and either approve the plan or advise
979	the facility of necessary revisions. <u>A facility must submit the</u>
980	requested revisions to the local emergency management agency
981	within 30 days after receiving written notification from the
982	local emergency management agency.
983	e. A facility must notify the agency within 30 days after
984	approval of its plan by the local emergency management agency.
985	Section 11. Section 400.492, Florida Statutes, is amended
986	to read:
987	400.492 Provision of services during an emergencyEach
988	home health agency shall prepare and maintain a comprehensive
989	emergency management plan that is consistent with the standards
990	adopted by national or state accreditation organizations, the
991	requirements set forth in this section, and <del>consistent with</del> the
992	local special needs plan. The <u>home health agency</u> <del>plan</del> shall <del>be</del>
993	submit the plan to the county health department for review and
994	approval within 90 days after the home health agency is licensed
995	or there is a change of ownership. The plan must be submitted
996	updated annually or within 30 days after any significant
997	modification, as defined by agency rule, to a previously
998	approved plan. The plan and shall document how the agency will
999	<u>continue to</u> provide <del>for continuing</del> home health services during
1000	an emergency that interrupts patient care or services in the
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1001 patient's private residence, assisted living facility, or adult 1002 family care home. The plan shall include identification of the 1003 staff the means by which the home health agency will continue to 1004 provide in the special needs shelter staff to perform the same 1005 type and quantity of services for to their patients who evacuate 1006 to special needs shelters as that were being provided to those 1007 patients before prior to evacuation. The plan shall describe how 1008 the home health agency establishes and maintains an effective 1009 response to emergencies and disasters, including, but not 1010 limited to, + notifying staff when emergency response measures are initiated; providing for communication between staff 1011 1012 members, county health departments, and local emergency 1013 management agencies, including a backup system; identifying 1014 resources necessary to continue essential care or services or 1015 referrals to other organizations, subject to written agreement; and prioritizing and contacting patients who need continued care 1016 1017 or services that are provided by agency staff or by designated 1018 family members or other nonhome health agency caregivers; and 1019 how services will be provided to patients in the event the home 1020 health agency cannot continue to provide services or ceases 1021 operation due to the emergency. 1022 The home health agency shall inform each patient and (1)1023 the patient's legal representative, designated family member, or guardian of the special needs registry established pursuant to 1024 1025 s. 252.355 and how to register the patient. The home health

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1026 agency shall collect and submit to the local emergency 1027 management office a list of registered patients who will need 1028 continuing care or services during an emergency. Each patient 1029 record for a patient who is registered under patients who are 1030 listed in the registry established pursuant to s. 252.355 shall 1031 include a description of how care or services will be continued 1032 in the event of an emergency or disaster and identify designated 1033 staff who will provide such services. The home health agency 1034 shall discuss with the patient and the patient's legal 1035 representative, designated family member, guardian, or nonhome 1036 health agency caregiver and document in his or her record how 1037 the home health agency will continue to provide the same type and quantity of services, including staffing, to the patient in 1038 1039 his or her private residence, assisted living facility, or adult 1040 family care home, or in the special needs shelter if the patient 1041 evacuates to the special needs shelter, which were being 1042 provided before the emergency or evacuation. The patient's 1043 record shall contain the emergency provisions with the patient 1044 and the patient's caregivers, including where and how the 1045 patient is to evacuate, procedures for notifying the home health 1046 agency in the event that the patient evacuates to a location 1047 other than the shelter identified in the patient record, and a list of medications and equipment which must either accompany 1048 the patient or will be needed by the patient in the event of an 1049 1050 evacuation.

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If the home health agency's patient is a resident of (2) 1052 an assisted living facility or an adult family care home, the 1053 home health agency must contact the assisted living facility or adult family care home administrator to determine the plans for 1054 1055 evacuation and document the resident's plans in his or her 1056 record.

1057 (3) (2) Each home health agency shall create and maintain a 1058 current prioritized list of patients who need continued agency services during an emergency. The list shall include patients to 1059 be evacuated to a shelter, in private residences, assisted 1060 living facilities, and adult family care homes who require 1061 1062 continued home health agency services. The list shall indicate how services will shall be continued in the event of an 1063 1064 emergency or disaster for each patient, and if the patient is 1065 remaining in the home or is to be transported to a special needs 1066 shelter, if the patient is listed in the registry established 1067 pursuant to s. 252.355, and shall indicate if the patient is receiving skilled nursing services, and the patient's medication 1068 1069 and equipment needs. The list shall be furnished to county 1070 health departments and to local emergency management agencies as 1071 part of the home health agency's comprehensive emergency 1072 management plan, upon request. The list shall be updated annually or each time a patient is identified as needing 1073 1074 services during an emergency.

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(4) (3) A home health agency is agencies shall not be

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1076 required to continue to provide care to patients in emergency 1077 situations that are beyond its their control and that make it 1078 impossible to provide services, such as when roads are 1079 impassable or when the patient does patients do not go to the 1080 location specified in the patient's record their patient 1081 records. If a home health agency is unable to continue to 1082 provide services or ceases operation due to situations beyond 1083 its control, the home health agency must notify the patient 1084 whose services will be discontinued during the emergency and the local emergency operations center as soon as possible. If the 1085 1086 home health agency is providing services to residents of 1087 assisted living facilities and adult family care homes, the home 1088 health agency must make arrangements for continuation of 1089 services and notify the local emergency operations center of 1090 such arrangements. Home health agencies shall may establish 1091 links to local emergency operations centers to determine a 1092 mechanism by which to approach specific areas within a disaster 1093 area in order for the agency to reach its clients. When a home 1094 health agency is unable to continue providing services during an 1095 emergency, the home health agency agencies shall document its 1096 efforts demonstrate a good faith effort to comply with the 1097 requirements of its comprehensive emergency management plan and this subsection, including by documenting attempts by of staff 1098 to contact the patient and the patient's designated family 1099 member, legal representative, guardian, or nonhome health agency 1100

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1101 caregiver, if applicable; contact the resident's assisted living 1102 facility or adult family care home, if applicable; contact the 1103 local emergency operations centers to obtain assistance in 1104 contacting patients; and contact other agencies that may be able 1105 to provide temporary services. The home health agency must also 1106 document attempts by staff to follow procedures outlined in the 1107 home health agency's comprehensive emergency management  $plan_{T}$ 1108 and in by the patient's record, which support a finding that the 1109 provision of continuing care has been attempted for those patients who have been identified as needing care by the home 1110 health agency in his or her private residence, assisted living 1111 1112 facility, or adult family care home and the patients who are registered under s. 252.355, in the event of an emergency or 1113 1114 disaster under subsection (1). The agency shall review the 1115 documentation required by this section during any inspection 1116 conducted under part II of this chapter to determine the home 1117 health agency's compliance with its emergency plan. 1118 (5) (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 400.464(2) or 1119 any other provision of law to the contrary, a home health agency

1120 may provide services in a special needs shelter located in any 1121 county.

1122 Section 12. Subsection (10) of section 400.497, Florida 1123 Statutes, is amended to read:

1124 400.497 Rules establishing minimum standards.—The agency 1125 shall adopt, publish, and enforce rules to implement part II of

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1126 chapter 408 and this part, including, as applicable, ss. 400.506 1127 and 400.509, which must provide reasonable and fair minimum 1128 standards relating to:

(10) Preparation of <u>and compliance with</u> a comprehensive emergency management plan pursuant to s. 400.492.

(a) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall adopt
rules establishing minimum criteria for the plan and plan
updates, with the concurrence of the Department of Health and in
consultation with the Division of Emergency Management.

(b) The rules must address the requirements in s. 400.492.
In addition, the rules shall provide for the maintenance of
patient-specific medication lists that can accompany patients
who are transported from their <u>private residence</u>, <u>assisted</u>
living facility, or adult family care home homes.

The plan is subject to review and approval by the 1140 (C) county health department. During its review, the county health 1141 1142 department shall contact state and local health and medical 1143 stakeholders when necessary. The county health department shall 1144 complete its review to ensure that the plan is in accordance with the criteria in the Agency for Health Care Administration 1145 1146 rules within 90 days after receipt of the plan and shall approve the plan or advise the home health agency of necessary 1147 revisions. If the home health agency fails to submit a plan or 1148 fails to submit the requested information or revisions to the 1149 1150 county health department within 30 days after written

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1151 notification from the county health department, the county health department shall, within 10 days after the home health 1152 1153 agency's failure to comply, notify the Agency for Health Care 1154 Administration. The agency shall notify the home health agency 1155 that its failure constitutes a deficiency, subject to a fine of \$5,000 per occurrence. If either the initial or annual the plan 1156 1157 is not submitted, information is not provided, or revisions are 1158 not made as requested, the agency may impose the fine. If the 1159 fine is not imposed against the home health agency, the agency 1160 must document in the home health agency's file the reason the fine was not imposed. 1161

1162 (d) For any home health agency that operates in more than one county, the home health agency must submit its plan to the 1163 1164 Department of Health. The department shall review the plan, after consulting with state and local health and medical 1165 stakeholders when necessary. The department shall complete its 1166 1167 review within 90 days after receipt of the plan and shall 1168 approve the plan or advise the home health agency of necessary 1169 revisions. The department shall make every effort to avoid 1170 imposing differing requirements on a home health agency that 1171 operates in more than one county as a result of differing or 1172 conflicting comprehensive plan requirements of the counties in 1173 which the home health agency operates. If the home health agency fails to submit a plan or fails to submit requested information 1174 1175 or revisions to the Department of Health within 30 days after

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1176	written notification from the department, the department must
1177	notify the Agency for Health Care Administration within 10 days
1178	after the home health agency's failure to comply. The agency
1179	shall notify the home health agency that its failure constitutes
1180	a deficiency, subject to a fine of \$5,000 per occurrence. If the
1181	plan is not submitted, information is not provided, or revisions
1182	are not made as requested, the agency may impose the fine. If
1183	the fine is not imposed against the home health agency, the
1184	agency must document in the home health agency's file the reason
1185	the fine was not imposed.
1186	(e) The requirements in this subsection do not apply to:
1187	1. A facility that is certified under chapter 651 and has
1188	a licensed home health agency used exclusively by residents of
1189	the facility; or
1190	2. A retirement community that consists of residential
1191	units for independent living and either a licensed nursing home
1192	or an assisted living facility, and has a licensed home health
1193	agency used exclusively by the residents of the retirement
1194	community, provided the comprehensive emergency management plan
1195	for the facility or retirement community provides for continuous
1196	care of all residents with special needs during an emergency.
1197	Section 13. Subsection (12) of section 400.506, Florida
1198	Statutes, is amended to read:
1199	400.506 Licensure of nurse registries; requirements;
1200	penalties
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1201 Each nurse registry shall prepare and maintain a (12)1202 comprehensive emergency management plan that is consistent with 1203 the criteria in this subsection and with the local special needs 1204 plan. The plan shall be submitted to the county health 1205 department for review and approval within 90 days after the 1206 nurse registry is licensed or there is a change of ownership. 1207 The plan must be updated annually or within 30 days after any 1208 significant modification, as defined by agency rule, to a 1209 previously approved plan. The plan shall document how include 1210 the means by which the nurse registry will facilitate the 1211 provision of continue to provide the same type and quantity of 1212 services by persons referred for contract to each patient who remains in his or her private residence, assisted living 1213 1214 facility, or adult family care home or who evacuates to its patients who evacuate to special needs shelters which were being 1215 1216 provided to those patients before the emergency prior to 1217 evacuation. The plan shall specify how the nurse registry shall 1218 facilitate the provision of continuous care by persons referred 1219 for contract to persons who are registered pursuant to s. 1220 252.355 during an emergency that interrupts the provision of 1221 care or services in private residences. Nurse registries shall 1222 may establish links to local emergency operations centers to determine a mechanism by which to approach specific areas within 1223 a disaster area in order for a provider to reach its clients. A 1224 nurse registry shall document its efforts registries shall 1225

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1226	demonstrate a good faith effort to comply with the requirements
1227	of its comprehensive emergency management plan and this
1228	subsection in the patient's records, including by documenting
1229	attempts by <del>of</del> staff to contact the patient and the patient's
1230	designated family member, legal representative, guardian, or
1231	other person who provides care; contact the resident's assisted
1232	living facility or adult family care home, if applicable;
1233	contact the local emergency operations centers to obtain
1234	assistance in contacting patients; and contact other agencies
1235	that may be able to provide temporary services. The nurse
1236	registry must also document attempts by staff to follow
1237	procedures outlined in the nurse registry's comprehensive
1238	emergency management plan which support a finding that the
1239	provision of continuing care has been attempted for patients
1240	identified as needing care by the nurse registry either in home
1241	or in a special needs shelter and registered under s. 252.355 in
1242	the event of an emergency under this subsection.
1243	(a) All persons referred for contract who care for
1244	patients <del>persons</del> registered pursuant to s. 252.355 must include
1245	in the patient record a description of how the person referred
1246	for contract will continue to provide the same type and quantity
1247	of services to the patient care will be continued during a

1248 disaster or emergency that interrupts the provision of care in 1249 the patient's home. It shall be the responsibility of the person

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1250 referred for contract to ensure that continuous care is 1251 provided.

1252 A Each nurse registry shall create and maintain a (b) 1253 current prioritized list of patients in private residences, 1254 assisted living facilities, or adult family care homes who are 1255 registered pursuant to s. 252.355 and are under the care of 1256 persons referred for contract and who need continued services 1257 during an emergency. This list shall indicate, for each patient, 1258 if the client is to be transported to a special needs shelter 1259 and if the patient is receiving skilled nursing services. A nurse registry registries shall make this list available to 1260 1261 county health departments and to local emergency management 1262 agencies as part of its comprehensive emergency management plan 1263 upon request. The list shall be updated annually or each time a 1264 patient is identified as needing services during an emergency.

(c) <u>A</u> Each person referred for contract who is caring for a patient who is registered pursuant to s. 252.355 shall provide a list of the patient's medication and equipment needs to the nurse registry. Each <u>nurse registry</u> person referred for contract shall make this information available to county health departments and to local emergency management agencies upon request.

1272 (d) <u>A Each person referred for contract is shall not be</u>
1273 required to continue to provide care to patients in emergency
1274 situations that are beyond the person's control and that make it

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1275	impossible to provide services, such as when roads are
1276	impassable or when patients do not go to the location specified
1277	in their patient records. It is the responsibility of the nurse
1278	registry to contact another person available for referral to
1279	provide care for the patient. If the nurse registry is unable to
1280	continue to provide services or ceases operation due to
1281	situations beyond its control, the nurse registry must notify
1282	the patient whose services will be discontinued during the
1283	emergency and the local emergency management operations center
1284	as soon as possible. If the nurse registry is providing services
1285	to residents of assisted living facilities or adult family care
1286	homes, it must make arrangements for continuation of services
1287	and notify the local emergency operations center of such
1288	arrangement. When a nurse registry is unable to continue to
1289	provide services during the emergency, the nurse registry shall
1290	document its efforts to comply with the requirements of its
1291	comprehensive emergency management plan and this subsection by
1292	documenting attempts of the registry or its staff to contact the
1293	patient and the patient's designated family member, legal
1294	representative, guardian, or other caregiver, if applicable;
1295	contact the resident's assisted living facility or adult family
1296	care home, if applicable; contact the local emergency operations
1297	centers to obtain assistance in contacting patients and contact
1298	other agencies that may be able to provide temporary services.
1299	The agency shall review the documentation required by this

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1300	section during any inspection conducted pursuant to part II of
1301	this chapter to determine the nurse registry's compliance with
1302	its emergency plan.
1303	(e) The comprehensive emergency management plan required
1304	by this subsection is subject to review and approval by the
1305	county health department. During its review, the county health
1306	department shall contact state and local health and medical
1307	stakeholders when necessary. The county health department shall
1308	complete its review to ensure that the plan complies with the
1309	criteria in this section and the Agency for Health Care
1310	Administration rules within 90 days after receipt of the plan
1311	and shall either approve the plan or advise the nurse registry
1312	of necessary revisions. If a nurse registry fails to submit a
1313	plan or fails to submit requested information or revisions to
1314	the county health department within 30 days after written
1315	notification from the county health department, the county
1316	health department shall, within 10 days after the nurse
1317	registry's failure to comply, notify the Agency for Health Care
1318	Administration. The agency shall notify the nurse registry that
1319	its failure constitutes a deficiency, subject to a fine of
1320	\$5,000 per occurrence. If <u>either</u> the <u>initial or annual</u> plan is
1321	not submitted, information is not provided, or revisions are not
1322	made as requested, the agency may impose the fine. <u>If the fine</u>
1323	is not imposed against the nurse registry, the agency must

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#### 1324 document in the nurse registry's file the reason the fine was 1325 not imposed. 1326 (f) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall adopt 1327 rules establishing minimum criteria for the comprehensive 1328 emergency management plan and plan updates required by this 1329 subsection, with the concurrence of the Department of Health and 1330 in consultation with the Division of Emergency Management. 1331 Section 14. Subsection (3) of section 408.813, Florida 1332 Statutes, is amended to read: 1333 408.813 Administrative fines; violations.-As a penalty for 1334 any violation of this part, authorizing statutes, or applicable 1335 rules, the agency may impose an administrative fine. 1336 The agency may impose an administrative fine for a (3)1337 violation that is not designated as a class I, class II, class 1338 III, or class IV violation. Unless otherwise specified by law, the amount of the fine may not exceed \$500 for each violation. 1339 1340 Unclassified violations include: 1341 Violating any term or condition of a license. (a) 1342 Violating any provision of this part, authorizing (b) statutes, or applicable rules. 1343 1344 Exceeding licensed capacity. (C) Providing services beyond the scope of the license. 1345 (d) 1346 (e) Violating a moratorium imposed pursuant to s. 408.814. Failure to have an approved comprehensive emergency 1347 (f) 1348 management plan as required by authorizing statutes.

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1349 Failure to enter into and maintain agreements required (q) by s. 252.355(4)(b) by July 1, 2019. 1350 1351 Section 15. Section 408.821, Florida Statutes, is amended 1352 to read: 1353 408.821 Emergency management planning; emergency 1354 operations; inactive license.-A licensee required by authorizing statutes to have a 1355 (1)1356 an comprehensive emergency management operations plan must designate a safety liaison to serve as the primary contact for 1357 1358 emergency operations. 1359 (2) A licensee required by authorizing statutes to have a 1360 comprehensive emergency management plan must conduct annual 1361 staff training on the policies and procedures for implementing 1362 the emergency operations plan within 2 months before the start 1363 of hurricane season, including testing of the implementation of 1364 the plan, either in a planned drill or in response to a disaster 1365 or an emergency. New staff must receive such training within 30 days after commencement of employment. Such training for new 1366 1367 staff is not required to include testing of the implementation 1368 of the plan if testing is impracticable. Documentation of the 1369 training and testing, including evaluation of the outcome of the 1370 training and testing and modifications to the plan to address inadequacies must be provided to the agency and the local 1371 1372 emergency management agency within 30 days after the training and testing is finished. The evaluation must include a survey of 1373

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1374 staff to determine their familiarity with the plan. 1375 Failure to follow the policies and procedures in the (3) 1376 licensee's comprehensive emergency management plan is grounds 1377 for action by the agency against a licensee. The agency shall consider the licensee's efforts to follow the plan and 1378 1379 circumstances beyond the licensee's control that caused the 1380 failure. In determining the penalty, the agency shall evaluate 1381 the potential or actual harm to the client's health, safety, and 1382 security caused by the failure.

1383 (4) (2) An entity subject to this part may temporarily 1384 exceed its licensed capacity to act as a receiving provider in 1385 accordance with an approved comprehensive emergency management 1386 operations plan for up to 15 days. While in an overcapacity 1387 status, each provider must furnish or arrange for appropriate 1388 care and services to all clients. In addition, the agency may approve requests for overcapacity in excess of 15 days, which 1389 1390 approvals may be based upon satisfactory justification and need 1391 as provided by the receiving and sending providers.

1392 <u>(5) (3)</u> (a) An inactive license may be issued to a licensee 1393 subject to this section when the provider is located in a 1394 geographic area in which a state of emergency was declared by 1395 the Governor if the provider:

Suffered damage to its operation during the state of
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2. Is currently licensed.

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3. Does not have a provisional license.

1400 4. Will be temporarily unable to provide services but is reasonably expected to resume services within 12 months.

An inactive license may be issued for a period not to (b) exceed 12 months but may be renewed by the agency for up to 12 additional months upon demonstration to the agency of progress toward reopening. A request by a licensee for an inactive license or to extend the previously approved inactive period must be submitted in writing to the agency, accompanied by written justification for the inactive license, which states the beginning and ending dates of inactivity and includes a plan for the transfer of any clients to other providers and appropriate licensure fees. Upon agency approval, the licensee shall notify clients of any necessary discharge or transfer as required by authorizing statutes or applicable rules. The beginning of the inactive licensure period shall be the date the provider ceases operations. The end of the inactive period shall become the license expiration date, and all licensure fees must be current, must be paid in full, and may be prorated. Reactivation of an inactive license requires the prior approval by the agency of a renewal application, including payment of licensure fees and agency inspections indicating compliance with all requirements of this part and applicable rules and statutes. 1421

(6) (4) The agency may adopt rules relating to emergency 1422 1423 management planning, communications, and operations. Licensees

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providing residential or inpatient services must utilize an 1424 1425 online database established and maintained approved by the 1426 agency to report information to the agency regarding the 1427 provider's emergency status, planning, or operations. The agency 1428 shall provide the Department of Health with direct access to the 1429 online database. The agency may adopt rules requiring other 1430 providers to use the online database for reporting the 1431 provider's emergency status, planning, or operations. 1432 Section 16. Paragraph (1) is added to subsection (1) of 1433 section 429.14, Florida Statutes, to read: 1434 429.14 Administrative penalties.-1435 In addition to the requirements of part II of chapter (1)1436 408, the agency may deny, revoke, and suspend any license issued 1437 under this part and impose an administrative fine in the manner 1438 provided in chapter 120 against a licensee for a violation of any provision of this part, part II of chapter 408, or 1439 1440 applicable rules, or for any of the following actions by a 1441 licensee, any person subject to level 2 background screening 1442 under s. 408.809, or any facility staff: 1443 (1) Failure to comply with the requirements for the 1444 comprehensive emergency management plan under this part or s. 1445 408.821. 1446 Section 17. Subsection (7) of section 429.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1447 1448 429.19 Violations; imposition of administrative fines;

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1449 grounds.-

1450 (7) In addition to any administrative fines imposed, the 1451 agency may assess a survey fee, equal to the lesser of one half 1452 of the facility's biennial license and bed fee or \$500, to cover 1453 the cost of conducting initial complaint investigations that 1454 result in the finding of a violation that was the subject of the 1455 complaint or monitoring visits conducted under <u>s. 429.34(2)(b)</u> 1456 <del>s. 429.28(3)(c)</del> to verify the correction of the violations.

1457 Section 18. Subsection (3) of section 429.28, Florida 1458 Statutes, is amended to read:

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429.28 Resident bill of rights.-

1460 The agency shall conduct a survey to determine (3)(a) general compliance with facility standards, requirements for the 1461 1462 comprehensive emergency management plan, and compliance with 1463 residents' rights as a prerequisite to initial licensure or 1464 licensure renewal. The agency shall adopt rules for uniform 1465 standards and criteria that will be used to determine compliance with facility standards, requirements for the comprehensive 1466 1467 emergency management plan, and compliance with residents' 1468 rights.

(b) In order to determine whether the facility is adequately protecting residents' rights, the biennial survey shall include private informal conversations with a sample of residents and consultation with the ombudsman council in the district in which the facility is located to discuss residents'

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1474	experiences within the facility.
1475	(c) During any calendar year in which no survey is
1476	conducted, the agency shall conduct at least one monitoring
1477	visit of each facility cited in the previous year for a class I
1478	or class II violation, or more than three uncorrected class III
1479	violations.
1480	(d) The agency may conduct periodic followup inspections
1481	as necessary to monitor the compliance of facilities with a
1482	history of any class I, class II, or class III violations that
1483	threaten the health, safety, or security of residents.
1484	(e) The agency may conduct complaint investigations as
1485	warranted to investigate any allegations of noncompliance with
1486	requirements required under this part or rules adopted under
1487	this part.
1488	Section 19. Subsection (2) of section 429.34, Florida
1489	Statutes, is amended to read:
1490	429.34 Right of entry and inspection
1491	(2) (a) In addition to the requirements of s. 408.811, the
1492	agency may inspect and investigate facilities as necessary to
1493	determine compliance with this part, part II of chapter 408, and
1494	rules adopted thereunder The agency shall inspect each licensed
1495	assisted living facility at least once every 24 months to
1496	determine compliance with this chapter and related rules. If an
1497	assisted living facility is cited for a class I violation or
1498	three or more class II violations arising from separate surveys
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1499 within a 60-day period or due to unrelated circumstances during 1500 the same survey, the agency must conduct an additional licensure 1501 inspection within 6 months. 1502 During any calendar year in which a survey is not (b) 1503 conducted, the agency may conduct monitoring visits of each facility cited in the previous year for a class I or class II 1504 1505 violation or for more than three uncorrected class III 1506 violations. 1507 The agency shall conduct periodic followup inspections (C) 1508 as necessary to monitor the compliance of facilities with a 1509 history of any violation related to the requirements for the 1510 comprehensive emergency management plan. 1511 Section 20. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 1512 429.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1513 429.41 Rules establishing standards.-1514 It is the intent of the Legislature that rules (1)1515 published and enforced pursuant to this section shall include 1516 criteria by which a reasonable and consistent quality of 1517 resident care and quality of life may be ensured and the results 1518 of such resident care may be demonstrated. Such rules shall also 1519 ensure a safe and sanitary environment that is residential and 1520 noninstitutional in design or nature. It is further intended that reasonable efforts be made to accommodate the needs and 1521 1522 preferences of residents to enhance the quality of life in a facility. Uniform firesafety standards for assisted living 1523

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1524 facilities shall be established by the State Fire Marshal 1525 pursuant to s. 633.206. The agency, in consultation with the 1526 department, may adopt rules to administer the requirements of 1527 part II of chapter 408. In order to provide safe and sanitary 1528 facilities and the highest quality of resident care 1529 accommodating the needs and preferences of residents, the 1530 department, in consultation with the agency, the Department of 1531 Children and Families, and the Department of Health, shall adopt 1532 rules, policies, and procedures to administer this part, which 1533 must include reasonable and fair minimum standards in relation 1534 to:

(b) The preparation and annual update of a comprehensive emergency management plan. Such standards must be included in the rules adopted by the department after consultation with the Division of Emergency Management.

1539 <u>1.</u> At a minimum, the rules must provide for plan 1540 components that address:

- a. Emergency evacuation transportation;
  - b. Adequate sheltering arrangements;

1543 <u>c.</u> Postdisaster activities, including provision of 1544 emergency power, food, and water;

- 1545 <u>d.</u> Postdisaster transportation;
- 1546 <u>e.</u> Supplies;
- 1547 <u>f. Hardening;</u>
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g. Staffing, including which staff are responsible for

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1549 implementing each element of the plan, how the facility will 1550 maintain staffing during emergencies, and whether and how the 1551 facility will accommodate family members of staff; 1552 h. Emergency equipment; 1553 i. Individual identification of residents and transfer of 1554 records; j. Communication with families; and 1555 1556 Responses to family inquiries. k. 1557 2. Facilities must include information in their plans 1558 about: Whether the facility is located in an evacuation zone; 1559 a. 1560 b. Whether the facility intends to shelter in place or 1561 relocate to another facility; 1562 c. Whether the facility has an emergency power source; 1563 How the facility will inform residents and the d. 1564 resident's designated family member, legal representative, or 1565 guardian when the emergency management plan has been activated; 1566 and 1567 e. A working phone number for the facility for use by the 1568 resident's designated family member, legal representative, or 1569 quardian to make contact postdisaster. 1570 3. A facility must provide to the agency, its residents, 1571 and the resident's designated family member, legal 1572 representative, or guardian the information in subparagraph 2. and an overview of the facility's comprehensive emergency 1573

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1574 management plan and, if appropriate, a description of the 1575 evacuation plan. The agency must post this information on its 1576 consumer information website. Any changes to this information must be provided to the agency, the facility's residents, and 1577 1578 the resident's designated family member, legal representative, 1579 or guardian within 30 days after the change takes effect. 1580 4. The comprehensive emergency management plan is subject 1581 to review and approval by the local emergency management agency. 1582 a. A facility must submit its plan to the local emergency 1583 management agency within 90 days after licensure and change of 1584 ownership and must notify the agency within 30 days after 1585 submission of the plan. 1586 b. Such plan must be submitted annually or within 30 days 1587 after any significant modification, as defined by agency rule, 1588 to a previously approved plan. 1589 During its review, the local emergency management с. 1590 agency shall ensure that the following agencies, at a minimum, 1591 are given the opportunity to review the plan: the Department of 1592 Elderly Affairs, the Department of Health, the Agency for Health 1593 Care Administration, and the Division of Emergency Management. 1594 Also, appropriate volunteer organizations must be given the 1595 opportunity to review the plan. The local emergency management agency shall complete 1596 d. 1597 its review within 60 days and either approve the plan or advise

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the facility of necessary revisions. A facility must submit the

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1599	requested revisions to the local emergency management agency
1600	within 30 days after receiving written notification from the
1601	local emergency management agency.
1602	e. A facility must notify the agency within 30 days after
1603	approval of its plan by the local emergency management agency.
1604	Section 21. (1) For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, 11 full-
1605	time equivalent positions, with associated salary rate of
1606	458,789, are authorized, and the sums of \$81,095 in recurring
1607	funds from the Administrative Trust Fund, \$706,525 in recurring
1608	funds from the Health Care Trust Fund, and \$60,134 in
1609	nonrecurring funds from the Health Care Trust Fund are
1610	appropriated to the Agency for Health Care Administration for
1611	the purpose of implementing the oversight and enforcement
1612	requirements of this act.
1613	(2) For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, \$300,000 in recurring
1614	funds from the Health Care Trust Fund are appropriated to the
1615	Agency for Health Care Administration for the purpose of
1616	implementing technology changes necessary to implement this act.
1617	(3) For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, 10 full-time equivalent
1618	positions with associated salary rate of 407,212 are authorized,
1619	and the sums of \$744,289 in recurring funds from the General
1620	Revenue Fund, \$562,140 in recurring funds from the County Health
1621	Department Trust Fund, \$44,740 in nonrecurring funds from the
1622	General Revenue Fund, and \$35,792 in nonrecurring funds from the
1623	County Health Department Trust Fund are appropriated to the
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1624	Department of Health for the purpose of implementing the special
1625	needs registry and comprehensive emergency management plan
1626	requirements of this act.
1627	(4) For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, \$879,955 in recurring
1628	funds from the General Revenue Fund and \$169,480 in nonrecurring
1629	funds from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated to the
1630	Department of Health for the purpose of implementing technology
1631	changes necessary to implement this act.
1632	Section 22. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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