

Section I Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

OIR – Insurance Regulation

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
69O-137.009 Filing Procedures for Commercial and
Personal Residential Property Supplemental
Report

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Rule 69O-137.009, F.A.C., is updated to change the rule title, delete inapplicable language, and adopt a revised Form OIR-DO-1185 which has been updated to amend language on Version, Instructions, and Contacts tabs. The revision adds five new data fields related to litigation data which match the fields required in NAIC Market Conduct Annual Statement reports. It also deletes the Data and V Data tabs as unneeded.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Market Intelligence Report

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 624.424(10), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 624.424(10), F.S.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 116 Larson Building, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida. To join by telephone, call (850)328-4354 and enter conference ID# 823-892-572#.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Kama Monroe at (850)413-4121 or Kama.Monroe@flor.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Kama Monroe, Assistant General Counsel, Kama.Monroe@flor.com, (850)413-4121.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

Section II Proposed Rules

NONE

Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Plant Industry

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
5B-52.001	Definitions and Purpose
5B-52.007	Planting Cotton in the Regulated Area and Required Participation
5B-52.0075	Planting Kenaf in the Regulated Area and Required Participation
5B-52.008	Treatment of Cotton in the Boll Weevil Regulated Area
5B-52.009	Submission of Reporting Forms, Assessments and Penalties for Late Payment, and Cotton Destruction
5B-52.010	Cotton Stalk Destruction
5B-52.011	Movement of Regulated Articles
5B-52.012	Issuance of Boll Weevil Certificates, Cancellations, and Attachments

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following technical change has been made to the above rule:

CHAPTER 5B-52

PINK BOLLWORM PESTS OF COTTON

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Podiatric Medicine

RULE NO.:	RULE TITLE:
64B18-11.001	Application for Licensure by Examination and Endorsement

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 51 No. 121, June 23, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

The correction is as follows: “eff. is being changed to rev.

(2) An applicant for licensure by endorsement pursuant to section 456.0145(2), F.S., shall submit as part of his or her application DH-MQA-5101 (~~rev.eff.~~ 4/2025), Mobile Opportunity by Interstate Licensure Endorsement (MOBILE), which is incorporated herein by reference and which may be obtained from

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18578> 17281, the Board office, or at the Board’s website

<https://floridaspodiatricmedicine.gov/>. Applicants for licensure shall meet and comply with all requirements in Section 456.0145(2), F.S.

The person to be contacted regarding this rule is: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Podiatric Medicine, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, at (850) 245-4462, or by email: Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov.

Section IV Emergency Rules

DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

RULE NO.: 2ER25-2
RULE TITLE: Addition of 7-Hydroxymitragynine (methyl (E)-2[(2S,3S,7aS,12bS)-3-ethyl-7a-hydroxy-8-methoxy-2,3,4,6,7,12b-hexahydro-1H-indolo[2,3-a]quinolizin-2-yl]-3-methoxyprop-2-enoate) concentrated at a level above four parts per million on a dry-weight basis TO SCHEDULE I, SUBSECTION 893.03(1)(a), F.S.

SPECIFIC REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE: In written findings published on the date this emergency rule was filed with the Secretary of State's Office, Attorney General James Uthmeier has found that there is a need to immediately place the above-mentioned substance under Schedule I, subsection 893.03(1)(a), F.S., in order to curtail its abuse by Florida's children, young adults, and others. These circumstances present an immediate and imminent hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare which requires emergency action. In addition, the Attorney General has found that the above-mentioned compound meets the statutory criteria for placement as a controlled substance in Schedule I, subsection 893.03(1)(a), F.S.

REASON FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: The above-mentioned compound presents an immediate and imminent hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare which requires emergency action, pursuant to section 893.035, F.S. The Attorney General will ask the Florida Legislature to memorialize this action through legislation in its 2026 legislative session. A copy of the Attorney General's findings in support of this emergency rule may be obtained by contacting the Office of the Attorney General, PL-01 The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050; (850) 245-0145.

SUMMARY: The proposed emergency rule adds 7-Hydroxymitragynine (methyl (E)-2[(2S,3S,7aS,12bS)-3-ethyl-7a-hydroxy-8-methoxy-2,3,4,6,7,12b-hexahydro-1H-indolo[2,3-a]quinolizin-2-yl]-3-methoxyprop-2-enoate)

concentrated at a level above four hundred parts per million on a dry-weight basis to Schedule I, subsection 893.03(1)(a), F.S. THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS: James Uthmeier, Attorney General, PL-01 The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050; (850)245-0145.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:

2ER25-2 Addition of 7-Hydroxymitragynine (methyl (E)-2[(2S,3S,7aS,12bS)-3-ethyl-7a-hydroxy-8-methoxy-2,3,4,6,7,12b-hexahydro-1H-indolo[2,3-a]quinolizin-2-yl]-3-methoxyprop-2-enoate) concentrated at a level above four hundred parts per million on a dry-weight basis TO SCHEDULE I, SUBSECTION 893.03(1)(a), F.S.

(1) Under the authority of Section 893.035, F.S., the following substance is hereby added to Schedule I,

subsection 893.03(1)(a), F.S.: 7-Hydroxymitragynine (methyl (E)-2[(2S,3S,7aS,12bS)-3-ethyl-7a-hydroxy-8-methoxy-2,3,4,6,7,12b-hexahydro-1H-indolo[2,3-a]quinolizin-2-yl]-3-methoxyprop-2-enoate) concentrated at a level above four hundred parts per million on a dry-weight basis. This designation does not apply to mitragynine.

(2) All provisions of Chapter 893, F.S., applicable to controlled substances listed in Schedule I shall be

applicable to the substances listed in subsection (1) above. Rulemaking Authority 893.035, F.S., Law Implemented 893.03, 893.035, F.S. History—New, Replaces 2ER25-1.

THIS RULE TAKES EFFECT UPON BEING FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNLESS A LATER TIME AND DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THE RULE.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 19, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

RULE NO.: 65CER22-1
RULE TITLE: Standards for Unaccompanied Alien Children and Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Programs

SPECIFIC REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE: On September 28, 2021, the Governor of the State of Florida signed Executive Order 21-223, declaring that the Biden administration's refusal to faithfully enforce federal immigration laws has led to an unprecedented surge of illegal border crossings at the southwest border of the United States. In July 2021 alone, over 213,000 persons attempted to illegally enter the United States at the southwest border, the highest number in more than 20 years, and another 209,840 persons attempted to illegally enter in August. Note 1. For the entire federal fiscal year of 2021, over 1.7 million foreign nationals were encountered at the southwest border attempting to enter

the country illegally. Note 2. In the first quarter of this federal fiscal year, the reported number of such encounters stands at more than 518,000. Note 3. By contrast, in the last full federal fiscal year of the previous administration (federal fiscal year 2020), there were fewer than 460,000 such encounters, and in the fiscal year before that (federal fiscal year 2019), there were fewer than 980,000 encounters. Note 4.

The Biden administration has taken numerous actions to cause and further exacerbate this border crisis. It terminated the previous administration's Migrant Protection Protocol (MPP) program (also known as the "Remain in Mexico" policy), reinstituted a "catch and release" policy, ended further construction of a border wall, and declined to detain and remove certain categories of illegal aliens who had been convicted of committing crimes. The administration's unlawful termination of MPP was successfully challenged in court, see *Texas v. Biden*, No. 21-10806 (5th Cir. Dec. 21, 2021), but the Biden administration is currently working to reimplement the program. Its other actions, however, remain in effect.

Notwithstanding that federal immigration law generally requires that aliens entering the United States without a clear right to be admitted (including applicants for asylum) must be detained pending further proceedings, see 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A), *id.* § 1225(b)(1)(B), the Biden administration has instead been releasing into the interior of the United States large numbers of illegal aliens apprehended at the southwest border. The U.S. Border Patrol released 60,559 illegal aliens from the southwest border in July 2021 alone and another 44,122 in August 2021, a massive increase from the 17 illegal aliens released in December 2020, the last full month of the previous administration. Note 5. During federal fiscal year 2021, the Border Patrol released in total more than 248,000 aliens apprehended at the southwest border, almost all of which occurred after January 2021. Note 6. This number does not reflect additional releases by other elements of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In an October 20, 2021 letter, DHS confirmed that at least 5,900 single illegal alien adults who were released at the southwest border have reported to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) field office in Florida. This number likely vastly underreports the number of released illegal aliens from the southwest border who have resettled in Florida because approximately 80% of aliens who are released at the border and are directed to report to an ICE office within 60 days reportedly fail to do so. Note 7. Because the Federal Government does not actively coordinate or consult with the State of Florida concerning the illegal aliens that it releases from the southwest border into the interior of the United States, the State of Florida has no knowledge about the backgrounds, criminal history, immigration status, or the status of removal proceedings for the aliens who have resettled in Florida. The State of Florida has brought a legal challenge to

the Biden administration's unlawful "catch and release" policy, which is now pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida. See First Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, *State of Florida v. United States*, No. 3:21-cv-01066-TKW-EMT (N.D. Fla. Feb. 1, 2022) (articulating harms to the State of Florida because of the Biden administration's "catch and release" policy).

The surge of foreign nationals attempting to enter illegally at the southwest border has included a large number of Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC), defined by federal law as a child who has no lawful immigration status; has not attained 18 years of age; and, with respect to whom, there is no parent or legal guardian in the United States, or no parent or legal guardian in the United States available to provide physical custody and care, see 6 U.S.C. § 279(g)(2). Over 146,000 encounters at the southwest border for federal fiscal year 2021 involved UAC or single minors, compared to approximately 33,000 in fiscal year 2020 and 80,000 in fiscal year 2019. Note 8. For federal fiscal year 2022, the number of such encounters has already reached more than 85,000. Note 9. Under existing federal law, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must take custody of these UAC and attempt to place them with sponsors in the United States until the UAC's immigration proceedings are completed. While the UAC await placement with a sponsor, HHS will often house the UAC in group home facilities or foster homes that are operated by private entities or individuals under contract with HHS and licensed by the states where the facilities or homes are located. It is estimated that at least 4,284 UAC were housed in group home facilities or foster homes in Florida over the last year. During federal fiscal year 2021, 11,145 UAC were placed with sponsors in Florida, more than the 10,773 UAC placed in California, a substantially larger state. Note 10. So far during federal fiscal year 2022, 6,659 UAC have already been placed in Florida. Note 11.

Neither DHS nor HHS actively coordinates or consults with the State of Florida, including the Department, on the UAC that are resettled in Florida. The State does not receive meaningful, if any, advance notice when UAC are transported to Florida and is not meaningfully consulted on the number of UAC that the State's child-caring resources and capacity could feasibly support without adversely affecting children already present in Florida and under the State's protection and care. Recently, the State of Florida discovered that, between May and October 2021, there were 78 flights that arrived in Florida likely transporting UAC. This occurred without advance notice to the Department and without the State's consent. The State is given no opportunity to object to the transportation or resettlement of UAC in Florida.

Moreover, the State receives no information on the background, criminal history, immigration status, status of removal

proceedings, or the sponsors of the UAC brought to Florida. See, e.g., Letter from Governor Ron DeSantis to DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, Resettlement of Illegal Aliens in Florida, Aug. 26, 2021; Letter from Acting ICE Director Tae Johnson to Governor Ron DeSantis, Oct. 20, 2021; Letter from DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to Governor Ron DeSantis, Nov. 24, 2021. UAC are regularly placed with sponsors without adequate follow-up by HHS or the placement entities to ensure the safety and welfare of the UAC. According to a recent report, between January and May 2021, federal contractors responsible for placing UAC with sponsors across the United States were unable to reach the minor or the sponsor in roughly one of every three attempts. Note 12. Nor does the State have any assurance that the UAC are, in fact, minors. As a result of the chaos at the southwest boarder, there is a significant risk of insufficient and inaccurate vetting of people claiming protection as UAC. Many UAC are male teenagers nearing adulthood, and some are gang members when they arrive or later become gang members. Note 13. Recently, a 24-year-old Honduran national was charged with murder in Florida after having falsely represented his age and having been released into the United States as a UAC. Note 14. In short, the Federal Government has failed to provide the State of Florida with sufficient answers to its requests for information on the resettlement of illegal aliens, including UAC, so that their safety and the safety and welfare of Florida's citizens, including children already present in Florida, can be secured. The Federal Government's failure to enforce federal immigration law and secure the border, as well as the absence of meaningful coordination and consultation concerning the resettlement of UAC in Florida, are an immediate danger to the safety and welfare of Floridians, including its most vulnerable children, as well as recently arrived UAC. (The Federal Government's conduct with respect to the resettlement of UAC in Florida stands in stark contrast to the Federal Government's conduct with respect to the resettlement of Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM), where the Federal Government has a cooperative agreement in place with the State of Florida.)

To date, the Department has generally granted licenses to facilities that sought to house UAC brought to Florida by HHS. In light of the crisis described above, Section 8 of Executive Order 21-223 directed the Department to "determine whether the resettlement of unaccompanied alien children in Florida from outside of the state constitutes 'evidence of need' under section 409.175(5)(b)(1), Florida Statutes, sufficient to justify the award of a license under Florida law to family foster homes, residential child-caring agencies, or child-placing agencies that seek to provide services for unaccompanied alien children." "To the extent that such resettlement of unaccompanied alien children in Florida is determined not to constitute 'evidence of need' under Florida law," the executive order directed the Department to "amend, if necessary, Florida Administrative

Code Rule 65C-46.022, 'Standards for Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) Homes and Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Programs,' in accordance with state law, to reflect the Department's determination." In this Emergency Rule, the Department determines that an application for issuance or renewal of a license to house UAC or URM, who are being resettled in Florida from outside of the state, does not constitute "evidence of need," § 409.175(5)(b)1, Florida Statutes, "to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all children in the state" cared for by residential child-caring agencies, § 409.175(1)(a), Florida Statutes, in the absence of a cooperative agreement between the State of Florida and the Federal Government in which the State of Florida is entitled, at a minimum, to advance notice and meaningful consultation before the resettlement of such UAC or URM in Florida. The Emergency Rule also prohibits existing licensees from adding to their existing UAC population and imposes additional requirements to ensure that such licensees protect the safety and welfare of UAC that they place with sponsors in the state.

Given the ongoing crisis at the border, including the Federal Government's failure to enforce federal immigration law and to secure the border, the resettlement of UAC in Florida, its ongoing refusal to provide meaningful coordination and consultation, its failure to provide adequate protection for and supervision of UAC once they are placed with sponsors in the state, and its failure to adequately screen purported UAC (as evidenced by the recent murder charge brought against an adult foreign national who misrepresented his age to gain entry to the United States), emergency rulemaking is justified and necessary.

Note 1: Rebecca Beitsch, US-Mexico July Border Crossings Hit 20 Year High, *The Hill* (Aug. 12, 2021), <https://thehill.com/policy/national-security/567647-us-mexico-july-border-crossings-near-20-year-high>; see U.S. Customs & Border Prot., Southwest Land Border Encounters, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters> (last updated May 3, 2022) (showing 213,593 for July and 209,840 for August).

Note 2: U.S. Customs & Border Prot., Southwest Land Border Encounters, *supra* note 1.

Note 3: *Id.*

Note 4: *Id.*

Note 5: See U.S. Customs & Border Prot., Custody and Transfer Statistics FY2021, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/custody-and-transfer-statistics-fy2021> (last accessed November 20, 2024).

Note 6: See *id.*

Note 7: See Mark Krikorian, Immigration Enforcement on the Honor System, <https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/immigration-enforcement-on-the-honor-system/> (July 16, 2021). In addition,

between federal fiscal year 2008 and 2019, “32 percent of aliens referred to [immigration courts] absconded into the United States” and did not report to their hearings. See Memorandum Opinion and Order, *Texas v. Biden*, No. 2:21-CV-067-Z, 2021 WL 3603341, at *4 (N.D. Tex. Aug. 13, 2021).

Note 8: See U.S. Customs & Border Prot., *Southwest Land Border Encounters*, supra note 1.

Note 9: See *id.*

Note 10: See Office of Refugee Resettlement, *Unaccompanied Children Released to Sponsors by State* (June 24, 2021), <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/grant-funding/unaccompanied-children-released-sponsors-state>.

Note 11: See *id.*

Note 12: See Stef W. Knight, *Exclusive: Government Can’t Reach One-in-Three Released Migrant Kids* (Sept. 1, 2021), <https://www.axios.com/migrant-children-biden-administration-a597fd98-03a7-415c-9826-9d0b5aaba081.html>.

Note 13: See Camilo Montoya-Galvez, *U.S. Shelters Received a Record 122,000 Unaccompanied Migrant Children in 2021*, CBS News (Dec. 23, 2021), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/immigration-122000-unaccompanied-migrant-children-us-shelters-2021/> (stating that nearly three-quarters of unaccompanied minors encountered at the border during the 2021 fiscal year were believed to be ages 15 to 17 and roughly two-thirds of the total were males); Kerry J. Byrne, *The Number of Adult Migrants Posing as Children at Border Surging*, N.Y. Post (Nov. 13, 2021), <https://nypost.com/2021/11/13/the-number-of-adult-migrants-posing-as-children-at-border-surging/> (reporting that about “30% of the MS-13 members arrested in recent years by ICE originally entered the U.S. as unaccompanied minors”); see also Written testimony of CBP U.S. Border Patrol Acting Chief of Carla Provost for a Senate Committee on the Judiciary hearing titled “The MS-13 Problem: Investigating Gang Membership As Well As Its Nexus to Illegal Immigration, and Assessing Federal Efforts to End the Threat”, Department of Homeland Security (June 21, 2017), <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2017/06/21/written-testimony-cbp-senate-committee-judiciary-hearing-titled-ms-13-problem#fn3>; Unaccompanied child immigration loophole releases MS-13 gang members, AP News (Jan. 13, 2019), <https://apnews.com/article/5d2784fb7c909b43791d6aea63339a6c>.

Note 14: See Adam Shaw, *Honduran Illegal Immigrant Charged with Murder Entered US Falsely Claiming to be Unaccompanied Minor: Report* (Nov. 4, 2021), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/honduran-illegal-immigrant-charged-murder-entered-us-unaccompanied-minor>.
REASON FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: The procedure is

fair under the circumstances because the Emergency Rule ends the State’s practice of facilitating the Federal Government’s UAC resettlement program without terminating existing licenses or otherwise permanently foreclosing the issuance of licenses for UAC in the future. Instead, going forward, the State will require a meaningful cooperative agreement with the Federal Government, including a commitment to resume full enforcement of the immigration laws and to secure the border, before issuing or renewing licenses for housing UAC. (The same principle will apply for licenses to house URM, but there is a cooperative agreement with the Federal Government already in place.) In the meantime, existing licensees will not be permitted to add to their existing UAC population and will be subject to additional obligations to ensure the welfare and safety of the UAC whom they place with sponsors in Florida, but their existing licenses will not be cancelled.

SUMMARY: The Emergency Rule addresses licensing requirements for any residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home seeking to provide services for UAC or URM. The Department has adopted Rule 65C-9.004, F.A.C., but it is awaiting legislative ratification. This rule provides that the resettlement of UAC or URM by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) into Florida does not constitute “evidence of need” under section 409.175(5)(b)1, Florida Statutes, “to protect the health, safety, and well-being of all children in the state” cared for by residential child-caring agencies, § 409.175(1)(a), in the absence of a cooperative agreement between the State of Florida and the Federal Government. The Emergency Rule also prohibits existing licensees from adding to their UAC population and requires such licensees to conduct welfare checks of the UAC whom they place with sponsors in Florida.

The proposed rule is pending legislative ratification.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS: Elizabeth Floyd at Elizabeth.Floyd@myflfamilies.com or (850)488-2381.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:

65CER22-1 Standards for Unaccompanied Alien Children and Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Programs (Renewal).

(1) Any residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home, as those terms are defined in 409.175(2), F.S., seeking to provide services for Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) and Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) must meet licensing requirements herein in addition to the program standards for the type of license sought.

(2) For purposes of section 409.175(5)(b)1, F.S., which requires “evidence of need” to obtain a license, and section

409.175(1)(a), F.S., which provides that the purpose of the licensure requirement is to “protect the health, safety, and well-being of all children in the state” who are cared for by residential child-caring agencies or family foster homes, or placed by child-placing agencies, the planned and organized resettlement of UAC or URM by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services does not constitute evidence of need as required for issuance or renewal of a license for a residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home that seeks to provide services to such UAC or URM, unless such resettlement is governed by a cooperative agreement between the State of Florida and the United States Government. In the absence of such cooperative agreement, no license will be issued or renewed with respect to any residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home that applies to provide services for UAC or URM resettling to Florida, and any residential child-caring agency, child-placing agency, or family foster home providing such services under a current license to UAC or URM who have already resettled in Florida may not further place or take placement of any additional UAC or URM until a cooperative agreement is entered. For purposes of this rule, the term “resettlement” means the transportation of persons to Florida for the purpose of temporarily or permanently residing in Florida. The Department has no obligation to enter or renew a cooperative agreement with the United States Government for the resettlement of UAC or URM to Florida, and the Department may revoke or decline to enter or renew such agreement.

(3) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency, whichever is applicable, must ensure a contractual or grant agreement was executed between ORR and the child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency in order to provide care and services to UAC.

(4) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency, whichever is applicable, must ensure a contractual or grant agreement was executed between the U.S. Government and the State of Florida in order to provide care and services to URM.

(5) Care and supervision of UAC, URM, and dependent youth may not be provided in the same home or under the same license. The child-placing agency must ensure foster parents comply with this requirement.

(6) For a residential child-caring agency, the director and direct care staff must sign and comply with the plan applicable to the licensed setting. For a foster home, the child-placing agency must ensure the foster parents sign and comply with the plan applicable to the licensed setting. Residential child-caring agencies, child-placing agencies, or foster homes that provide services for UAC must use the “Plan for Unaccompanied Alien

Children” Form, CF-FSP 5488, February 2022, incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14108>. Residential child-caring agencies, child-placing agencies, or foster homes that provide services for URM must use the “Partnership Plan for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors,” Form CF-FSP 5487, February 2022, incorporated by reference and available at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14107>.

(7) The residential child-caring agency or child-placing agency, whichever is applicable, must conduct in-person welfare checks of any UAC that it places, or assists in placing, with a sponsor after the effective date of this rule to ensure each child’s safety and well-being.

(a) The welfare checks must be completed a minimum of once every six months until one of the following occurs:

1. The child reaches the age of 18;
2. The child permanently leaves Florida;
3. The child is removed from the United States;
4. The child is granted lawful immigration status; or
5. The residential child-caring agency or child-placing agency closes or is no longer licensed.

(b) The welfare checks must include:

1. Verifying the identity of the child through previously submitted photographs obtained by the child-placing or residential child-caring agency;
2. Taking a photograph of the child;
3. Looking for any unusual marks on visible parts of the body;
4. Speaking with the child about any issues he or she may be experiencing; and
5. Speaking with the caregiver about the child’s well-being and basic needs.

(c) The child-caring or child-placing agency must report the results of the welfare checks to the Department or, if applicable, the Florida Abuse Hotline as follows:

1. Suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect must be immediately reported to the Florida Abuse Hotline in accordance with Chapter 39, F.S.

2. If the welfare check does not reveal any of the incidents described in (7)(c)1. of this rule, then the report must be made no later than the fifth (5th) day of the month following the date the welfare check was conducted, e.g., if a welfare check is completed on January 15, then the report must be made no later than February 5. The report must include the following:

- a. Name of the child and date of birth.
- b. Date the welfare check was conducted.
- c. Name of the child’s caregiver.
- d. Location of the in-person welfare check.

e. Statement affirming that there were no presenting issues or concerns.

f. Any indication that the child is no longer residing in or is temporarily relocated from the sponsor's home, to include that the child has been determined to be missing or the child's whereabouts are unknown.

(8) Any child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency that provides care to URM must adhere to all contractual and federal case management requirements when conducting in-person child welfare checks.

(9) The residential child-caring agency must ensure all direct care staff complete training hours on immigration in child welfare, cultural awareness, and human trafficking related topics, as outlined in section 4.3.6. of the Office of Refugee and Resettlement UAC Program Policy, March 11, 2019, incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13072>. The child-placing agency must ensure foster parents complete training hours outlined in 65C-45.002, F.A.C.

(10) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency must provide a copy of its education plan outlining how education will be provided.

(11) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency must develop policies and procedures on the administration and management of medication. A licensed health care provider must write or verbally order all nonprescription medications. Verbal orders must be documented in the child's file. The residential child-caring agency or child-placing agency must align all health and safety policies with ORR guidelines.

(12) The child-placing agency or residential child-caring agency must notify the Department of any changes in the contract/grant agreement with ORR, and submit an updated copy, to include ORR's decision to no longer utilize the facility.

(13) For purposes of this rule, the term "Unaccompanied Alien Child" has the same meaning as in 6 U.S.C. § 279(g)(2), and the term "Unaccompanied Refugee Minor" means an unaccompanied minor, as defined in 45 C.F.R. §400.111, who has met the federal eligibility standards for placement into the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program.

(14) This Emergency Rule will expire on November 18, 2025.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: August 20, 2025.

Rulemaking Authority 409.175(5) FS. Law Implemented 409.175 FS. History-New 2-11-22, Renewed 3-9-22, 6-7-22, 9-5-22, 12-4-22, 3-4-23, 6-2-23, 8-31-23, 11-29-23, 2-27-24, 5-27-24, 8-25-24, 11-23-24, 2-21-25, 5-22-25, 8-20-25.

THIS RULE TAKES EFFECT UPON BEING FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNLESS A LATER TIME AND DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THE RULE.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 20, 2025

NOTE: The full text of Emergency Rules that are currently in effect can be viewed by going to <https://flrules.org/Notice/emergencyRules.asp>.

Section V Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

NONE

Section VI Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Florida Department of Education announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: August 29, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier.

PLACE: Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399; All attendees must check in at the security desk and provide identification for security purposes.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Instructional Materials adoption for K-12 Mathematics and K-12 Computer Science. Public bid opening.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Laurel.Garrison@fldoe.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Laurel.Garrison@fldoe.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Laurel.Garrison@fldoe.org

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

The Department of Education announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: August 27, 2025, 9:00 a.m. ET.

PLACE: Microsoft Teams-
https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YTEyOTlInZUtYmZhNy00NTY1LTlhOGYtYWFjM2VIYzg5ZDYz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-

1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%223e5bde2-878e-4e3e-bbb5-b6ac4b91fd4b%22%7d

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Meeting of the Charter School Review Commission. The meeting agenda will consist of the approval of the minutes from the February 26, 2025 meeting. Items for consideration include actions related to the charter school application submitted for approval.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/charter-schools/review-commission.shtml>.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Vicki Pineda at Vicki.Pineda@fldoe.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Vicki Pineda at Vicki.Pineda@fldoe.org

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Florida Public Service Commission announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, September 4, 2025, immediately following the Internal Affairs meeting, after the Commission's regularly scheduled Agenda Conference which commences at 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center, Room 148, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Undocketed – In Re: Review of Ten-Year Site Plans of Electric Utilities. The purpose of this workshop is to afford an opportunity for discussion and public comment on the 2025 ten-year site plans submitted by Florida's electric utilities. One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in this workshop.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Office of Commission Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, or by telephone at (850)413-6770.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least five days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the Office of Commission Clerk at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or (850)413-6770. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Carlos Marquez, Esq. at (850)413-6212 or CMarquez@psc.state.fl.us by noon on Tuesday, September 2, 2025. Written comments must be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, and should reference the title of the workshop: "Review of the 2025 Ten-Year Site Plans for Electric Utilities." A livestream of the workshop will be available at: <https://www.floridapsc.com/watch-archive-psc-events>.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF MEETING:

If settlement of the case or a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the proceedings, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation will also be provided on the Commission's website (<http://www.floridapsc.com>) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at (850)413-6199.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Emerald Coast Regional Council

The Bay County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: August 27, 2025, 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Bayway Public Transit System Administration Facility, 1010 Cone Ave., Panama City, FL 32401.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Bay County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board will hold a public meeting at 3:30 p.m. at the Bayway Public Transit System Administration Facility, 1010 Cone Ave., Panama City, FL 32401.

Advisory Committees Meeting Times:

CAC: 11:00 a.m.

TCC: 1:30 p.m.

The TPO Board and advisory committee meetings will be held in person at the location listed above. However, for the convenience of community members, the meetings will also be accessible online via GoToWebinar or by phone.

Join us live via GoToWebinar!

Register to Attend: Visit the ECRC Meeting Stage webpage at ecrc.org/VirtualPublicMeetings.

Select the meeting you would like to attend and complete the registration form. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with your personalized link to join the webinar.

Join the Webinar: At the scheduled time, click the link in your confirmation email and choose your preferred audio option.

Computer Audio (Recommended): You will be connected using your computer's microphone and speakers (VoIP).

Use Telephone: If you prefer to dial in, select "Use Telephone" after joining the webinar and call the number provided.

View the Full Agenda: Visit <http://www.ecrc.org/BAYTPOMeetings>.

Public input is important to the TPO; we encourage our community members to share their feedback in the way that works best for them. To submit a comment or learn more about how to participate, visit <http://www.ecrc.org/BAYTPOMeetings>. All comments received will be shared with the TPO Board for consideration. For questions or additional information, please contact marketing@ecrc.org.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations to access meetings and limited English proficiency are available upon request. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or need translation services should contact Marketing & Outreach toll-free at 1(800)226-8914 or TTY 711 at least 48 hours in advance.

Para información en español, puede llamar a Annie Arguello al (850)332-7976, ext. 226 o TTY 711. Si necesita acomodaciones especiales, llame con 48 horas de antemano o TTY 711. Participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who believe they have experienced discrimination may file a complaint with the Title VI Coordinator, (850)332-7976, ext. 203.

The Emerald Coast Regional Council staffs the Bay County Transportation Planning Organization, a regional entity providing professional technical assistance, planning, coordinating, and advisory services to local governments, state and federal agencies, and the public to preserve and enhance the quality of life in northwest Florida.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: marketing@ecrc.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Marketing and Outreach toll-free at (800)226-8914 or TTY 711, or by emailing marketing@ecrc.org. Para informacion en espanol, puede llamar a Ada Clark al (850)332-7976, ext. 278 o TTY 711. Si necesita acomodaciones especiales, por favor llame 48 horas de antemano. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: August 28, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hybrid Meeting in-Person at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Suwannee Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard,

Lake City, Florida, and via Communications Media Technology.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Clearinghouse Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Meeting access via communications media technology in the following format:

DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1(888)585-9008

CONFERENCE CODE: 381 777 570

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 business days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (352)955-2200. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board or its committees with respect to any matter considered at the meetings, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: August 28, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hybrid Meeting in-Person at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Santa Fe Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida, and via Communications Media Technology.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Executive Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Meeting access via communications media technology in the following format:

DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1(888)585-9008

CONFERENCE CODE: 568 124 316

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: August 28, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hybrid Meeting in-Person at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Suwannee Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida, and via Communications Media Technology.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

Meeting access via communications media technology in the following format:

To join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
<https://meet.goto.com/200081933>

DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll Free: 1(866)899-4679

ACCESS CODE: 200 081 933

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 business days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (352)955-2200. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council

The Northeast Florida Regional Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: September 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 40 E. Adams Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Regular Meeting and a Strategic Planning Session to include agency SWOT analysis. Please visit www.nefrc.org for any changes.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: (904)279-0880.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (904)279-0880. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Northeast Florida Regional Planning Council

The Northeast Florida Regional Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: September 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Personnel, Budget & Finance; 10:00 a.m. Board of Directors.

PLACE: 40 East Adams Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Regular Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: (904)279-0880.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (904)279-0880. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: (904)279-0880

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

The Agency on Bay and Coastal Management announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: September 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: This is a hybrid meeting with both in-person and virtual options for attendance.

4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., STE 100, Pinellas Park, Florida 33782

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88927389025?pwd=ZbBXavwTNba9QbbV1FLDwssqyM2whb.1>

Meeting ID: 889 2738 9025

Passcode: 086002

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Agency on Bay and Coastal Management (ABCM) serves as a broad-based forum for open discussion of the myriad issues involving the estuary, and as a voice for protection, restoration, and wise use of Tampa Bay by the entire region.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Maria Robles, maria@tbrpc.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 4 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Maria Robles, maria@tbrpc.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Maria Robles, maria@tbrpc.org

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council/LEPC District 9 announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, August 28, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82356566293?pwd=cYExmYgSga0XG9LoiXzpsDERw2nr92.1>

Join by phone: 1(929)205-6099

Meeting ID: 823 5656 6293

Passcode: 354531

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Quarterly meeting of the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Asmaa Odeh, aodeh@swfrpc.org.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Asmaa Odeh, aodeh@swfrpc.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Asmaa Odeh, aodeh@swfrpc.org.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Professional Geologists

The Board of Professional Geologists announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 22, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: The Celeste Hotel, Orlando, 4105 N Alafaya Trail, Orlando, FL 32826

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General Business Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Board of Professional Geologists, 2601 Blair Stone Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1984.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Board of Professional Geologists, 2601 Blair Stone Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1984. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Board of Professional Geologists, 2601 Blair Stone Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)717-1984.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Massage Therapy

The DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Board of Massage Therapy announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: September 3, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: <https://meet.goto.com/FL-BOMT/pcppublic>

Telephone: 1(866)899-4679; Access code: 423-972-773

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Reconsideration of cases for which a determination of probable cause has already been made.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: <https://floridasmassagetherapy.gov/meeting-information/>

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: MQA.MassageTherapy@flhealth.gov. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: MQA.MassageTherapy@flhealth.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday October 17, 2025, 9:00 a.m. E.T. or soon after.

PLACE: UPDATED: Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/216185421>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Access Code: 216-185-421

United States (Toll Free): 1(866)899-4679

United States: +1(571)317-3116

This notice replaces Notice ID: 29531764

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The general business of the Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: <https://floridasspeechaudiology.gov/meeting-information/>

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: <https://floridasspeechaudiology.gov/meeting-information/>. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: <https://floridasspeechaudiology.gov/meeting-information/>

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Council of Licensed Midwifery

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B24-7.004 Risk Assessment

The Council of Licensed Midwifery announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: DATE AND TIME: August 28, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: PLACE: Virtually via GoTo; Meeting at <https://meet.goto.com/fldoh-clm/councilmeeting> or Call-in number - (877)309-2073; Access code: 594-011-693

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: A Rule Development Workshop will be held at the date, time and place shown above.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: <https://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/midwifery/meetings/index.html>

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Stephanie Webster, Executive Director, at Stephanie.Webster@FLHealth.gov or (850)245-4162. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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For more information, you may contact: Stephanie Webster, Executive Director, at Stephanie.Webster@FLHealth.gov or (850)245-4162.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support
The Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight, Emergency Medical Services Section announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: October 1, 2025, 8:00 a.m.; October 2, 2025, 8:00 a.m.; October 3, 2025, 8:30 a.m. EDT

PLACE: Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation, 124 South Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The EMS Advisory Council is meeting to conduct the general business of the council in accordance with section 401.245, Florida Statutes. Virtual attendance will be available. Please visit the EMS Advisory Council web page for virtual links, schedules, agendas, and additional information at <https://tinyurl.com/EMSAC-FL>.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Shireka Davis at Shireka.Davis2@FLHealth.gov.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Shireka Davis at Shireka.Davis2@FLHealth.gov. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency

using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Shireka Davis at Shireka.Davis2@FLHealth.gov.

SUNSHINE STATE ONE CALL OF FLORIDA

The Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc., d/b/a Sunshine 811 announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: September 3, 2025. Noon to 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: This meeting will be held in-person only.

In Person – registration required due to limited space

Tampa Bay Regional Damage Prevention Council
Columbia Restaurant Ybor City, 2117 E. 7th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605

Register to attend in person here:
<https://app.coursettra.com/4iq/publicseminar/20250903TBDPC>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
Brief update from Sunshine 811, issues within the 811-system brought forth by attendees for discussion and collaboration.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Agenda

- Introductions
- Sunshine 811 Update
- Open Discussion of one-call system and Sunshine 811 issues
- Closing Statements

For more information, you may contact: Brian Dean, Safety Education Liaison, brian.dean@sunshine811.com

QUEST CORPORATION OF AMERICA, INC.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: In-Person at Mascotte Civic Center and virtually

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a project open house about plans to build a new multi-use trail along State Road (S.R.) 50 from Villa City Road to north of American Legion Road (FPID no. 452915-1)

The purpose of this project is to fill a gap within the Coast-to-Coast Trail system and to enhance pedestrian connectivity with new midblock crossings. The open house is being held to present information and receive community feedback.

The in-person open house will be held at the Mascotte Civic Center, 121 N. Sunset Ave., Mascotte, FL 34753. Attendees will be able to view a looping presentation and project displays, speak with project team members, and submit comments or questions.

To provide additional flexibility for stakeholders, the FDOT is also offering online opportunities to get involved:

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Join an online webinar at 5:30 p.m. to watch a project presentation and submit written questions or comments using the webinar questions box. To attend using this option, register at

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/44111553373721470> 40. Please make sure to provide adequate time to log in to view the presentation in its entirety.

• Visit the project website at your convenience at www.cflroads.com/project/452915-1. Visitors to the page may watch the project presentation, view project exhibits, and submit comments and questions directly to the project manager. Project materials will be available beginning Wednesday, August 27 and will be the same as what will be shared at the in-person open house. While the information will remain on the website throughout the project, please provide comments or questions by September 8, 2025, to have the comments included in the open house record.

If you are unable to attend the open house or participate online, you may contact the FDOT project manager directly at the phone number listed below.

FDOT is seeking feedback from nearby property owners, business owners, interested persons, organizations, and the general public about this project and the proposed improvements.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to FDOT compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Melissa McKinney, FDOT District Five Title VI Coordinator, at Melissa.McKinney@dot.state.fl.us.

Information about this project is also available online at www.cflroads.com. Simply type 452915-1 in the search box, click “go” and then select the project. We encourage you to participate in the S.R. 50 Multi-Use Trail open house.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: n/a

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Carolyn Fitzwilliam at (386)943-5221 or by email at Carolyn.Fitzwilliam@dot.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: FDOT Project Manager, Jude Jean-Francois, by phone at (386)943-5487, by email at Jude.Jean-Francois@dot.state.fl.us, or U.S. mail at Florida Department of Transportation, 719 South Woodland Blvd., M.S. 542, DeLand, FL 32720

Section VII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Declaratory Statements

NONE

Section VIII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding the Validity of Rules

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Section IX
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges

NONE

Section X
Announcements and Objection Reports of
the Joint Administrative Procedures
Committee

NONE

Section XI
Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and
Purchasing

NONE

Section XII
Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraphs 120.55(1)(b)7. – 8., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 13, 2025, and 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
2ER25-2	8/19/2025	8/19/2025
5H-25.001	8/19/2025	9/8/2025
12E-1.015	8/15/2025	9/4/2025
12E-1.037	8/15/2025	9/4/2025
53ER25-45	8/18/2025	8/19/2025
64B2-16.007	8/15/2025	9/4/2025
64B4-5.001	8/15/2025	9/4/2025
64B8-42.001	8/15/2025	9/4/2025
64B8-42.002	8/18/2025	9/7/2025
64B8-51.002	8/15/2025	9/4/2025
64B8-51.004	8/15/2025	9/4/2025
65A-1.605	8/14/2025	9/3/2025
65C-28.011	8/14/2025	9/3/2025
65CER22-1	8/18/2025	8/20/2025
LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES		
Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
14-10.0043	4/11/2025	**/**/****
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/****
64B8-10.003	12/9/2015	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid

State Plan Amendment

The Agency for Health Care Administration is requesting an amendment to the Medicaid State Plan. The amendment updates state plan to reimburse prescribe drugs at a rate no less than the acquisition price. This amendment to the State Plan will have no federal fiscal impact for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2025-26 and FFY 2026-2027. The effective date for this amendment will be September 30, 2025.

For further information, interested parties may contact: Devona Pickle, Bureau of Medicaid Policy, 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop 20, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5407; telephone: (850)412-4646; or e-mail: Devona.Pickle@ahca.myflorida.com.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid

State Plan Amendment

The Agency for Health Care Administration is requesting an amendment to the Medicaid State Plan. The amendment updates state plan coverage and payment for adult vaccines and vaccine administration recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), without recipient cost sharing, in accordance with the federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), 2022. This amendment to the State Plan will have no federal fiscal impact for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2025-2026 and FFY 2026-2027. The effective date for this amendment will be September 30, 2025.

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Medicaid

State Plan Amendment

The Agency for Health Care Administration is requesting an amendment to the Medicaid State Plan. The amendment adds language to allow the state to enter into a pharmacy value-based purchasing contract arrangement. It also incorporates technical and editorial revisions. This amendment to the State Plan will have no federal fiscal impact for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2025-26 and FFY 2026-2027. The effective date for this amendment will be September 30, 2025.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Volkswagen Settlement – Draft Updates to Florida’s Beneficiary Mitigation Plan

Division of Air Resource Management

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is publishing Draft Updates to Florida’s Beneficiary Mitigation Plan under the Volkswagen Settlement’s Environmental Mitigation Trust for State Beneficiaries (Final Trust Agreement) for a public comment period of thirty (30) days. The purpose of the Mitigation Trust is to provide money for mobile source emissions mitigation projects to mitigate the excess nitrogen oxides emissions caused by certain Volkswagen vehicles operating without the legally required emissions controls. On October 4, 2019, consistent with the requirements of the Final Trust Agreement, Florida adopted its State Beneficiary Mitigation Plan. Florida’s Beneficiary Mitigation Plan fulfills the required elements listed in the Final Trust Agreement, including how Florida will spend the settlement funds allotted to the state. The Draft Updates to Florida’s Beneficiary Mitigation Plan provides information on projects completed to date under three Eligible Mitigation Actions and proposes to reassign the remaining settlement funds allocated to the State of Florida to two additional Eligible Mitigation Actions. The Draft Updates to Florida’s Beneficiary Mitigation Plan is available for review on the Department’s webpage at <https://floridadep.gov/volkswagen>. All public comments must be submitted via email to VWMitigation@FloridaDEP.gov by 5:00 p.m. EDT, on Friday, September 19, 2025. At that time, the Department will consider all public comments and finalize the Updates to Florida’s Beneficiary Mitigation Plan for submittal to the Trustee. For more information about the Volkswagen Settlement and the Department’s activities under Florida’s Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, please visit the Department’s webpage at: <https://floridadep.gov/volkswagen>. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

Section XIII

Index to Rules Filed During Preceding Week

NOTE: The above section will be published on Tuesday beginning October 2, 2012, unless Monday is a holiday, then it will be published on Wednesday of that week.
