

Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
59G-13.081 Developmental Disabilities Individual
Budgeting Waiver Services Provider Rate
Table

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the amendment to Rule 59G-13.081, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), is to incorporate by reference the Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver Services Provider Rate Table, July 2026. The revised rate table includes a uniform rate increase pursuant to HB 5001, the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver Services Provider Rate Table.

An additional area to be addressed during the workshop will be the potential regulatory impact Rule 59G-13.081, F.A.C., will have as provided for under sections 120.54 and 120.541, F.S.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 409.919 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 409.902, 409.906, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913 FS.

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: September 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5407.

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 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: MedicaidRuleComments@ahca.myflorida.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: Carolina De La Rocha via MedicaidRuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com or by phone (850)412-4003. Workshop requests must be in writing and submitted by 12:00 p.m., September 7, 2026. Please note that a preliminary draft of the reference material, if available, will be

posted at <https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/rules/rules-in-process.html>. Official comments to be entered into the rule record will be received until 5:00 p.m., September 15, 2026, and may be emailed to MedicaidRuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

59G-13.081 Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver Services Provider Rate Table.

(1) No change.

(2) Florida Medicaid reimburses providers in accordance with the Florida Medicaid Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver Services Provider Rate Table, ~~July 1 2026~~ ~~October 1 2025~~, incorporated by reference. The rate table is available on the Agency for Health Care Administration's website at <https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/rules.html>, ~~<http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/review/index.shtml>~~, and at <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20058> ~~<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18974>~~.

Rulemaking Authority 409.919 FS. Law Implemented 409.902, 409.906, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913 FS. History—New 5-29-06, Amended 11-15-07, 10-13-08, 3-13-13, 3-14-16, 8-3-16, 6-10-18, 12-15-20, 9-6-21, 5-18-23, 1-4-24, 4-30-25, 10-12-25, 3-12-26. Florida Medicaid Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver Services Provider Rate Table October 1 2025, is being substantially rewrote. See <https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18974> for present text.

Section II

Proposed Rules

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS

Office of Public and Professional Guardians

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
58M-2.001	Professional Guardian Registration and Credit Investigation
58M-2.002	Credit History Screening
58M-2.003	Professional Guardian Coursework and Competency Examination
58M-2.004	Annual Renewal of Professional Guardian Registration
58M-2.006	Professional Guardian Monitoring
58M-2.007	Electronic Fingerprint Criminal History Record Check
58M-2.010	Complaint Investigation and Procedures
58M-2.011	Disciplinary Action and Guidelines

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rules update existing rules and add new rules related to the registration of profession

guardians, adding rules related to annual renewals, professional guardian monitoring, and complaint investigation and close-out procedures

SUMMARY: Provides the requirements for registration as a professional guardian and for registration renewals, including the process for screening an applicant's credit history, the required education coursework and competency, and criminal background screening. Provides the process for investigating complaints against professional guardians and disciplinary actions and guidelines for violations of the standards of care.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this rule will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The department's economic analysis of the adverse impact of potential regulatory costs of the proposed rule did not exceed any of the criteria established in Section 120.541(2)(a), Florida Statutes. The proposed rules are being amended to comply with statutory changes, update incorporated forms, national standards, references to incorporated material, qualifier eligibility, testing requirements, consumer protection, definition, and penalties. There are no increased regulatory costs associated with these revisions. No interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 744.2002(6), 744.2003(6)(b), 744.2004(1), 744.2004(4), 744.3135(5)(b), FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 744.2001, 744.2002, 744.2003, 744.2004, 744.20041, FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW (IF NOT REQUESTED, THIS HEARING WILL NOT BE HELD):

DATE AND TIME: September 23, 2026; 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way, Conference Room 225F, Check in with security desk. Microsoft Teams join on your computer, mobile app or room device by copy and pasting the link below:
<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/ap/t->

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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: Kyle Harmer, Operations Manager, Office of Public and Professional Guardians, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)414-2030, oppinfo@elderaffairs.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).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Kyle Harmer, Operations Manager, Office of Public and Professional Guardians, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)414-2030, oppinfo@elderaffairs.org.

THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

Substantial rewording of Rule 58M-2.001, F.A.C. follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

58M-2.001 Professional Guardian Registration and Credit Investigation.

(1) All Professional Guardians, as defined in section 744.102(17), F.S., must register with the Department of Elder Affairs' Office of Public and Professional Guardians (OPPG), and must renew that registration on an annual basis. A new applicant for initial registration must complete the Professional Guardian Registration Application using an online form, which is available on the OPPG website at <https://elderaffairs.org/programs-services/office-of-public-professional-guardians-oppg/>. Once the application form is completed and signed, the applicant may submit the form as instructed on the website, deliver or mail the document to Florida Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, or email the document to OPPGregistration@elderaffairs.org.

The applicant must provide and attest to the following information to register as a professional guardian:

(a) Professional guardian identifying information:

1. Name and date of birth;

2. Residential or business address;

- 3. Official mailing address;
- 4. Social Security number;
- 5. Email address;
- 6. Telephone number;
- 7. Corporate name, if applicable;
- 8. EIN, if applicable; and
- 9. Counties of practice.

(b) Credit and criminal history documentation:

1. Proof of Level II fingerprinting/background screening report pursuant to section 435.04, F.S.; and

2. Credit report.

(c) Education and training documentation:

1. Certificate of completion for the 40-hour professional guardian course; and

2. Other education and training information, including: High school; College; Graduate/professional education; Professional licenses; Professional certifications; and Other relevant training or education.

(d) Employment information:

1. Current employer;

2. Business address;

3. Position/title;

4. Dates of employment; and

5. Employment history for the previous 10 years.

(e) State competency examination documentation:

1. Date of examination;

2. Examination score; and

3. Certificate of completion.

(f) Blanket fiduciary bond documentation:

1. Name of bonding company;

2. Bond amount;

3. Individual or corporate designation; and

4. Copy of bond.

(g) Registration fee: Proof of payment of a non-refundable application registration fee of \$50.

(h) Additional supporting information, such as a resume or recommendations, may be submitted but is not required.

(2) Documentation submitted with the initial registration must be current and dated no more than six (6) months prior to submission. Incomplete applications or those submitted without signatures or with outdated documentation will be considered deficient and will not be accepted.

(3) The OPPG will review each application and notify applicants within 30 days of any missing information or documentation. Failure to cure the application deficiencies within 60 calendar days from the date of the notice will result in a closeout of the initial application. In order to reactivate a closed initial registration, the applicant must submit a new application packet and application fee along with current and updated documentation.

(4) Once the application packet is complete, OPPG will review the results of the Level 2 background screening to determine if there is a criminal offense that would disqualify the applicant from registration or appointment in accordance with section 435.04, F.S., or section 744.309(3) F.S. OPPG may inquire about details of any sealed or expunged offenses noted on the criminal history report. Applicants will be notified of any disqualifying offense and whether they are eligible to request an exemption from disqualification. A court order granting an exemption from disqualification may only be sufficient as to a specific ward. Disqualified persons, as defined in section 744.309(3), F.S., will not be registered by OPPG as a professional guardian even if the applicant has been granted an exemption from other agencies pursuant to section 435.07, F.S.

(5) A professional guardian's initial registration period will be updated on the OPPG public profile website once OPPG approves the registration.

(6) A professional guardian who hires an employee either before or after registration approval, must notify OPPG of the employee's name, social security number, position title, and their duties and responsibilities, and may use the notification form available on the OPPG website. If the employee is to function as an "employee with fiduciary responsibility" as defined in paragraph 58M-2.002(2)(d), F.A.C., the employee must submit fingerprints for a Level 2 criminal background screening and a current credit report for OPPG's review, prior to beginning employment.

(7) Professional guardians must notify the OPPG within ten (10) business days upon the voluntary or involuntary termination of any employee. All registered professional guardian employers are responsible for reporting and maintaining current information on all employees and notifying OPPG of any changes in personnel or their duties and responsibilities. OPPG will monitor all public and professional guardians for compliance with this notification requirement.

(8) Denial by OPPG of a registration to become a professional guardian will be governed by Chapter 120, F.S. Rulemaking Authority 744.2002(6), 744.3135(5)(b) FS. Law Implemented 744.102(17), 744.2002, 744.2003, 744.3135 FS. History—New 5-4-03, Amended 12-12-05, 3-17-08, 3-1-17,___.

58M-2.002 Credit History Screening

(1) Credit History Review: Each professional guardian has a fiduciary obligation to the ward and is required to submit to OPPG a credit report at the time of initial registration, and again every two (2) years after the initial registration when renewing that registration. The OPPG will review the total credit history information to determine if the new or renewing applicant has acted in a fiscally responsible manner when managing personal and business finances and property interests.

(2) Definitions of terms as used in this Rule Chapter:

(a) “Adverse Credit Information” or “Adverse Credit History” for purposes of registration as a professional guardian or employee of a professional guardian includes, but is not limited, to the following:

1. Personal Bankruptcy appearing on the individual’s credit report.

2. Organizational Bankruptcy appearing on a credit report in which the individual was an officer, registered agent, or spouse of an officer, a guarantor, or was in a position of organizational control at the time of the bankruptcy filing.

3. Open individual or joint collection accounts, or charged-off accounts, except those related to unpaid personal medical expenses.

4. Foreclosure or repossession of personal property or eviction from any residential or business rental or lease, owned or occupied by the applicant.

5. Tax liens, government liens, or any outstanding judgments that remain unpaid at the time of application.

6. Unpaid restitution, fines, or loans, including student loans.

(b) “Credit Score” means a credit score from Fair Issac Corporation (FICO®) or other nationally recognized credit bureau or scoring model. FICO® scores under 600 will be considered adverse credit information and applicants for a new professional guardian registration and any employees with fiduciary responsibility must provide further documentation including an explanation of any compelling circumstances.

(c) “Charged-off debt” means an account that has been identified by a creditor as an uncollectable debt.

(d) “Employee with fiduciary responsibility” means an employee of a professional guardian who has the authority to direct any transaction of a ward’s funds, assets, or property, who manages the care of a ward through in-person visits or other routine contact.

(e) “Professional guardian” means any guardian who has at any time rendered services to three or more wards as their guardian. A person serving as a guardian for two or more relatives as defined in s. 744.309(2), F.S., is not considered a professional guardian. A public guardian shall be considered a professional guardian for purposes of regulation, education, and registration.

(3) The following factors will be considered when reviewing the credit history information of applicants for registration as a professional guardian and during the applicable annual renewal:

(a) The applicant’s entire credit history will be considered as well as any relevant circumstances related to the credit history, including employment information.

(b) Compelling factors outside the immediate control of the applicant, such as medical, economic, domestic, or academic

events that resulted in a permanent or temporary inability to meet financial obligations.

(c) Overall efforts taken to improve credit history and actions taken to avoid future financial difficulty.

(d) Any steps taken toward rehabilitation, including credit counseling or other preventative measures to avoid a reoccurrence.

(e) Any notification to creditors, law enforcement or regulatory agencies, or credit reporting agencies of errors or unlawful account activity.

(4) Any protections afforded credit reports or other information pursuant to state or federal law will apply to the credit report(s) provided to OPPG.

(5) All professional guardians, including an employing business entity, must not employ any individual in a fiduciary capacity whose credit report does not meet the same standards of fiscal responsibility expected of a registered professional guardian. The OPPG will maintain credit reports of all reported employees, which may be considered in assessing the professional guardian’s responsibility for any violations by an employee.

(6) A professional guardian may be disciplined for selecting or delegating responsibilities to persons, employees, or contractors that the professional guardian knows, or has reason to know, are not qualified by training, experience, or licensure to perform or provide the particular services assigned.

(7) Any statutory exceptions to the registration, education, and regulation of professional guardians or employees provided to certain business entities will also apply to credit reporting requirements.

Rulemaking Authority 744.2002(6), 744.3135(5)(b) FS. Law Implemented 744.102(17), 744.2002, 744.2003, 744.3135 FS. History–New .

Substantial rewording of Rule 58M-2.003, F.A.C. follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

58M-2.003 Professional Guardian Coursework and Competency Examination.

(1) All instruction and training for professional guardians required pursuant to s. 744.2003(3), F.S., must be approved by the Office of Public and Professional Guardians (OPPG) in order to receive credit toward either the initial 40-hour course or the continuing education course requirements. Information about approved coursework or approved trainers may be obtained online from the OPPG website at <https://elderaffairs.org/>. OPPG may allow credit for certain courses and training in related fields, but only if OPPG has been provided the opportunity to review and approve the course syllabus and training provider prior to attendance.

(2) Completion of the initial 40-hour professional guardian instruction and training course is mandatory for all applicants

to be eligible to take the competency examination, unless otherwise exempted by statute.

(a) Applicants must score a minimum of 75% on the competency examination in order to register as a professional guardian.

(b) Applicants failing to meet the required score after taking the competency examination twice will be required to repeat the initial 40-hour professional guardian instruction and training course before being permitted to sit for the competency examination for a third time.

(c) Any applicant who completes the initial 40-hour course and successfully completes the examination, but does not register with OPPG within one year following completion of the course, must retake and complete the initial 40-hour course and retake the competency examination, even if employed by a professional guardian during that period.

(d) Instruction and training requirements do not apply to attorneys licensed to practice law in Florida or institutions acting as guardians pursuant to section 744.2002(7), F.S.

(4) Mandatory continuing education unit (CEU) credits must be reported every two (2) years following completion of the initial 40-hour course. If the initial course was completed in an odd-numbered year, the mandatory CEU credits must be completed and reported on or before December 31 of the subsequent odd-numbered year. Those who completed the initial course in an even-numbered year will be responsible for completing and reporting the mandatory CEU credits by the conclusion of the subsequent even-numbered year. The reporting cycle is based upon the year the CEU course was completed, not the date of the examination or registration.

(5) Failure to comply with the mandatory CEU requirements will result in the suspension of the professional guardian's registration. If documentation of CEU completion is not reported or available to OPPG on or before January 31 following the last day of the year of the reporting cycle, the registration will be suspended until the requirement is met.

(6) Professional guardians whose OPPG registration has been suspended for failure to complete required CEUs and whose registration remains suspended for more than 180 days but less than one year from the reporting deadline, must submit the following to OPPG to be returned to active status:

(a) An updated Level 2 criminal background screening;

(b) A current credit report;

(c) Documentation of the completion of the required Continuing Education Unit (CEU) hours for the applicable reporting period.

(7) Professional guardians whose OPPG registration has been suspended for failure to complete required CEUs and whose registration remains suspended for more than one year (365 days) from the reporting deadline must initiate a new registration process, including submittal of all requirements

listed in subsection (6) as well as successful completion of the initial 40-hour training course and competency examination. Any waiver applied to the original examination requirement will not be applicable to the repeat examination.

(8) Professional guardians will be able to register for approved courses through the OPPG-recommended online exchange. Professional guardians who have completed coursework through the online exchange will also be able to access transcripts through the exchange. For previously approved courses not included in the exchange, official transcripts must be provided to OPPG to receive appropriate credit.

Rulemaking Authority 744.2003 744.1083(6), 744.1085(6)(b) FS. Law Implemented 744.102(17), 744.2003 744.1083, 744.1085, 744.3135 FS. History—New 12-12-05, Amended 3-17-08,___

58M-2.004 Annual Renewal of Professional Guardian Registration.

(1) Each professional guardian must submit a renewal application to OPPG annually to maintain registration. The professional guardian's registration will expire at midnight, one year from the date of the original registration. The OPPG will provide a registration reminder at least 60 days prior to the professional guardian's registration expiration. The renewal applicant must complete the Professional Guardian Renewal Application using an online form, which is available on the OPPG website at <https://elderaffairs.org/programs-services/office-of-public-professional-guardians-oppg/>. Once the renewal application form is completed and signed, the applicant may submit the form as instructed on the website, deliver or mail the document to Florida Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, or email the document to OPPGregistration@elderaffairs.org. The renewal applicant must provide the following information to renew the registration as a professional guardian:

(a) Professional guardian identifying information:

1. Name;

2. Florida registration number;

3. Email and telephone information;

4. Business/employer name;

5. Business/employer physical address;

6. Business/employer mailing address, if different;

7. Date of initial registration; and

8. Counties of practice.

(b) Employee names and information:

1. Last four digits of each employee's Social Security number; and

2. Indication of whether each employee has fiduciary responsibilities to a ward.

(c) Social Security number or EIN for the professional guardian, as required by section 744.2002(3), F.S.

(d) Copy of the fiduciary bond.

(e) Renewal Registration fee: Proof of payment of a non-refundable renewal registration fee of \$35. Fees may be paid through the online OPPG payment link or by personal or corporate check.

(f) Every 2 years, as applicable, at the professional guardian's expense, a credit-history investigation for:

1. The professional guardian; and
2. Each employee with fiduciary responsibilities to a ward.

(g) Every 5 years after original registration, as applicable.

Level II criminal background screening for:

1. The professional guardian; and
2. Employees as required by s. 430.0402 and 744.2003(5), F.S.

(2) Any changes in staffing must be noticed as required in subsections 58M-2.001(6) and (7), F.A.C.

(3) The OPPG registrar will review all renewal applications for required documentation. The OPPG will notify the applicant in writing within 30 days of any missing information or documentation. The applicant for registration renewal must provide the requested information within 30 days after notification. Failure to provide the requested material within 90 days following notification will result in expiration of the registration and the public website will be updated to reflect the change in status, unless an extension for good cause has been granted prior to the expiration.

(4) All required updates to credit reports or background screening must be submitted at required intervals to ensure the information on file with OPPG is within the appropriate time window. If due, updates must be submitted no later than the date of annual renewal.

(5) Proof of compliance with CEU requirements must be submitted as provided in subsection 58M-2.003(4), F.A.C.

(6) Any professional guardian submitting an application for registration renewal more than 90 days after the registration renewal deadline must submit the required renewal documentation and renewal fee. The professional guardian's registration status on the OPPG public website will be marked expired as required by s. 744.2001(7), F.S., until the renewal documentation is received and approved by OPPG. Professional guardians whose OPPG registration has been expired for 180 days or more from the registration renewal date must initiate a new registration process in accordance with Rule 58M-2.001, F.A.C., including successful completion of the initial 40-hour training course and competency examination.

(7) Any professional guardian who is unable to comply with any filing deadlines may request an extension for good cause in writing through the OPPG registrar prior to the date of expiration.

(8) Denial of an annual renewal of registration shall be governed by Chapter 120, F.S., as applicable.

Rulemaking Authority 744.2002(6), 744.3135(5)(b) FS. Law Implemented 744.102(17), 744.2002, 744.2003, 744.20041, 744.2112(4), 744.3135 FS. History-New .

58M-2.006 Professional Guardian Monitoring.

OPPG will monitor professional guardians for compliance with the standards of practice established by rule. Professional guardians must comply with all survey and monitoring inquiries by OPPG, including those related to staff reporting and compliance with the standards of practice for guardians of the person and/or property.

Rulemaking Authority 744.2001(3)(a), 744.2001(7)(c) FS. Law Implemented 744.2001 FS. History- New .

Substantial rewording of Rule 58M-2.007, F.A.C. follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

58M-2.007 Electronic Fingerprint Criminal History Record Check.

(1) Professional Guardians and all employees of professional guardians must complete a Level 2 background screening conducted by an OPPG-approved vendor and are encouraged to use electronic fingerprinting methods. A list of OPPG-approved vendors and instructions are available on the OPPG website at <https://elderaffairs.org/programs-services/office-of-public-professional-guardians-oppg/>.

(2) The approved vendor will submit fingerprints to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, which will conduct a Level 2 criminal background investigation and provide results directly to OPPG. OPPG will review the criminal history results to ensure that the applicant does not have a disqualifying arrest or conviction, regardless of adjudication, pursuant to Sections 435.04, 435.07, and 744.309, F.S., or any other offense that would disqualify the applicant under Florida law or a similar law of another jurisdiction.

(3) Professional Guardians and their employees are required to fully disclose all criminal history regardless of whether the case has been expunged or sealed. This requirement does not apply to juvenile delinquency adjudications if the record has been sealed or expunged.

(4) The OPPG will notify the applicant in writing of any disqualifying offenses. The OPPG may require additional details and documentation from the applicant for any offense identified in the background screening, even if not a disqualifying offense, including those that have been sealed or expunged. OPPG will notify the employer of the disqualification but will not disclose specific details of any disqualifying offense.

(5) Applicants whose registration was denied due to disqualifying offenses will be notified if eligible for an exemption from disqualification pursuant to s. 435.07, F.S. An exemption from disqualification does not, however, prohibit a

court from denying an appointment as a professional guardian or any entity from denying employment.

(6) A professional guardian arrested for any disqualifying offenses under s. 744.309(3) F.S., will notify the OPPG, in writing, within 10 days of the arrest, or upon receipt of notice to appear if not taken into physical custody. The professional guardian will notify OPPG of any final disposition and provide supporting documentation of any final disposition to the OPPG registrar. This notification is in addition to any reporting requirements by the Clerk of Court or appointing authority. Rulemaking Authority 744.3135 FS. Law Implemented 744.3135 FS. History—New 3-17-08, Amended .

58M-2.010 Complaint and Investigation Procedures.

(1) Filing Complaints. Anyone may file a complaint against a professional guardian at any time using any method of communication. Complainants may file online through the OPPG website at <https://elderaffairs.org/programs-services/office-of-public-professional-guardians-oppg/>; by mail to the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 (Attn: OPPG); by email to OPPGcomplaint@elderaffairs.org; or by telephone during regular business hours at (850)414-2381.

(a) Complaints, the identities of complainants, and all information related to the complaint and investigation are confidential and exempt from public disclosure until the investigation is completed or ceases to be active.

(b) Once an investigation is completed or ceases to be active, certain information related to the complaint will remain confidential and exempt such as personal identifying information and personal health and financial records pursuant to section 744.2111, F.S.

(2) Legal Sufficiency. The OPPG will promptly review any complaint filed with OPPG to determine legal sufficiency as defined in section 744.2004(1)(a), F.S. Additional information may be requested during the legal sufficiency review process as needed to make this determination. If a complaint alleges abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a professional guardian's ward as defined in Ch. 415, F.S., OPPG will forward the complaint to law enforcement, the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) Adult Protective Services, or other enforcement authorities.

(a) If a complaint is determined to be legally sufficient, the Department will initiate an investigation within ten (10) business days.

(b) If the complaint is determined not to be legally sufficient, OPPG will notify the complainant no later than ten (10) business days after making the determination.

(c) OPPG will notify the complainant within 45 days of receipt of a legally sufficient complaint regarding the current status of any investigation.

(d) OPPG will notify the professional guardian within 45 days of receipt of a legally sufficient complaint regarding the nature of the complaint.

(e) A complaint may be dismissed during legal sufficiency review if it is determined that:

1. there are no ultimate facts to support any allegation that the professional guardian violated a standard of practice;

2. OPPG lacks statutory authority to investigate the complaint; or

3. the complaint concerns a non-professional guardian.

(3) Complaint Investigation.

(a) Investigation Interviews. For each person interviewed during the course of the investigation, including the complainant, the professional guardian, and interested parties, the interview must be conducted under oath. If the person is unable or unwilling to provide sworn testimony for any reason, that will be noted in the investigative report. Any person may be represented by legal counsel during an interview with the investigator.

(b) Documentary Evidence. The investigator may obtain documents from any source during the course of the investigation. The failure to provide any requested documentation will be noted in the investigative report.

(c) At any time during the investigation, if there is evidence that reveals abuse, neglect or exploitation of a professional guardian's ward or any vulnerable adult as defined in Ch. 415, F.S., the Department will immediately notify DCF Adult Protective Services (APS) in accordance with section 744.2004(5) F.S.

(d) At any time during the investigation, if there is evidence that raises concerns about the wellbeing of the ward, but does not rise to the level of abuse, neglect or exploitation as defined in Ch. 415, F.S., the OPPG Executive Director must be notified and may notify the court with jurisdiction over the appointment along with service to all interested parties.

(e) At any time during the investigation, if there is evidence that reveals criminal conduct, the Department will notify the appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the alleged conduct, without notice to the complainant or professional guardian. The Department may also refer matters to the Office of the Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, or other entities with overlapping jurisdiction.

(f) At any time during the investigation, if evidence indicates that the alleged violation may impact the health, safety, or welfare of a ward, or the professional guardian poses a serious risk to the general public, the OPPG Executive Director will be notified immediately.

(g) Investigative Report. Department investigators will prepare an investigative report and upon completion, provide the report to the OPPG Executive Director. The investigative report will detail findings concerning the allegations contained

in the complaint. If additional violations are identified during the course of the investigation that were not alleged in the complaint, findings concerning those violations will be included in the report. The investigative report is confidential pursuant to section 744.2111, F.S.

(4) Administrative Determination.

(a) The OPPG will conclude an investigation following review of the investigative report and related information from the courts or other agencies, and determine whether any violation of a standard of practice has occurred.

(b) If the OPPG determines that the professional guardian violated the standards of practice, the Department shall take disciplinary action against the professional guardian as described in section 744.20041, F.S., and Rule 58M-2.011, F.A.C.

(c) If the OPPG determines that the professional guardian did not violate the standards of practice, the OPPG will dismiss the complaint.

(d) Within 10 business days of the conclusion of the investigation, the complainant and professional guardian will be notified by written statement specifying the violation(s) of the standards of practice and actions to be taken, or that no such violation was found.

(5) Administrative Complaint.

(a) If there is sufficient evidence that the standards of practice were violated, the Department will issue an administrative complaint to the professional guardian which shall identify the specific violation(s), the proposed discipline, and the proposed fine amount. The Department shall include with the administrative complaint instructions for requesting a hearing and, at the discretion of the Department, a draft settlement agreement. If offered, the professional guardian may enter into a settlement agreement regarding the proposed violation(s) at any time.

(b) The Department will not take any disciplinary action against a professional guardian until resolution of the administrative complaint through either settlement or final order in accordance with Chapter 120, F.S.

(c) The filing of the administrative complaint with the agency clerk will constitute a substantiated complaint in accordance with section 744.2001(7), F.S.

(d) Any disciplinary action taken by the Department shall be published in accordance with section 744.2001(7), F.S.

(e) All final orders resulting from administrative proceedings will be available through the public portal on the OPPG website <https://elderaffairs.org/> and at the DOAH website <https://www.doah.state.fl.us/>.

Rulemaking Authority 744.2001(7)(c), 744.2004(6) FS. Law Implemented 744.2001, 744.2004 FS History—New _____.

58M-2.011 Disciplinary Action and Guidelines.

(1) Purpose. Pursuant to Section 744.20041, F.S., the Office of Public and Professional Guardians provides disciplinary guidelines in this rule for applicants or guardians over whom it has oversight. The purpose of this rule is to notify applicants and guardians of the range of penalties and fines which will ~~routinely~~ be imposed for violations, and the basis for which, ~~unless~~ the Office of Public and Professional Guardians ~~may find it necessary to~~ deviate from the guidelines ~~for the stated reason given in this rule~~. The range of penalties are based upon a single count violation of each provision listed. Multiple counts of the violated provisions or a combination of the violations may result in greater penalties ~~a higher penalty~~. Each range includes the lowest and highest penalties that may be imposed for that violation. All ~~For applicants, all~~ offenses listed in the Disciplinary Guidelines are sufficient to support the denial of ~~for refusal to certify~~ an application for registration or renewal. The rule also includes aggravating and mitigating factors that OPPG may consider in imposing or deviating from the range of penalties. The Office of Public and Professional Guardians may find it necessary to deviate from the guidelines for the reasons stated in subsection (3) of this rule.

(2) The OPPG enforcement authority is limited to administrative actions related to applications and registrations of professional guardians and does not extend to criminal or judicial enforcement. The OPPG may, however, take action against an application or registration based upon judicial orders or criminal actions. The OPPG may post on its public profile website any judicial orders of suspension or other public record information related to criminal conduct or disqualifying offenses. ~~Violations and Range of Penalties. In imposing discipline upon applicants and guardians, the Office of Public and Professional Guardians shall act in accordance with guidelines and shall impose a penalty within a range corresponding to the violations set forth in form DOEA/OPPG Form 003, Office of Public and Professional Guardians Disciplinary Guidelines (February 2017), incorporated herein by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref 07914>, unless the Office of Public and Professional Guardians finds it necessary to deviate from the guidelines for the stated reasons given in subsection (3), of this rule.~~

(3) Definition of terms used in this rule: The Office of Public and Professional Guardians shall take into consideration the danger to the public; the number of repetitions of offenses; the length of time since the date(s) of violation; the number of disciplinary actions taken against the guardian; the length of time the guardian has practiced; the actual damage, physical or otherwise, to the ward; the deterrent effect of the penalty imposed; any efforts for rehabilitation; and any other mitigating

~~or aggravating circumstances in determining the appropriate disciplinary action to be imposed.~~

(a) “Letter of Guidance” means a written non-disciplinary notice to a professional guardian regarding actions that may not rise to a level constituting a violation or requiring disciplinary action, but instead designed to mitigate circumstances, prevent future discipline, and distinguish minor issues from those which endanger the health, safety, or welfare of a ward or the public. A Letter of Guidance will not be published on the OPPG public profile website.

(b) “Remedial action” means a corrective action including additional education requirements or specific performance improvement to avoid or prevent recurrence of minor technical violations. A remedial action will be published on the OPPG public profile website.

(c) “Reprimand” or “Letter of Concern” is a written disciplinary action identifying conduct or practices of concern and providing a warning of possible enforcement action if the same conduct or practices continue resulting in a subsequent violation. Reprimands and Letters of Concern may include a requirement for remedial action or the imposition of other penalties as specified therein and will be published on the OPPG public profile website.

(d) “Suspension” is a disciplinary action that temporarily deactivates the registration of a professional guardian. The professional guardian is prohibited from accepting new court appointments during the period of suspension. A disciplinary suspension will be published on the OPPG public profile website.

(e) “Revocation” is a disciplinary action that permanently terminates the registration of a professional guardian as set forth in s. 744.20041(8), F.S. A revocation will be published on the OPPG public profile website. Upon final order, the revocation removes the professional guardian from all current appointments in all Florida courts. The revocation also prohibits any future guardianship appointments and serving as a registered professional guardian in the State of Florida.

(4) Aggravating or mitigating factors. The OPPG or the professional guardian may present additional evidence for consideration when imposing discipline for any violation. The following factors constitute aggravating or mitigating factors:

(a) Actual harm to the ward(s). Harm may be physical, financial, or otherwise to the ward’s person or property.

(b) Actual harm or potential risk of harm to the public;

(c) The number and type of current or past violations;

(d) The presence or absence of prior violations, including repeat violations;

(e) The time that has passed since any prior or repeat violation(s);

(f) The length of time the professional guardian has been registered without prior concerns or discipline;

(g) Any attempt to correct the violation(s);

(h) Efforts by the professional guardian towards rehabilitation;

(i) Acceptance of responsibility;

(j) Discipline or penalties imposed by other entities or agencies; and

(k) A court order related to any violation.

(5) Disciplinary Guidelines. Grounds for discipline are listed in Section 744.20041(1) F.S. Discipline may also include restitution for any funds obtained or disbursed in violation of law or standard of practice, and one or more of the penalties set forth in Section 744.20041(2), F.S.

(6) Penalty Matrix. The matrix below identifies violations and the range of penalties for each violation. The penalty imposed will depend on the facts of each case and consideration of the aggravating and mitigating factors enumerated in subsection (4) of this rule. Fines may not exceed \$500 per violation.

PENALTY MATRIX

Rule	STATUTE	VIOLATION	FIRST OFFENSE Fine: \$0-\$250	SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE Fine: \$250-\$500
a)	s. 744.20041(1)(a), F.S.	Making misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent representations in, or related to the practice of, guardianship.	From a letter of concern to a written reprimand up to revocation.	From suspension to revocation.
b)	s. 744.20041(1)(b), F.S.	Violating any rule governing guardians or guardianships adopted by the Office of Public and Professiona	From a letter of concern to written reprimand to suspension or revocation.	From a letter of concern or written reprimand to suspension or revocation.

<u>Rule</u>	<u>STATUTE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$0-\$250	<u>SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$250-\$500
		1 Guardians (OPPG).		
c) (	s. 744.20041 (1)(c), F.S.	Being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which relates to practice of or the ability to practice as a professional guardian.	For a misdemeanor, from restitution to two year's suspension; for a felony from restitution to 3 years suspension or revocation.	From two years suspension to revocation.
d) (	s. 744.20041 (1)(d), F.S.	Failing to comply with educational course requirements contained in s. 744.2003, F.S.	Suspension until such time as the professional guardian can demonstrate that he or she has met the education	Suspension until such time as the professional guardian can demonstrate that he or she has met the education

<u>Rule</u>	<u>STATUTE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$0-\$250	<u>SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$250-\$500
			al course requirements.	al course requirements.
e) (	s. 744.20041 (1)(e), F.S.	Having a registration, a license, or the authority to practice a regulated profession revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the denial of registration or licensure by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction, its agencies or subdivisions, for a violation under Florida law. The registering or licensing	Action consistent with discipline for the offense that would have been taken if the violation occurred in Florida w/consideration of the penalty imposed in another jurisdiction.	Action consistent with discipline for a repeat offense that would have been taken if the violation occurred in Florida w/consideration of the penalty imposed in the other jurisdiction.

<u>Rule</u>	<u>STATUTE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$0-\$250	<u>SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$250-\$500
		authority's acceptance of a relinquishment of registration or licensure, or other action listed in statute, shall be construed as an action against the registration, or license,		
f) (	s. 744.20041 (1)(f), F.S.	Knowingly filing a false report or complaint with the OPPG against another guardian.	Suspension for 2 years.	Revocation
g) (	s. 744.20041 (1)(g), F.S.	Attempting to obtain, obtaining, or renewing a registration or license to practice a profession by bribery, by fraudulent misrepresente	From suspension for two years to revocation.	Revocation

<u>Rule</u>	<u>STATUTE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$0-\$250	<u>SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$250-\$500
		ntation, or as a result of an error by the OPPG which is known and not disclosed to the OPPG.		
h) (	s. 744.20041 (1)(h), F.S.	Failing to report to the OPPG any person who the professional guardian knows is in violation of this chapter or the rules of the OPPG.	From a letter of concern to a written reprimand to suspension for two years	From suspension for two years to revocation
i) (	s. 744.20041 (1)(i), F.S.	Failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation placed upon a professional guardian.	From a letter of concern to a written reprimand up to 2 years suspension.	From two years suspension to revocation
j) (	s. 744.20041 (1)(j), F.S.	Making or filing a report or record that the professional guardian knows to be false,	From a letter of concern or written reprimand to two years suspension or	Revocation.

<u>Rule</u>	<u>STATUTE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$0-\$250	<u>SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$250-\$500
		intentionally or negligently failing to report or record required by state or federal law or willfully impeding or obstructing another person's attempt to do so. Such reports or records shall include only those that are signed in the guardian's capacity as a professional guardian.	revocation.	
(k)	s. 744.20041(1)(k), F.S.	Using the position of guardian for the purpose of financial gain by a professional guardian or a third party, other than the	From a written reprimand or a letter of concern to two years suspension or revocation.	From a written reprimand or a letter of concern to two years suspension or revocation.

<u>Rule</u>	<u>STATUTE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$0-\$250	<u>SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$250-\$500
		funds awarded to the professional guardian by the court pursuant to s. 744.108, F.S.		
(l)	s. 744.20041(1)(l), F.S.	Violating a lawful order of the OPPG or failing to comply with a lawfully issued subpoena of the OPPG.	From a written reprimand to suspension for 2 years.	From 2-year suspension to revocation.
(m)	s. 744.20041(1)(m), F.S.	Improperly interfering with an investigation or inspection authorized by statute, or rule with any disciplinary proceeding.	Suspension for 2 years.	Revocation.
(n)	s. 744.20041(1)(n), F.S.	Using the guardian relationship to engage or attempt to engage the ward, or an	Suspension for 2 years up to revocation.	Revocation.

<u>Rule</u>	<u>STATUTE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$0- \$250	<u>SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$250- \$500
		immediate family member or a representative of the ward, in a verbal, written, electronic or physical sexual activity.		
o) (	s. 744.20041 (1)(o), F.S.	Failing to report to the OPPG in writing within 30 days after being convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction	From a written reprimand to suspension for up to 2 years or revocation.	From suspension for up to 3 years to revocation

<u>Rule</u>	<u>STATUTE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$0- \$250	<u>SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$250- \$500
p) (	s. 744.20041 (1)(p), F.S.	Being unable to perform the functions of a professional guardian with reasonable skill by reason of illness or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of substance or as a result of any mental or physical condition.	From referral for evaluation to suspension, until such time as the professional guardian demonstrates that he or she can resume the functions of a professional guardian with reasonable skill.	From referral for evaluation to suspension until such time as the professional guardian demonstrates that he or she can resume the functions of a professional guardian with reasonable skill.
q) (	s. 744.20041 (1)(q), F.S.	Failing to post a blanket fiduciary bond pursuant to s. 744.2003, F.S.	Suspension until such time as the professional guardian demonstrates that he or she has met the statutory fiduciary bond	Suspension until such time as the professional guardian demonstrates that he or she has met the statutory fiduciary bond requirement

<u>Rule</u>	<u>STATUTE</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>FIRST OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$0- \$250	<u>SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE</u> Fine: \$250- \$500
			<u>requirement</u>	
(r)	s. 744.20041(1)(r), F.S.	Failing to maintain all records pertaining to a guardianship for a reasonable time after the court has closed a guardianship matter.	From a written reprimand or a letter of concern to suspension for 2 years.	From a written reprimand or a letter of concern to suspension for 2 years or revocation.
(s)	s. 744.20041(1)(s), F.S.	Violating any provision of chapter 744, F.S., or any rules adopted pursuant thereto.	From a written reprimand or a letter of concern to suspension for 2 years or revocation.	From suspension to revocation.

Rulemaking Authority 744.20041 FS. Law Implemented 744.20041 FS. History—New 3-23-17, Amended.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
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NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Michelle Branham, Secretary

DATE PROPOSED RULE WAS APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: August 25, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 31, 2026

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid

RULE NO.:

59G-4.002

RULE TITLE:

Provider Reimbursement Schedules and Billing Codes

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the amendment to Rule 59G-4.002, Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C.), is to update fee schedules and billing codes in the existing rule.

SUMMARY: The amendment incorporates by reference the Florida Medicaid provider fee schedules and billing codes effective January 1, 2026.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this rule will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: A checklist was prepared by the Agency to determine the need for a SERC. Based on this information at the time of the analysis and pursuant to section 120.541, Florida Statutes, the rule will not require legislative ratification.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 409.919 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 409.902, 409.905, 409.906, 409.907, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913 FS

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: John Mattson via MedicaidRuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com or by phone (850)412-4003. Please note that a preliminary draft of the reference material, if available, will be posted at <https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/rules.html>. Official comments to be entered into the rule record will be received from the date of this notice until 5:00 p.m. September 21, 2026. Comments may be emailed to MedicaidRuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com.

THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

59G-4.002 Provider Reimbursement Schedules and Billing Codes.

- (1) No change.
- (2) Florida Medicaid reimburses for services rendered in the fee-for-service delivery system based on a fee schedule, cost report, or contract. The following fee schedules and billing codes are incorporated by reference and available on the Agency for Health Care Administration's website at <https://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/rules.html>
~~<http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/review/index.shtml>~~.
- (3) Florida Medicaid Fee Schedules Effective January 1, ~~2026~~ 2025:
- (a) Assistive Care Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19397>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18271>~~.
- (b) Behavior Analysis Fee Schedule
<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19398>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18300>~~.
- (c) Behavioral Health Overlay Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19399>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18352>~~.
- (d) Birth Center Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19400>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18302>~~.
- (e) Community-Based Substance Abuse County Match Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19401>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18304>~~.
- (f) Community Behavioral Health Services Fee Schedule
<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19994>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18364>~~.
- (g) County Health Department Certified Match Program Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19403>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18305>~~.
- (h) Dental General Fee Schedule
<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19997>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18306>~~.
- (i) Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Services Provider Fee Schedule for All Medicaid Recipients
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19405>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18307>~~.

- (j) Early Intervention Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19406>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18308>~~.
- (k) Family Home Health Aide Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19407>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18309>~~.
- (l) Hearing Services Fee Schedule
<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19579>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18310>~~.
- (m) Home Health Visit Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19409>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18311>~~.
- (n) Independent Laboratory Fee Schedule
<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19829>
- (o)(~~n~~) Licensed Midwife Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19411>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18313>~~.
- (p)(~~e~~) Medicaid Certified School Match Program Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19412>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18314>~~.
- (q)(~~p~~) Medical Foster Care Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19413>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18315>~~.
- (r)(~~q~~) Occupational Therapy Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19414>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18354>~~.
- (s)(~~r~~) Personal Care Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19415>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18317>~~.
- (t)(~~s~~) Physical Therapy Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19416>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18365>~~.
- (u)(~~t~~) Physician Pediatric Surgery Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19417>
~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18319>~~.
- (v) Practitioner Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19418>
- (w) Practitioner Laboratory Fee Schedule
<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19830>

(x)(u) Prescribed Drugs Immunization Fee Schedule
<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19706>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18322>.

(y) Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19421>

(z)(v) Private Duty Nursing Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19422>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18324>.

(aa)(w) Radiology Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19423>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18325>.

(bb)(x) Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Center (RPICC) Neonatal Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19424>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18326>.

(cc)(y) Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Center (RPICC) Obstetrical Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19425>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18327>.

(dd)(z) Respiratory Therapy Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19426>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18328>.

(ee) Specialized Therapeutic Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19427>

(ff)(aa) Speech-Language Pathology Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19428>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18362>.

(gg) Targeted Case Management Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20060>

(hh)(bb) Transportation Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19430>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18332>.

(ii)(ee) Visual Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19431>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18333>.

(4) Florida Medicaid Fee Schedules Effective July 1, 2025:

(a) Independent Laboratory Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18822>.

(b) Practitioner Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18628>.

(c) Practitioner Laboratory Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18823>.

(d) Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18630>.

(5) Florida Medicaid Fee Schedule Effective July 8, 2025: Specialized Therapeutic Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18631>.

(6) Florida Medicaid Fee Schedules Effective October 1, 2025:

(a) Independent Laboratory Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18824>.

(b) Practitioner Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18935>.

(c) Practitioner Laboratory Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18825>.

(d) Targeted Case Management Services Fee Schedule
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18820>.

(4)(7) Florida Medicaid Billing Codes Effective January 1, 2026 2025:

(a) County Health Department Billing Codes
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19432>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18334>.

(b) Federally Qualified Health Center Billing Codes
<http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19580>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18335>.

(c) Hospice Services Billing Codes
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19434>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18336>.

(d) Hospital Outpatient Services Billing Codes
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19435>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18337>.

(e) Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities Services Billing Codes
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19436>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18338>.

(f) Nursing Facility Services Billing Codes
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19437>
<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18358>.

(g) Prescribed Drugs Physician Administered Billing Codes
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19438>

(h)(g) Rural Health Clinic Billing Codes
<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19439>

~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18341>~~.

~~(i)(h)~~ Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program Services Billing Codes

~~<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19440>~~

~~<https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18359>~~.

~~(8) Florida Medicaid Billing Codes Effective July 1, 2025: Prescribed Drugs Physician Administered Billing Codes~~

~~<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18629>~~

~~Rulemaking Authority 409.919 FS. Law Implemented 409.902, 409.905, 409.906, 409.907, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913 FS. History—New 8-18-05, Amended 11-30-05, 4-16-06, 10-11-06, 3-27-07, 7-25-07, 9-29-08, 4-28-09, 2-11-10, 1-31-11, 7-16-13, 5-21-14, 6-20-16, 6-22-17, 2-8-18, 5-7-18, 1-7-19, 7-17-19, 12-15-20, 9-29-21, 8-2-22, 12-31-23, 10-21-24, 8-24-25, 1-18-26, ____.~~

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
John Mattson

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Shevaun L. Harris

DATE PROPOSED RULE WAS APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: August 20, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 26, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

RULE NO.: 61-35.025
RULE TITLE: Board of Veterinary Medicine Departmental Forms

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose and effect is to amend the rule to update and revise existing application forms in order to comply with the applicable statutes and rules.

SUMMARY: Within the provided paragraph the Department proposes to amend Rule 61-35.025, F.A.C., to adopt the revised forms.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this rule will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: the economic review conducted by the Agency.,SummaryCostWebsite=NULL

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 455.203, 455.213, 455.2179, 455.271 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 455.2179, 455.271, 474.206, 474.2125, 474.215, 474.217, 559.79 FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Stevie Lewis, Rules Coordinator, Division of Professions, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0760, (850)717-1833, Stevie.Lewis@myfloridalicense.com.

THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

61-35.025 Board of Veterinary Medicine Departmental Forms.

The following Veterinary Medicine forms can be obtained at www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/ or by contacting the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0790, (850)487-1395:

(1) Any person desiring to apply for an examination or re-examination and licensure, shall submit a completed Form DBPR ~~VM1~~ ~~VM4~~, Application for Licensure: Examination or Re-Examination, effective September 2026 ~~October 2022~~, adopted and incorporated by reference at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20003> ~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-14969>~~.

(2) through (9) No change.

(10) Any person desiring to apply for licensure, shall submit a completed Form DBPR VM10, Authorization for Interstate Exchange of Examination and Licensure Information, effective September 2026 ~~November 2020~~, adopted and incorporated by reference at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20001> ~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-12390>~~.

(11) No change.

(12) Any person applying to update the premise/clinic name information, shall submit a completed Form DBPR VM12, Veterinary Premise/Clinic Name Change Application, effective September 2026 ~~November 2020~~, adopted and incorporated by reference at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-20002> ~~<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-12392>~~.

(13) through (14) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 455.203, 455.213, 455.2179, 455.271 FS. Law Implemented 455.2179, 455.271, 474.206, 474.2125, 474.215, 474.217, 559.79 FS. History—New 12-7-20, Amended 8-11-21, 1-31-23, 12-5-23, 6-28-26, ____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Stevie Lewis, Rules Coordinator, Division of Professions, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0760, (850)717-1833, Stevie.Lewis@myfloridalicense.com.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary, Department of Business and Professional Regulation

DATE PROPOSED RULE WAS APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: August 10, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN FAR: August 20, 2026 (v. 52, n. 162)

Section III

Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
61G6-5.005 Financial Responsibility; Definitions; Grounds for Denial

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

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

61G6-5.005 Financial Responsibility; Definitions; Grounds for Denial.

(1) through (3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 489.521(3) FS. Law Implemented ~~489.521(3)(a)~~ ~~589.521(3)(a)~~ FS. History—New 1-2-80, Amended 4-17-80, 4-30-81, 1-24-85, Formerly 21GG-5.05, Amended 2-23-86, 8-16-88, Formerly 21GG-5.005, Amended 2-13-97, 6-8-04, Technical Change 8-31-26.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE RULE IS: Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director, Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0791, ruthanne.christie@myfloridalicense.com, (850)487-1395

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
61G6-5.011 Qualification of Joint Ventures

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

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

61G6-5.011 Qualification of Joint Ventures.

(1) through (3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 489.521, ~~j~~489.507(3) FS. Law Implemented 489.521 FS. History—New 5-20-92, Formerly 21GG-5.011, Amended 11-30-94, 2-1-18, Technical Change 8-31-26.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE RULE IS: Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director, Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0791, ruthanne.christie@myfloridalicense.com, (850)487-1395

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
61G6-7.002 Scope of Certification of Certified Electrical Contractors

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

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

61G6-7.002 Scope of Certification of Certified Electrical Contractors.

Rulemaking Authority 489.507(3) FS. Law Implemented 489.505(8)(5), 489.537(7), ~~489.507(2)(a)~~ FS. History—New 1-2-80, Formerly 21GG-7.02, 21GG-7.002, Technical Change 8-31-26.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE RULE IS: Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director, Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0791, ruthanne.christie@myfloridalicense.com, (850)487-1395

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:
61G6-10.005 Minor Violations and Non-Compliance

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

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

61G6-10.005 Minor Violations and Non-Compliance.

(1) No change.

(2) The designation of violations as minor for the purposes of Section 455.225(3) ~~455.255(3)~~, F.S., is limited to initial violations.

(3) through (4) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 455.225(3), 489.507(3) FS. Law Implemented 455.225(3) FS. History—New 7-3-91, Formerly 21GG-10.005, Amended 8-14-97, 1-4-98, 5-8-17, Technical Change 8-31-26.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE RULE IS: Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director, Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0791, ruthanne.christie@myfloridalicense.com, (850)487-1395

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G6-11.001 Citations

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

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

61G6-11.001 Citations.

The following violations of section 489.533, F.S., may be resolved by the issuance of a citation pursuant to Section 455.224, F.S., and Title 61, F.A.C.

(1) through (2) No change.	
(3) Section 489.533(1)(q), F.S.: License number not in ad, or wherever else required.	First offense: \$100.00 fine Second offense: \$300.00 fine Third offense: \$500.00 fine Fourth offense: Prosecuted pursuant to Section <u>455.225</u> 55.225 , F.S.
(4) through (11) No change.	

Rulemaking Authority 455.224(2), 489.507(3) FS. Law Implemented 455.224, 455.225 FS. History—New 1-19-92, Formerly 21GG-11.001, Amended 4-14-98, 12-27-04, Technical Change 8-31-26.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE RULE IS: Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director, Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0791, ruthanne.christie@myfloridalicense.com, (850)487-1395

Section IV Emergency Rules

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Consumer Services

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

5JER26-10 Volatility Standards for Gasoline

SPECIFIC FACTS AND REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE: Due to the disruption of global energy markets by ongoing hostilities in the Middle East, increased demand for gasoline heading into the 2026 summer driving season, and decreased refining capacity in the U.S. since 2020, additional pressure has been placed on U.S. gasoline production. Combined, these factors make U.S. gasoline markets vulnerable to sudden changes in demand and supply, especially heading into the summer hurricane season and the summer driving season. Additionally, on January 20, 2025, President Trump declared a National Energy Emergency stating in part that America needs "a reliable, diversified, and affordable supply of energy ... to sustain the basics of modern life and military preparedness." The declaration also states that, "The United States' insufficient energy production, transportation, refining, and generation constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to our Nation's economy, national security, and foreign policy." 90 Fed. Reg. 8433 (Jan. 29, 2025). The EPA has concluded, with DOE's concurrence, that it is in the public interest to take action to address the supply circumstances that prevent distribution of an adequate supply of gasoline to consumers. Pursuant to adopted national fuel standards, fuel volatility requirements are shifting to accommodate the changing seasons, however, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has determined that the factors outlined above have created "extreme and unusual fuel supply circumstances" that will prevent the distribution of an adequate supply of compliant gasoline to consumers. On March 25, 2026, EPA issued a Reid Vapor Pressure Fuel Waiver effective on May 1, 2026, temporarily waiving federal fuel vapor pressure standards for fuel blends containing gasoline and between 9 and 15 percent denatured anhydrous ethanol (E15) to help address this crisis. If Florida's volatility standards are not also adjusted to account for this extraordinary situation, there may be a shortage of lawful fuel for sale. On July 17,

2026, the EPA renewed the waiver which extends past the 90 day limit for 5JER26-2 necessitating a new emergency rule from the department.

REASONS FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE USED IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: This emergency rule was initiated in response to the EPA renewing the waiver issued on March 25, 2026. Its terms apply to all fuel suppliers and will help to ensure a consistent supply of fuel in the state, while alleviating additional strain on Florida's fuel market. As this is an unprecedented situation, prompt action based on information regarding recent developments in the fuel industry is both necessary and fair.

SUMMARY: On July 31, 2026, in response to the EPA's Reid Vapor Pressure Fuel Waiver temporarily waiving certain volatility requirements the department issued Emergency Rule 5JER26-10. On August 20, 2026, EPA issued a modified waiver that includes provisions allowing the early transition to winter fuel. In response, the department is repealing Emergency Rule 5JER26-10 and issuing an updated emergency rule adopting standards consistent with the current EPA waiver.

EXPLANATION OF WHY THE EMERGENCY RULE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED: On August 20, 2026, the EPA issued a new waiver extending the previous waiver and added provisions allowing the use of winter fuel beginning September 1, 2026, at which time volatility standards will change, and the volatility waiver will be no longer necessary.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS: Richard Kimsey, Director of Consumer Services, 2005 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)410-3662 Richard.Kimsey@FDACS.gov.

THE TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:

The following rule is hereby repealed:

5JER26-10 Volatility Standards for Gasoline.

Vapor Pressure Requirements. It shall be lawful to introduce into wholesale terminal storage tanks and to offer for sale at retail outlets, gasoline containing at least nine (9) percent and up to and including fifteen (15) percent ethanol by volume with a vapor pressure of no more than 1.0 psi above the applicable vapor pressure class maximums, as specified in ASTM International designation D4814-25. Such fuel held in terminal storage tanks on or before the expiration of this rule shall be lawful for distribution to retail outlets and sale by these outlets until supplies are depleted. This rule shall remain in effect through September 14, 2026, or until the expiration of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's May 1, 2026, Reid Vapor Pressure Fuel Waiver or any extension thereof, whichever occurs first.

Rulemaking Authority 525.037, 525.14, 570.07(23) FS. Law Implemented 525.01, 525.037, 525.14 FS. History--New 7-31-26, Repealed 8-27-26.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 27, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Consumer Services

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

5JER26-12 Volatility Standards for Gasoline

SPECIFIC FACTS AND REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE: Due to the disruption of global energy markets by ongoing hostilities in the Middle East, increased demand for gasoline in the 2026 summer driving season, and decreased refining capacity in the U.S. since 2020, additional pressure has been placed on U.S. gasoline production. Combined, these factors make U.S. gasoline markets vulnerable to sudden changes in demand and supply, especially heading into the hurricane season, and the summer driving season. Additionally, on January 20, 2025, President Trump declared a National Energy Emergency stating in part that America needs "a reliable, diversified, and affordable supply of energy ... to sustain the basics of modern life and military preparedness." The declaration also states that, "The United States' insufficient energy production, transportation, refining, and generation constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to our Nation's economy, national security, and foreign policy." 90 Fed. Reg. 8433 (Jan. 29, 2025). The EPA has concluded, with the U.S. Department of Energy's concurrence, that it is in the public interest to take action to address the supply circumstances that prevent distribution of an adequate supply of gasoline to consumers. Pursuant to adopted national fuel standards, fuel volatility requirements are shifting to accommodate the changing seasons, however, the EPA has determined that the factors outlined above have created "extreme and unusual fuel supply circumstances" that will prevent the distribution of an adequate supply of compliant gasoline to consumers. On March 25, 2026, EPA issued a Reid Vapor Pressure Fuel Waiver effective on May 1, 2026, temporarily waiving federal fuel vapor pressure standards for fuel blends containing gasoline and between 9 and 15 percent denatured anhydrous ethanol (E15) to help address this crisis. If Florida's volatility standards are not also adjusted to account for this extraordinary situation, there may be a shortage of lawful fuel for sale. On July 17, 2026, the EPA renewed the

waiver which extends past the 90 day limit for 5JER26-2 necessitating a new emergency rule from the department. On August 20, 2026, the EPA issued a new waiver extending the previous waiver and added provisions allowing the use of winter fuel beginning September 1, 2026.

REASONS FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE USED IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: This emergency rule was initiated in response to the EPA renewing the initial waiver issued on March 25, 2026, and adding provisions allowing the use of winter fuel. Its terms apply to all fuel suppliers and will help to ensure a consistent supply of fuel in the state, while alleviating additional strain on Florida's fuel market. As this is an unprecedented situation, prompt action based on information regarding recent developments in the fuel industry is both necessary and fair.

SUMMARY: This emergency rule allows fuels of different volatility classes than those set forth in ASTM International designation D4814-25, as adopted in Rule 5J-21.001, F.A.C., for the periods indicated.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RULE IS: Richard Kimsey, Director of Consumer Services, 2005 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32399, (850)410-3662 Richard.Kimsey@FDACS.gov.

THE TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:

5JER26-12 Volatility Standards for Gasoline.

(1) Vapor Pressure Requirements. It shall be lawful to introduce into wholesale terminal storage tanks and to offer for sale at retail outlets gasoline containing at least nine (9) percent and up to and including fifteen (15) percent ethanol by volume with a vapor pressure of no more than 1.0 psi above the applicable vapor pressure class maximums, as specified in ASTM International designation D4814-25. Such fuel held in terminal storage tanks on or before the expiration of this rule shall be lawful for distribution to retail outlets and sale by these outlets until supplies are depleted.

(2) Volatility Class C-3 fuels as specified in ASTM International designation D4814-25 shall be allowed beginning September 1, 2026, for retail distribution and sale.

(3) This rule shall remain in effect through September 15, 2026, or until the expiration of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's May 1, 2026, Reid Vapor Pressure Fuel Waiver or any extension thereof, whichever occurs first.
Rulemaking Authority 525.037, 525.14, 570.07(23) FS. Law Implemented 525.01, 525.037, 525.14 FS. History – New 8-27-26.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 27, 2026

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

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

65C-46.011 Personnel and Staffing Requirements

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 28, 2026, the Department of Children and Families, issued an order closing William Bloodworth's request for a variance of subparagraph 65C-46.011(8)(a)1., Florida Administrative Code. Petitioner filed his request on April 10, 2026, and withdrew his request on August 27, 2026. The Notice of Petition for Variance was published April 14, 2026, in Volume 52, Number 72 of the Florida Administrative Register. No comments were received. A copy of the Order may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Department of Children and Families, 2415 North Monroe Street, Suite 400, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or Agency.Clerk@myflfamilies.com.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Substance Abuse Program

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

65D-30.0043 Placement

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 28, 2026, the Department of Children and Families, issued an order closing IMPOWER's request for a variance of subsection 65D-30.0043(2), Florida Administrative Code. Petitioner filed its request on June 1, 2026, and withdrew its request on August 27, 2026. The Notice of Petition for Variance was published June 2, 2026, in Volume 52, Number 106 of the Florida Administrative Register. No comments were received. A copy of the Order may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Department of Children and Families, 2415 North Monroe Street, Suite 400, Tallahassee, FL 32303 or Agency.Clerk@myflfamilies.com.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of Insurance Agent and Agency Services

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 28, 2026, the Department of Financial Services, Division of Agent and Agency Services (Department), received a petition for a

Variance or Waiver from Florida Statute 626.281 from Brock Omarion Burch.

Florida Statute 626.281. The Petition requests the following: That the Florida Department of Financial Services determine whether it has authority to provide relief from the five-attempt exam limitation and, if legally authorized, permit Brock Omarion Burch to take the Florida 2-14 Life Including Annuities and Variable Contracts examination one additional time.

A copy of the Petition may be obtained by contacting: Sarah Marcos: Sarah.Marcos@myfloridacfo.com or (850)413-4229

Section VI Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Arts and Culture

The Florida Division of Arts and Culture announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: September 30, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

PLACE: Zoom: <https://dos-myflorida.zoom.us/j/81074155956?pwd=tE1vaO2ukTMvfCSlaxgsF1l6JTjnlb.1>

Meeting Id – 810 7415 5956

Passcode – 623465

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To review and score grant applications for the 2028 Museum Level 3C General Program Support Grant program. Please visit the Division's calendar webpage for additional information: <https://dos.fl.gov/cultural/news-and-events/calendar/>

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the Division of Arts and Culture at (850)245-6470 or visit our website at <https://dos.fl.gov/cultural/>

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Administration

The CRAFT Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: September 9, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: 600 N. Broadway Avenue, Suite 101, Bartow, FL or via Zoom web conferencing online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83694236176?pwd=qNLVtR4kobOt4MXmebsbBbxZqi6v9F.1>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The CRAFT Board of Directors will meet to discuss and execute matters of the Board including, but not limited to, approval of previous meeting minutes, financial reports, program updates, requests for project amendments, discussion regarding the

collection of data, consideration of UAV data services, and other matters of the Board.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Tamara Wood at (863)698-9276.

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: Tamara Wood at (863)698-9276. 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: Tamara Wood at (863)698-9276.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

DATE AND TIME: September 10, 2026, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., ET

PLACE:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/262004725682108?p=y0bGWDyryhaqN3ShaF>

Meeting ID: 262 004 725 682 108 Passcode: mJ2WC7Bi

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: African American History Task Force

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Dr. Jennie Ladner-Jones at Jennie.Jones@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: Dr. Jennie Ladner-Jones at Jennie.Jones@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: Dr. Jennie Ladner-Jones at Jennie.Jones@fldoe.org.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Blind Services

The Blind Services Foundation and The Division of Blind Services announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: September 16, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: 1(305)224-1968, Meeting ID: 91024351450# Passcode: 398624#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: DSO General Board Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Phone: (850)245-9305, Email: DBSRehabCouncil@dbs.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: The Division of Blind Services at (850)245-0370. 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: The Division of Blind Services, Phone: (850)245-9305, Email: DBSRehabCouncil@dbs.fldoe.org.

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, September 10, 2026, 5:15 p.m.
Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tentative Ad Valorem Millage Rates, Non Ad Valorem Tax Rolls, and Tentative Budget

PLACE: SFWMD Headquarters, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Members of the public may participate and provide public comment in person or via Zoom, a media technology free for the public to use.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The South Florida Water Management District announces a public hearing regarding its annual tentative ad valorem millage rates, non ad valorem tax rolls and tentative budget.

The public and stakeholders will have an opportunity to view and comment on the public hearing by attending in person or utilizing the following link: <https://sfwmd.link/47NEIUW>. The link will go live at approximately 5:15 p.m. on September 10, 2026. District staff will be available to provide technical assistance.

The Governing Board will receive and consider public comment and vote separately on the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 tentative ad valorem millage rates, non ad valorem tax rolls, and tentative budget. The Governing Board may discuss and consider District business, including regulatory and non-regulatory matters.

The Governing Board may take official action on any item appearing on the agenda for the public hearing and on any item that is added to the agenda for the public hearing as a result of a change to the agenda approved by the presiding officer of the public hearing pursuant to Section 120.525, Florida Statutes.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Molly Brown at mobrown@sfwmd.gov. The agenda containing information on this public hearing will be posted to the District's website, www.SFWMD.gov/meetings, seven days prior to the meeting.

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 seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Molly Brown, District Clerk, at mobrown@sfwmd.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: Molly Brown at mobrown@sfwmd.gov.

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, September 10, 2026, 2:00 p.m.,
Governing Board Monthly Meeting

PLACE: SFWMD Headquarters, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Members of the public may participate and provide public comment in person or via Zoom, a media technology free for the public to use.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District will discuss and consider District business, including regulatory and non-regulatory matters. The public and stakeholders will have an opportunity to view and comment on the meeting by attending in person or utilizing the following link: <https://sfwmd.link/47NEIUW>. The link will go live at approximately 2:00 p.m. on September 10, 2026.

The Governing Board may take official action at the meeting on any item appearing on the agenda and on any item that is added to the agenda as a result of a change to the agenda approved by the presiding officer of the meeting pursuant to Section 120.525, Florida Statutes.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Molly Brown at mobrown@sfwmd.gov. The agenda will be posted to the District's website, www.SFWMD.gov/meetings, seven days prior to the meeting.

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 seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Molly Brown, District Clerk, at mobrown@sfwmd.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: Molly Brown at mobrown@sfwmd.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

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

DATE AND TIME: Monday, September 14, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: <https://meet.goto.com/696354381>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Credential and Education Committee meeting (Licensure)

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: <https://floridasnursing.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 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (850)245-4125. 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.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Nursing

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

DATES AND TIMES: Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 8:30 a.m., ET; Thursday, October 1, 2026, 8:30 a.m., ET; Thursday, October 1, 2026, 1:30 p.m., ET; Friday, October 2, 2026, 8:30 a.m., ET

PLACE: Holiday Inn Resort Kissimmee by the Parks; 3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34843

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Credentials Committee and Education Committee meetings; Disciplinary Hearings and General Business (Full Board)

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: <https://floridasnursing.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 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by

contacting: (850)245-4125. 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.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Family Health Services

The Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Call 1(850)792-1375, Access Code: 492 308 987# To attend via webinar, please use this link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meeU246388032138455?p=sBbe7ZRwmbUwy5T90>

Or join by entering a meeting ID

Meeting ID: 246 388 032 138 455

Passcode: Nj6zx9Lj

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Review of work plan and present the program specific local health jurisdiction initiatives, objectives, and deliverables aligned with the National Healthy People 2030 Guidelines.

"This call will be recorded. By staying on the line, you are agreeing to be recorded."

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: For more information, you may contact: the Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention at (850)245-4330.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services

RULE NOS.:RULE TITLES:

69K-24.010 Application for Licensure of Removal Services, Refrigeration Facilities, and Centralized Embalming Facilities

69K-24.020 Licensure of Removal Services

69K-24.021 Requirements for Inspection of Removal Services

69K-24.022 Inspection Criteria for Removal Services

69K-24.023 Duplicate License and Renewal Penalty Fees for Removal Services

69K-24.030 Licensure of Refrigeration Services

69K-24.031 Requirements for Inspection of Refrigeration Services

69K-24.032 Inspection Criteria for Refrigeration Services

69K-24.033 Duplicate License and Renewal Penalty Fees for Refrigeration Services

69K-24.040 Licensure of Centralized Embalming Facilities

69K-24.041 Requirements for Inspections of Centralized Embalming Facilities

69K-24.042 Inspection Criteria for Centralized Embalming Facilities

69K-24.043 Duplicate License and Renewal Penalty Fees for Centralized Embalming Facilities

The Department of Financial Services announces a hearing to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: September 24, 2026, 1:30 p.m., EST

PLACE: Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/293139262577802?p=220gRcxBdv7lpVvzbc>

Meeting ID: 293 139 262 577 802

Passcode: PJ325qs6

Dial in by phone

+1(850)328-4354,,802965318# United States, Tallahassee

Phone conference ID: 802 965 318#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This hearing will consider public input on the proposed changes to the above-referenced rules.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mary Schwantes, Director, Division of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services at (850)413-4984 or Mary.Schwantes@myfloridacfo.com.

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: Mary Schwantes, Director, at (850)413-4984 or Mary.Schwantes@myfloridacfo.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).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Workforce Services

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

DATE AND TIME: September 8, 2026, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., EST

PLACE: Microsoft Teams:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/26385096099440?p=9dLRc5uEAG9Rq4w8t>

Passcode: WK6s9H3z

Dial in by Phone: 1(850)988-5144

Conference ID: 758 016 193#

This is a public meeting that will be broadcasted on The Florida Channel.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Executive Steering Committee will meet to discuss the FL WINS Program.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: flwins@commerce.fl.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 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (850)245-7406. 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).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Community Development

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

DATE AND TIME: September 3, 2026, 3:00 p.m., EST (Correction to Notice 31287658)

PLACE: Microsoft Teams:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/294669564306499?p=FL4451be9bDCYTII3T>

Meeting ID: 294 669 564 306 499

Passcode: pM9Gk3Xs

Dial In by Phone: +1(850)988-5144

Phone conference ID: 757 412 61#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: FloridaCommerce is in the process of updating the state's program year 2026 - 2027 plan for administering the Weatherization Assistance Program. (WAP State Plan).

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. 440.14(a), FloridaCommerce will conduct a virtual public hearing. During these hearings, public comments on the proposed WAP State Plan will be received. FloridaCommerce will also prepare a transcript of the hearing and make it available to the public.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Ms. Jasmin Waye, Community Program Manager (WAP), Bureau of Economic Self-Sufficiency, 107 East Madison Street, MSC 400, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4120. Copies may also be obtained by calling (850)717-8409 or emailing FloridaWAP@Commerce.fl.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 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Ms. Jasmin Waye, Community Program Manager (WAP), Bureau of Economic Self-Sufficiency, 107 East Madison Street, MSC 400, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4120. Copies may also be obtained by calling (850)717-8409 or emailing FloridaWAP@Commerce.fl.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.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, September 18, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Main Conference Room, 2830 Winkler Ave, Suite 112, Fort Myers, FL 33916

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Items related to AAASWFL business and Advisory Council to the Board of Directors oversight.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: President at ea@aaaswfl.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 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: President at ea@aaaswfl.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: President at ea@aaaswfl.org

CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING IN CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.

The Center For Independent Living in Central Florida, INC announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: September 02, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: 720 North Denning Drive, Winter Park FL 32789

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Development Committee Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Josue Obando (407)961-5539

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: Josue Obando (407)961-5539. 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).

CARPE DIEM COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC.

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

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (CDT)

PLACE: Virtual (Online): Register at www.nwflroads.com/projects/454908-1

In-person: Victory Assembly of God, Fellowship Hall, 1895 Victory Road, Cantonment

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a hybrid public meeting to present information concerning the U.S. 29 intersection safety project in Escambia County. This hybrid public meeting is being held both virtually and in-person to provide interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the proposed improvements. Those who are unable to participate virtually may attend the meeting in-person. Interested persons can visit the project website at www.nwflroads.com/projects/454908-1 and register for one viewing option (virtual or in-person). The same materials will be presented in each format. If you have any questions or issues registering, please contact Jimmy Smith, P.E., Project Manager, at (850)372-4126, or via email at jsmith@ceteris.org.

Maps, drawings, and other information is available for review online beginning at 12:00 noon (CDT), Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at www.nwflroads.com/projects/454908-1.

Project materials may also be viewed by contacting the Project Manager at the information provided above.

The intent of this project is to improve safety and traffic operations at the U.S. 29 and C.R. 196 (Barrineau Park Road) intersection. Two improvement concepts are being evaluated: Alternative #1 - A Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) configuration.

Alternative #2 - A conventional traffic signal.

An RCUT design eliminates left turns from C.R. 196 (Barrineau Park Road) onto U.S. 29 and through movements on C.R. 196 (Barrineau Park Road) crossing over U.S. 29. Instead, motorists must turn right from C.R. 196 (Barrineau Park Road) onto U.S. 29 and use the designated U-turn location to reach their intended destinations.

No additional right of way is required. Bids for construction are scheduled to occur late 2027.

FDOT representatives will be available to discuss proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments.

Persons wishing to submit written comments may do so at the meeting or may contact the Project Manager using the information provided above. The deadline to submit official public comments related to this project is Friday, Sept. 25, 2026.

Public participation is held without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the Project Manager using the information provided above.

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 seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the Project Manager using the information provided

above. 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: The Project Manager using the information provided above. You may also contact Ian Satter, FDOT District Three Public Information Director, toll-free at (888)638-0250, ext. 1205, or via email at ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us.

Section VII

Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
Securities

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Office of Financial Regulation has received the petition for declaratory statement from Jason Davidson filed on August 24, 2026. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the applicability of Chapter 517, Florida Statutes, as it applies to the petitioner.

On August 24, 2026, the Office of Financial Regulation received a Petition for Declaratory Statement from Jason Davidson. The petition seeks a declaratory statement from the Office on whether Petitioner is required to register under section 517.12(3), Florida Statutes, whether Petitioner is required to comply with the filing requirements of section 517.12(23)(b)2., and on whether Petitioner is required to register under section 517.12(1), Florida Statutes, to offer and sell securities on behalf of an issuer for a period of time greater than 12 months. Except for good cause shown, motions for leave to intervene must be filed within 21 days after publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov.

Please refer all comments to: Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
Securities

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Office of Financial Regulation has received the petition for declaratory statement from St Michel De Grandvaln Llmmt LLC filed on August 27, 2026. The petition seeks the agency's opinion as to the

applicability of Chapter 517, Florida Statutes, as it applies to the petitioner.

On August 27, 2026, the Office of Financial Regulation received a Petition for Declaratory Statement from St Michel De Grandvaln Llmmt LLC. The petition seeks a declaratory statement from the Office on whether Petitioner's proposed business model (to operate an art and brand business offering original physical artworks and related authentication, provenance, and limited digital components.) are subject to registration requirements under Chapter 517, Florida Statutes. Except for good cause shown, motions for leave to intervene must be filed within 21 days after publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov.

Please refer all comments to: Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SETTLES INTERIOR DOOR REPLACEMENT – ITB-27-026

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) requests proposals for the subject project and has issued a Competitive Solicitation to obtain competitive responses from qualified firms consistent with the requirements outlined in the Solicitation Document.

Selection will be made in accordance with the published Solicitation Document. Firm(s) must be properly licensed in the State of Florida at the time of submittal.

Be sure to read the entire solicitation document before contacting the Agency with questions, which must be submitted via e-mail. Only procedural questions will be answered on receipt – all other questions will only be answered according to the published timeline.

RESPONSE DUE DATE: September 30, 2026, no later than 1:45 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTAL: Firms interested in being considered for this project should access the Solicitation Document from: Purchasing | Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind Click “View Active Competitive Solicitations” and navigate to the project folder. **RESPONDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE** for checking the FSDB website for amendments and addendum. Failure to comply with any changes published to the FSDB website may be grounds for rejecting a proposal.

Primary Contact: Elizabeth Nimitz, Purchasing Analyst - nimitze@fsdbk12.org; Kim Whitwam, Director of Purchasing – whitwamk@fsdbk12.org.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

FWC 26/27-22C St Pete Campus Fire Alarm Replacement

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

BID NO: FWC 26/27-22C

BID NAME: St Pete Campus Fire Alarm Replacement

PROJECT LOCATION: Pinellas, FLORIDA

The intent of this Invitation to Bid (ITB) is to obtain competitive pricing for the fire alarm replacement for a 140,000 square foot campus which contains four (4) buildings, the new fire alarm system will be a non-proprietary system and installation will follow all plans and specifications of the Agency, in accordance with the documents and Chapter 255 of the Florida Statutes.

To review the bid details for FWC 26/27-22C

Visit <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/search/bids> to view a list of FWC’s formal solicitations and agency decisions. Choose the FWC 26/27-22C solicitation link to view the advertisement details.

From the Advertisement Details page, you can download the PDF bid file for your reference.

NOTE: The Vendor Information Portal (link provided above) is the posting location for all new and changing information regarding this solicitation. Interested bidders should continue to monitor this site for the entirety of the solicitation process.

DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO THE PROCUREMENT MANAGER:

Elbert Orellana, Procurement Manager

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Tallahassee Purchasing Office

1875 Orange Avenue East

Tallahassee, Florida 32311-6160

Phone: (850)617-9658

Email: Elbert.Orellana@myfwc.com

BARR AND BARR

UF-672 School of Music Envelope and Finishes Bid Packages

Barr & Barr is seeking qualified bids for the UF-672 Music School Envelope and Finishes bid packages. The project is located on main campus in Gainesville, FL and includes a new 49,000 SF Performance Hall addition and expansion. Bid packages include thin brick, misc metals, millwork, roofing, metal panels, waterproofing, doors, frames, hardware, curtainwall, acoustical ceilings, drywall, painting, flooring, acoustic room components, stucco, theater equipment, MEPS, sitework, and landscaping. Scope start date is anticipated as 12/1/26. Contact Lauren Pelini at LPelini@barrandbarr.com for additional information.

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., Monday, August 24, 2026, and 3:00 p.m., Friday, August 28, 2026.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5JER26-10	8/27/2026	8/27/2026
5JER26-12	8/27/2026	8/27/2026
5KER26-11	8/24/2026	8/24/2026
59A-36.009	8/28/2026	9/17/2026

62-40.110	8/26/2026	9/15/2026
75-2.021	8/26/2026	9/15/2026
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	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****

STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Completed Rule Review

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

19-3.016 Executive Director

19-3.0161 Investment Responsibilities of the Executive Director

Notice is hereby given that on August 27, 2026, the above rules completed the rule review process pursuant to Section 120.5435, F.S.

The following rules were filed with technical changes:

19-3.016 Executive Director.

The Executive Director, who shall act as the Board's chief administrative and investment officer, shall be selected by and serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Board has hereby delegated authority to act in the following areas to the Executive Director or his or her designee:

(1) through (17) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 112.061(9)(b), 215.52, 215.62(5), 215.835, 215.84(5), 216.345(3), 218.412 FS. Law Implemented 112.061, 215.44(2)(b), 215.441, 215.515, 215.69, 215.84, 216.345(2), 218.409(7) FS. History—New 7-13-75, Amended 4-10-84, 12-25-85, Formerly 19-3.16, Amended 12-11-89, 10-21-90, 6-4-91, 6-16-94, 10-15-13, 5-18-25, Reviewed.

19-3.0161 Investment Responsibilities of the Executive Director.

The Executive Director has the responsibility and authority to organize and manage the ongoing investment activities of the Board. The Executive Director is responsible for implementing approved investment objectives, policies and strategies. All Investment Policy Statements shall be submitted to the Board for approval. The Executive Director shall periodically review such policy statements and shall submit proposed Investment Policy Statement revisions to the Investment Advisory Council for review. The Executive Director's management of the funds may include tactical changes in particular portfolio holdings in accordance with approved policies. The intent is to provide the Executive Director with sufficient authority and operating flexibility to make prudent and professional investment decisions in response to changing market and economic

conditions, and otherwise to ensure that the Board fulfills its fiduciary duties.

Rulemaking Authority 120.53(1), 215.52 FS. Law Implemented 215.44, 215.45, 215.47, 215.475, 215.52 FS. History—New 12-25-85, Formerly 19-3.161, Amended 12-18-88, 10-15-13, Reviewed.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FLORIDA FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

WW4804C - Orlando, Florida

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has determined that the City of Orlando's project for construction of a gasification system to eliminate PFAS related compounds in biosolids is not expected to generate controversy over potential environmental effects. The total estimated construction cost is \$21,600,000. The project may qualify for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan composed of federal or state funds. DEP will consider public comments about the environmental impacts of the proposed project that are postmarked or delivered at the address below within 30 days of this notice. A full copy of the FLORIDA FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT can be obtained by writing to Katie Lewis, CWSRF Program, Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS#3505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 or calling (850)245-2829 or emailing to Katie.Lewis@FloridaDEP.Gov.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Office of the Secretary

Florida State Clearinghouse

The state is coordinating reviews of federal activities and federally funded projects as required by Section 403.061(43), F.S. This includes Outer Continental Shelf activities and other actions subject to federal consistency review under the Florida Coastal Management Program. A list of projects, comments and deadlines, and the address for providing comments, are available at: <https://prodapps.dep.state.fl.us/clearinghouse/>. For information, call (850)717-9037. This public notice fulfills the requirements of 15 CFR 930.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Division of Community Development

Commerce Final Order No. COM-26-038

FINAL ORDER

APPROVING LAKE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-27

The Florida Department of Commerce ("Department") hereby issues its Final Order, pursuant to Section 380.05(6), Florida Statutes, approving land development regulations adopted by the Lake County, Florida (the "County"), Ordinance No. 2026-27 (the "Ordinance").

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Green Swamp Area is designated by Section 380.0551, Florida Statutes, as an area of critical state concern. The County is a local government within the Green Swamp Area.

2. The Ordinance was adopted by the County on June 23, 2026, and rendered to the Department on July 7, 2026.

3. The Ordinance repeals Sections 13.02.00, entitled Alternate Members, and 13.03.00, entitled Board of Adjustment, of the Lake County Code to provide for the transfer of duties and functions of the Board of Adjustment to the Board of County Commissioners.

4. The Ordinance amends Section 13.04.02, entitled Membership, to allow the Board of County Commissioners to appoint alternate members to meet quorum requirements and Section 14.15.00, entitled Variances and Appeals, to update references to the Board of Adjustment to the Board of County Commissioners.

5. Additionally, the Ordinance amends the following provisions of the Lake County Code and Appendix E, Land Development Regulations (“LDR”) to update all references to the Board of Adjustment to the Board of County Commissioners:

a. Chapter II, LDR (definition of “Development Order”)

b. 5.09.00, LDR

c. 6.06.02.B, LDR

d. 6.10.01, LDR

e. 9.02.10.F, LDR

f. 9.07.07, LDR

g. 14.00.09, LDR

h. 14.15.00, LDR

i. 15.02.04.I, LDR

j. Sec 6-9, Lake County Code

k. Sec. 6-45, Lake County Code

l. Sec. 13-148, Lake County Code

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. The Department is required to approve or reject land development regulations that are adopted by any local government in an area of critical state concern. See Section 380.05(6), Florida Statutes.

7. “Land development regulations” include local zoning, subdivision, building, and other regulations controlling the development of land. Section 380.031(8), Florida Statutes. The regulations adopted by the Ordinance are land development regulations.

8. The Ordinance is consistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan as required by Section 163.3177(1), Florida Statutes, generally, and is specifically consistent with Policy I-1.1.8.

9. All land development regulations enacted, amended, or rescinded within an area of critical state concern must be consistent with the principles for guiding development for that area. See Section 380.05(6), Florida Statutes.

10. The Principles for Guiding Development for the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern are set forth in Rule 28-26.003, Florida Administrative Code.

11. The Ordinance is consistent with the Principles for Guiding Development in Rule 28-26.003, Florida Administrative Code, as a whole.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Department finds that the Lake County Ordinance No. 2026-27 is consistent with the Lake County’s Comprehensive Plan and the Principles for Guiding Development for the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern and is hereby APPROVED.

This Final Order becomes final 21 days after publication in the Florida Administrative Register unless a petition is timely filed as described in the Notice of Administrative Rights below.

DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Florida.

/s/ Leo Garcia, Leo Garcia, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Division of Community Development, Florida Department of Commerce

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHTS

ANY PERSON WHOSE SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS ARE AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER HAS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.569, FLORIDA STATUTES.

FOR THE REQUIRED CONTENTS OF A PETITION CHALLENGING AGENCY ACTION, REFER TO RULES 28-106.104(2), 28-106.201(2), AND 28-106.301, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

DEPENDING ON WHETHER OR NOT MATERIAL FACTS ARE DISPUTED IN THE PETITION, A HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO EITHER SECTIONS 120.569 AND 120.57(1), FLORIDA STATUTES, OR SECTIONS 120.569 AND 120.57(2), FLORIDA STATUTES. ANY PETITION MUST BE FILED WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WITHIN 21 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE FINAL ORDER BEING PUBLISHED IN THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER. A PETITION IS FILED WHEN IT IS RECEIVED BY:

AGENCY CLERK, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL, 107 EAST MADISON ST., MSC 110, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-4128, FAX (850)921-3230, AGENCY.CLERK@COMMERCE.FL.GOV

YOU WAIVE THE RIGHT TO ANY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING IF YOU DO NOT FILE A PETITION WITH THE AGENCY CLERK WITHIN 21 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE FINAL ORDER BEING PUBLISHED IN THE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Final Order has been filed with the undersigned designated Agency Clerk, and that true and correct copies have been furnished to the following persons by the methods indicated this 28th day of August 2026.

/s/ Karis De Gannes, Agency Clerk, Karis De Gannes, Florida Department of Commerce, 107 East Madison Street, MSC 110, Tallahassee, FL 32399-4128

By U.S. Mail:

The Honorable Leslie Campione, Chairman, Lake County Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box 7800, Tavares, FL 32778

The Honorable Gary J. Cooney, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Lake County, P.O. Box 7800, Tavares, FL 32778

CITY OF LONGWOOD

Notice of Proposed Ordinance Governing a Telecommunications Company Placing or Maintaining Telecommunications Facilities in its Roads or Rights-of-Way
The City of Longwood, Florida, gives notice of proposed ordinance governing a telecommunications company placing or maintaining telecommunications facilities within its public roads or rights-of-way.

FIRST READING TO BE HELD:

DATE AND TIME: September 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Commission Chambers, 175 West Warren Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750

SECOND READING TO BE HELD:

DATE AND TIME: September 21, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Commission Chambers, 175 West Warren Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The proposed ordinance, titled Ordinance No. 26-2293, amends Section 78-43, of Chapter 78, Article II, Communications Facilities in Publish Rights-Of-Way, City of Longwood Code of Ordinances. The proposed ordinance amends right-of-way permit application requirements for installation of communications services facilities within public rights-of-way including letter of credit, letter of credit draw agreement, bond and insurance requirements; provides for codification, conflicts, severability, and an effective date.

A copy of the proposed ordinance can be obtained by: Liane Cartagena, City Clerk, Longwood City Hall, 175 W. Warren Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750. Office: (407)260-3441. Email: lcartagena@longwoodfl.org

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.
