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A 000	Initial Comments On April 16, 2026, an unannounced licensure survey was conducted for this 16 bed Assisted Living Facility (ALF) with a census of 16. There were no complaints investigated during this survey. Deficiencies were cited during this survey for failure to operate in accordance with the Rules of the Alabama State Board of Health (SBOH), Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), Chapter 420-5-4, Alabama Administrative Code, for Assisted Living Facilities. The deficiencies cited pose a potential risk of harm to the residents and require a plan of correction.	A 000		
A 306	420-5-4-.03 (2) (d) Administration. (d) Protection. 1. An assisted living facility must meet the applicable provisions of federal law and regulations pertaining to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, or national origin; nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap; nondiscrimination on the basis of age; protection of human subjects of research; and protection from fraud and abuse. Although federal law and regulations are not normally surveyed and enforced by the State Board of Health in assisted living facilities, serious violations of these provisions of law may nevertheless constitute grounds for adverse licensure action. 2. An assisted living facility shall obey all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations. 3. Licensing of Staff. Staff of the facility	A 306		

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A 306	Continued From page 1 shall be currently licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with applicable laws. 4. Compliance with Other Laws. An assisted living facility shall comply with laws relating to fire and life safety, sanitation, and communicable and reportable diseases. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interview, the facility failed to follow applicable laws and regulations for screening of employees. Findings: Review of employee files on April 15, 2026, revealed no employees had been screened through the "Shirley's Law" Elder and Adult in Need of Protective Services Abuse Registry. Employee Identifier (EI)#1 stated she (EI#1) was unaware of the requirement for this screening of employees but would complete the screening immediately for current employees and would implement screening for potential employees in the future.	A 306		
A1001	420-5-4-.10 (1) Sanitation and Housekeeping. (1) Sanitation. (a) Water Supply. 1. If at all possible, all water shall be obtained from a public water supply. If it is impossible to connect to a public water system, the private water supply shall meet the approval of the local County Health Department.	A1001		

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A1001	Continued From page 2 2. Water under pressure of not less than 15 pounds per square inch shall be piped within the building to all sinks, toilets, lavatories, tubs, showers, and other fixtures requiring water. Tubs, showers, sinks, lavatories, and other fixtures used by residents shall have hot water supplied. Hot water accessible to residents shall in no case exceed 110 degrees Fahrenheit. (b) Disposal of Liquid and Human Wastes. 1. There shall be installed within the building a properly designed waste disposal system, connecting to all fixtures to which water under pressure is piped. 2. All liquid and human waste, including floor wash water and liquid waste from refrigerators, shall be disposed through trapped drains into a public sewer in localities where such system is available. 3. In localities where a public sanitary sewer is not available, liquid and human waste shall be disposed through trapped drains into a sewage disposal system approved by the local County Health Department. The sewage disposal system shall be of a size and capacity based on the number of residents and personnel housed and employed in the institution. Where the sewage disposal system is installed at an existing facility prior to granting of a license, it shall be inspected and approved by the local County Health Department. (c) Premises. The premises shall be	A1001		

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A1001	Continued From page 3 kept neat and clean. The property shall be free of rubbish, weeds, ponded water, or other conditions that may create a health, safety, or sanitation hazard. (d) Control of Insects, Rodents and Other Pests. Each facility shall be kept free of ants, flies, roaches, rodents, and other pests. Proper and lawful methods for their eradication or control shall be used. Droppings shall be evidence of infestation by pests. (e) Toilet Room Cleanliness. Floors, walls, ceilings, and fixtures of all toilet rooms shall be kept clean and free of objectionable odors. These rooms shall be kept free of an accumulation of rubbish, cleaning supplies, and toiletry articles. The use of a common towel and common bar soap is prohibited. (f) Garbage Disposal. 1. Garbage must be kept in water-tight suitable containers with tight-fitting covers. Garbage containers must be emptied at frequent intervals and shall be thoroughly cleaned and aired before using again. 2. Garbage and waste shall be disposed of in accordance with local and state regulations. (g) Control of odors. The facility shall be free of objectionable odors. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observations and interviews, the facility premises were not kept neat and clean.	A1001		

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A1001	Continued From page 4 Findings: When the surveyor arrived at the facility on the morning of April 15, 2026, the grass in the yard surrounding the facility building was very tall and in need of cutting. In addition, vines were noted growing up the sides of the building and onto the eaves of the building. EI#1 agreed with the surveyor that yard work was needed. The grass was cut later that same day.	A1001		
A1002	420-5-4-.10 (2) Sanitation and Housekeeping. (2) Housekeeping and Physical Plant Maintenance. The facility must provide a safe, functional, sanitary, decent, and comfortable environment for residents, staff, and the public. (a) Equipment and Supplies. The home shall maintain an adequate quantity of housekeeping and maintenance equipment and supplies. (b) Bathtubs and Lavatories. Bathtubs and lavatories shall be kept clean and in proper working order, and shall not be used for laundering. (c) Resident Bedrooms. Resident bedrooms shall be cleaned and dusted as often as necessary to maintain a clean, attractive appearance. (d) General Storage. 1. Broken beds, extra mattresses, mop buckets, and dust rags shall not be kept in hallways, closets, corners, or occupied resident	A1002		

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A1002	Continued From page 5 rooms. Such items must be stored neatly and orderly in designated storage rooms. 2. The use of attics for storage of combustible materials shall be prohibited unless protected by an automatic sprinkler system and then only in small quantities so as not to create a hazardous condition. 3. Basements used for storage shall meet acceptable standards for storage and shall be designed and constructed in a manner that protects against fire hazards. 4. Flammable materials such as gasoline, motor fuels, lighter fluid, turpentine, acetone, and oil-based paint shall not be stored in the facility. Unless prohibited by a facility's own policies, however, a cognitively intact resident who uses lighter fluid to fill a personal cigarette lighter, or one who uses flammable materials such as paint or glue in connection with a personal hobby, may store small quantities of those materials in a safe and secure manner within his or her own room. 5. Poisonous or External Use Substances. Facility cleaning supplies and poisons shall be attended at all times or shall be kept in a secure area. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observations and interviews, the facility failed to provide a safe environment for residents, staff and the public. Findings:	A1002		

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A1002	Continued From page 6 During a tour of the facility on April 15, 2026, the surveyor and EI#1 observed multiple closet areas on all three halls. All closets were unlocked. Some contained water heaters and electrical panels. One Storage Closet in the hallway across from the kitchen housed the air conditioning unit. Numerous cans of spray paint, pints/gallons of paint and a container of bleach were noted around the air conditioning unit. EI#1 agreed that the closets containing water heaters and electrical panels should be locked and that chemicals should be secured. EI#1 also stated that the paint would be removed from the building.	A1002		
A1203	420-5-4-.12 (5) Physical Environment. (5) General Building Requirements - Family, Group, and Congregate. (a) Structural Soundness and Repair. The building shall be structurally sound, free from leaks and excessive moisture, in good repair, and painted with sufficient frequency to be reasonably attractive inside and out. The interior and exterior of the building shall be kept clean and orderly. (b) Temperature to be Maintained. The facility shall maintain a comfortable temperature. A comfortable range is between 71-81 degrees Fahrenheit. (c) Lighting. Each resident's room shall have artificial light adequate for reading and other uses as needed. All entrances, hallways, stairways, inclines, ramps, cellars, attics, storerooms, kitchens, laundries, and service units shall have sufficient artificial lighting to prevent accidents and promote efficiency of service. Night	A1203		

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A1203	Continued From page 7 lights shall be provided in all hallways, stairways, and bathrooms. (d) Screens. All screen doors and operable windows shall be equipped with tight-fitting, full-length insect screens. Screen doors shall be equipped with self-closing devices. (e) Emergency Lighting. 1. All assisted living facilities shall provide emergency artificial lighting to adequately illuminate halls, corridors, kitchens, dining areas, and stairwells in case of electrical power failure. As a minimum, dry cell battery-operated lighting shall be provided to light such spaces. 2. Emergency lighting must provide illumination in accordance with the currently adopted Life Safety Code for at least 90 minutes. (f) Floors. 1. All floors shall be level, smooth and free of cracks, and finished so as to be easily kept clean. The basic requirement for floor finishes shall be wall-to-wall with such finishes as paint, stain, sealer, carpet, sheet vinyl, vinyl tile, hard tile, or other appropriate floor finish. 2. Any differences in floor levels shall not prevent a resident from navigating safely throughout the facility. (g) Walls and Ceilings. All walls and ceilings shall be of sound construction with an acceptable surface and shall be kept clean and in good repair.	A1203		

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A1203	Continued From page 8 (h) Windows. Operable windows shall be so constructed and maintained so that they fit snugly, and are capable of being opened and closed easily. (i) Ceiling Height. Each room occupied by residents shall have a ceiling height of eight feet or more. Existing facilities with ceiling heights less than eight feet shall be acceptable when the height complies with the codes. (j) Handrails. If handrails are installed in halls or corridors, the handrails shall be mounted at 30-36 inches above the floor and returned to the wall at each end. (k) Stairways. Stairways shall be well lighted, kept in good repair, and have handrails. Open space under stairs shall not be used for storage purpose. All walls and doors under stairs shall meet the same fire rating as the stairwell. (l) Doors. 1. In each new assisted living facility, doors of resident bathrooms connected to resident bedrooms shall swing into the bedroom. 2. Bedroom and bathroom doors may be equipped with hardware that will permit a resident to lock himself within the room, provided a master key is readily accessible for the staff at a central location. 3. Resident bedroom and other exit access doors in each assisted living facility shall be at least three feet wide. Bedroom doors in Family assisted living facilities shall not be less	A1203		

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A1203	Continued From page 9 than 32 inches wide. 4. Exterior egress doors except the main entry/exit door, may be equipped with a delayed egress locking system installed in accordance with NFPA 101. Other special locking arrangements are permitted only in specialty care assisted living facilities. 5. Exit doors swinging outward shall swing out over a landing having a minimum length and width equal to the door's width at the same level as the floor level, except existing doors shall not have more than a four inch step down. Exit doors of Family facilities may swing inward. (m) Ventilation. The building shall be well-ventilated at all times to prevent accumulation of objectionable odors. Kitchens, laundries, service rooms, toilets, and bathrooms shall be ventilated by windows, gravity vents, or mechanical means as necessary to prevent offensive odors from entering other parts of the facility. (n) Fire Extinguishers. Fire extinguishers shall be provided for each hall, kitchen, and laundry, of type and capacity appropriate to the need. 1. Each fire extinguisher shall receive an annual inspection with maintenance, and recharging when necessary, by a fire equipment servicing representative. An annual servicing tag shall be attached to the extinguisher reflecting the name of the servicing company, representative, day, month, and year of maintenance.	A1203		

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A1203	Continued From page 10 2. A visual inspection of each fire extinguisher shall be conducted monthly by designated staff of the facility and documented on the attached extinguisher tag by the designated staff person. (o) Call System. Except in Family facilities, a central electric or electronic call system shall be conveniently provided for each resident, usable in bedrooms and bathrooms. The call system shall be certified to meet the applicable Underwriters Laboratories standard. (p) Manufactured homes/mobile homes are not permitted. (q) Fireplaces and inserts, shall be inspected and cleaned annually, and shall comply with the currently adopted building code. Openings shall be protected with screens, or doors. (r) Exit marking. In Group and Congregate facilities, a sign bearing the word "EXIT" in plain legible block letters shall be placed at each exit. Additional signs shall be placed in corridors and passageways wherever necessary to indicate the direction of exit. Letters of signs shall be at least four inches high. All exit and directional signs shall be kept clearly legible by continuous internal electric illumination and have battery back-up or emergency power. (s) Heating, Lighting, and other Service Equipment. 1. Central or individual room gas heating systems shall be of the enclosed flame type equipped with automatic flame shut-off	A1203		

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A1203	Continued From page 11 control and shall be vented directly to the outside. Heating units of any type shall be located to avoid direct contact with any combustible material and shall be maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendation. 2. Open flame and portable heaters are prohibited in assisted living facilities. This does not apply to a fire place with gas logs protected as noted elsewhere in these rules. 3. Lighting shall be restricted to electricity. Electric wiring, motors, and other electrical equipment in all assisted living facilities shall be in accordance with local electrical codes and the NFPA National Electrical Code. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observations and interviews, the building was not maintained in an orderly manner. Findings: During a tour of the facility's interior and exterior with EI#1 on April 16, 2026, the following observations were made: *The vinyl flooring inside the building was uneven in areas, with long areas where the flooring sunk lower, causing a fall hazard. *Multiple windows did not contain screens. *The concrete outside the exit door by resident rooms 15 and 16 was uneven and contained an area which was approximately one inch lower than the other areas of the concrete, causing a trip hazard. *Portable heaters were noted in resident room 6 and in a storage closet on that same hallway.	A1203		

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A1203	Continued From page 12 EI#1 stated several residents used portable heaters in the winter months. *An electrical outlet cover in the living room area was broken leaving a hole in the floor and causing a fall hazard. EI#1 agreed these areas were unsafe and needed repairs. CONNIE CHERRY, REGISTERED NURSE	A1203		