

NOTICE OF INSTRUCTION

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Area Agency on Aging, Inc.



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#080811 – Status Update on Background Screening– kp

TO: All Providers/PSA 6
FROM: Katie Parkinson, Director of Program Management
DATE: August 8, 2011
SUBJECT: Status Update Request for Required Background Screenings

On June 30, 2011, the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (WCFAAA) provided all grant contracted providers with notification that the governor had vetoed the background screening legislation, SB 1992. As you will recall, this legislation was intended to amend Florida Statue (F.S.) to exempt volunteers with less than 20 hours of direct face-to-face contact with a client per month and individuals related to the client from the Level 2 background screening requirements of Chapter 435 and Section 430 (F.S.).

The previously issued WCFAAA **Notice of Instruction #081910-Background Screening Clarification**, provided our contracted providers with Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) policy and procedural guidance related to the implementation of the Chapter 2010-114, Laws of Florida, and the amended s. 435.04-07 and s. 430.0402, F.S. .

WCFAAA instructed providers to develop a screening plan, which would ensure at least 20% of the population of individuals required to successfully complete the Level 2 screening, were screened within the first 120 days of the August 1, 2010, effective date of Chapter 435 F.S. An additional 20% of those requiring Level 2 screening were to be screened every 90 days thereafter, until all direct service personnel had successfully satisfied the Level 2 background screening standards, or had applied for and received an exemption pursuant to Section 435.07, F.S.

In order to ensure compliance with the screening schedule, WCFAAA is requesting all providers submit an update to your agency's screening plan, which provides assurance that 100% of all direct service providers, including volunteers and relative caregivers will meet this requirement.

Attached is a schedule that will assist your agency with documenting the screening schedule. WCFAAA requires that all provider direct service personnel, whether staff, volunteer, or HCE caregiver complete the required Level 2 background screening no later than December 1, 2011. Please submit your agency's updated background screening schedule to this writer no later than Friday, August 19, 2011.

Thank you for your assistance implementing the Laws of Florida and the applicable Florida Statutes. If you have questions, please contact Katie Parkinson, Director of Program Management at 813-676-5574 or parkinsonk@elderaffairs.org.

Attachment:

Background Screening Schedule