

**Admission or Retention of Persons with Respiratory Infection to an ALF
Rule Comparison**

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The Agency for Health Care Administration promulgated the final rule modifying admission criteria for Assisted Living Facilities on November 27, 2025. The table compares the former and revised rule.

Former Rule	New Rule (11/27/25)
<p>s. 59A-36.006</p> <p>(1) ADMISSION CRITERIA.</p> <p>(a) An individual must meet the following minimum criteria in order to be admitted to a facility holding a standard, limited nursing services, or limited mental health license:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be at least 18 years of age. 2. Be free from signs and symptoms of any communicable disease that is likely to be transmitted to other residents or staff. An individual who has human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection may be admitted to a facility, provided that the individual would otherwise be eligible for admission according to this rule. 	<p>s. 59A-36.006</p> <p>(1) ADMISSION CRITERIA.</p> <p>(a) An individual must meet the following minimum criteria in order to be admitted to a facility holding a standard, limited nursing services, or limited mental health license:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be at least 18 years of age. 2. Be free from signs and symptoms of any communicable disease that may be transmitted to other residents or staff. However, an individual who has human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection may be admitted to a facility, provided that the individual would otherwise be eligible for admission according to this rule. In addition, an individual that exhibits signs or symptoms of or has been diagnosed with a respiratory illness that can be spread through droplet transmission, may be admitted, at the administrator's discretion, if appropriate droplet precautions are implemented by facility staff. Appropriate droplet precautions include recommendations from nationally accepted standards, recommendations from the local county health department, and the facility's infection prevention and control policies and procedures at the time of the individual's admission. The individual must otherwise be eligible for admission according to this rule.

[s. 59A-36.006 \(1\) 2., FAC](#)