Agency for Health Care Administration
Office of Inspector General – Internal Audit
Report Title: HCPO Response to Federal Audits
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12-Month Follow-up Status as of January 10, 2025

No.	Findings	Recommendations	Previous Management Responses	Status Update, Anticipated Completion Date and Contact
1	HCPO did not amend 59A-4, F.A.C. in accordance with the Agency response to federal audit A-04-17-08058 regarding State Emergency Plans. HCPO did not schedule rule workshop within six months as stated in the Agency response to federal audit A-04-17-08058 regarding State Emergency Plan requirements.	We recommend HCPO begin the process to update 59A-4 F.A.C., Minimum Standards for Nursing Homes regarding emergency plans.	Status Update: Health Care Policy & Oversight (HCPO) is finalizing updates to rule language and the nursing home Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) to align the criteria and format with the new template for Assisted Living Facilities CEMPs adopted November 2023. A standard template is necessary to make updates as the emergency plan criteria for residential providers are complex. The new template was created in coordination with the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association, Florida Health Care Association, Florida Senior Living Association, and other groups with a stake in residential health care. HCPO anticipates publishing a notice of rule development to include a workshop date by October 1, 2024. Anticipated Completion Date: October 1, 2024 Contact(s): Bernard Hudson, Bureau Chief for Health Facility Regulation	Status Update: The CEMP for nursing homes has been drafted and serves as a template for the intermediate care facilities template. The final review is being completed and after appropriate notification and posting in the Florida Administrative Register, anticipate a rule workshop on both rules by late February. Anticipated Completion Date: If there are no challenges it is anticipated that the rules will be completed by September 2025. Contact(s): Bernard Hudson