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Explanation and Guidelines:

Florida Law is superior to Florida Administrative rule. If there is a conflict between what is stated in law and rule, what is stated in law controls.

Florida law is referenced in three ways:

- <u>Laws of Florida (LOF or L.O.F.)</u> = official laws of Florida as passed by the legislature, approved by the governor, and filed with the secretary of state. The are created during any regular or special session of the legislature.
- <u>Florida Statutes (FS, F.S., or Fla. Stat.)</u> = codified version of official laws of Florida as done by Division of Statutory Revision, Office of Legislative Services, joint office of Florida House of Representatives and Senate. These are created and updated each year as a result of one or more legislative sessions.
- <u>Florida Administrative Code (FAC or F.A.C.)</u> = administrative rule promulgated by a state agency with jurisdiction and authority. These are created, modified, or repealed at any time with proper notice and opportunity for hearing by Florida's state agencies.