

Emily Adkins Family Protection Act (2025)

Florida requirements to prevent, detect, and track venous thromboembolism (VTE)

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WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES (BY SETTING)

HOSPITALS & AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS (ASCs)

- **Policies, procedures, and training (VTE):**

Each hospital with an emergency department **and** each ambulatory surgical center **must**:

- **Develop and implement policies and procedures** for rendering appropriate medical attention to persons at risk of forming VTE
- **Train nonphysician personnel at least annually** on those policies and procedures. “Nonphysician personnel” means all personnel working in clinical areas and providing patient care, except those licensed as health care practitioners. (§ 395.1012(5), Fla. Stat.)

- **Statewide VTE registry reporting:**

Beginning July 1, 2026, each hospital with an emergency department **must regularly report** to the statewide VTE registry “nationally recognized VTE measures and data on the incidence and prevalence of VTE,” as specified in statute. (§ 395.3042(2), Fla. Stat.)

NURSING HOMES

- **CNA in-service training must include VTE:**

Nursing homes must ensure **annual in-service training for certified nursing assistants includes recognizing signs and symptoms of VTE and techniques for providing an emergency response**, in addition to other required topics. (§ 400.211(3), Fla. Stat.; as amended 2025)

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES (ALFs)

- **Resident VTE pamphlet at admission:**

ALFs **must provide a consumer information pamphlet** to residents upon admission. The pamphlet **must contain information about venous thromboembolism, including risk factors and how residents can recognize the signs and symptoms of VTE**. (§ 429.55(2)(d), Fla. Stat.)

WHY THIS MATTERS

Standardized screening, training, patient education and data reporting are proven strategies to **reduce preventable harm and deaths from DVT/PE**. Florida’s law creates consistent expectations across care settings so clinicians and staff can act fast and save lives. (See legislative analyses and DOH/AHCA implementation references)

