

Agency for Health Care Administration

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{A 000}	Initial Comments A Revisit to 08/09/19 Change of Ownership with Generator Monitoring and a Revisit to 08/09/19 Complaint Investigation (Complaint Number: 2019011081) was conducted at Sweetwater at Largo Assisted Living Facility on 10/24/19. Deficiencies were identified at the time of survey.	{A 000}		
{A 052} SS=D	429.256(); 58A-5.0185 (3) Medication - Assistance with Self-Admin 429.256 (3) Assistance with self-administration of medication includes: (a) Taking the medication, in its previously dispensed, properly labeled container, including an syringe that is prefilled with the proper dosage by a pharmacist and an that is prefilled by the manufacturer, from where it is stored, and bringing it to the resident. (b) In the presence of the resident, reading the label, opening the container, removing a prescribed amount of medication from the container, and closing the container. (c) Placing an oral dosage in the resident's or placing the dosage in another container and helping the resident by lifting the container to his or her . (d) Applying medications. (e) Returning the medication container to proper storage. (f) Keeping a record of when a resident receives assistance with self-administration under this section. (g) Assisting with the use of a , including removing the cap of a , opening the unit dose of solution, and pouring the prescribed premeasured dose of medication into the dispensing cup of the . (h) Using a to perform .	{A 052}		

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{A 052}	Continued From page 1 level checks. (i) Assisting with putting on and taking off stockings. (j) Assisting with applying and removing an but not with titrating the prescribed settings. (k) Assisting with the use of a continuous positive airway pressure device but not with titrating the prescribed setting of the device. (l) Assisting with measuring vital signs. (m) Assisting with bags. (4) Assistance with self-administration does not include: (a) Mixing, converting, or medication doses, except for measuring a prescribed amount of liquid medication or breaking a scored tablet or crushing a tablet as prescribed. (b) The preparation of syringes for injection or the administration of medications by any injectable route. (c) Administration of medications by way of a tube inserted in a of the body. (d) Administration of preparations. (e) Irrigations or debriding agents used in the treatment of a skin condition. (f) or preparations. (g) Medications ordered by the physician or health care professional with prescriptive authority to be given "as needed," unless the order is written with specific parameters that preclude independent judgment on the part of the unlicensed person, and at the request of a competent resident. (h) Medications for which the time of administration, the amount, the strength of dosage, the method of administration, or the reason for administration requires judgment or	{A 052}		

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{A 052}	Continued From page 2 discretion on the part of the unlicensed person. 58A-5.0185 (3) ASSISTANCE WITH SELF-ADMINISTRATION. (a) Any unlicensed person providing assistance with self-administration of medication must be _____ or older, trained to assist with self administered medication pursuant to the training requirements of rule 58A-5.0191, F.A.C., and must be available to assist residents with self-administered medications in accordance with procedures described in section 429.256, F.S. and this rule. (b) In addition to the specifications of section 429.256(3), F.S., assistance with self-administration of medication includes, in the presence of the resident, reading the medication label aloud and verbally prompting a resident to take medications as prescribed. (c) In order to facilitate assistance with self-administration, trained staff may prepare and make available such items as water, juice, cups, and spoons. Trained staff may also return unused doses to the medication container. Medication, which appears to have been contaminated, must not be returned to the container. (d) Trained staff must observe the resident take the medication. Any concerns about the resident's reaction to the medication or suspected noncompliance must be reported to the resident's health care provider and documented in the resident's record. (e) When a resident who receives assistance with medication is away from the facility and from facility staff, the following options are available to enable the resident to take medication as prescribed: 1. The health care provider may prescribe a	{A 052}			

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{A 052}	Continued From page 3 medication schedule that coincides with the resident's presence in the facility, 2. The medication container may be given to the resident, a friend, or family member upon leaving the facility, with this fact noted in the resident's medication record, 3. The medication may be transferred to a pill organizer pursuant to the requirements of subsection (2), and given to the resident, a friend, or family member upon leaving the facility, with this fact noted in the resident's medication record, or 4. Medications may be separately prescribed and dispensed in an easier to use form, such as unit dose packaging. (f) Assistance with self-administration of medication does not include the activities detailed in section 429.256(4), F.S. 1. As used in section 429.256(4)(g), F.S., the term "competent resident" means that the resident is cognizant of when a medication is required and understands the purpose for taking the medication. 2. As used in section 429.256(4)(h), F.S., the terms "judgment" and "discretion" mean interpreting vital signs and evaluating or assessing a resident's condition. (g) All trained staff must adhere to the facility's _____ control policy and procedures when assisting with the self-administration of medication. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the Facility failed to have unlicensed Medication Technicians follow proper assistance with self-administration of medications according to the required steps in 429.256, Florida Administrative Code for two Residents (#1, and #2) of three sampled resident that required assistance with medications.	{A 052}			

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{A 052}	Continued From page 4 Findings Included: During an observation of the medication pass with Staff A (an unlicensed Medication Technician) for Residents #1, and #2, conducted on at 11 a.m., Staff A did not provide proper assistance with self-administration of medications according to the required steps in 429.256, Florida Administrative Code to Residents #1 and #2. Staff A popped out Resident #1's pill into a small medication cup at the medication cart. Resident #1 was not present. Staff A carried the medication cup and a cup of water to Resident #1's room. Upon entering Resident #1's room and identifying the resident, Staff A handed the plastic medication cup to the resident and stated by memory, "I have your". At 11:05am, Staff A popped out Resident #2's pill into a small medication cup at medication cart. Resident #2 was not present. Staff A carried the medication cup and a cup of water to Resident #2's room. Upon entering, Staff A found that Resident #2 was not in the room and carried the medication to the dining room where Resident #2 was sitting at a dining table waiting for the lunch meal. Staff A asked Resident #2 to come with her for medication. Resident #2 followed Staff A into the hallway and Staff A handed the plastic medication cup to Resident #2 and stated by memory, "this is your 36,000". During an interview with the Facility Manager, conducted on at 12:10pm, the Facility Manager stated that "unlicensed Med Techs are supposed to pop pills out of medication packs in front of the residents and read the medication label to the residents". Class III	{A 052}		

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A 055 SS=D	58A-5.0185(6) FAC Medication - Storage and Disposal (6) MEDICATION STORAGE AND DISPOSAL. (a) In order to accommodate the needs and preferences of residents and to encourage residents to remain as independent as possible, residents may keep their medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, in their possession both on or off the facility premises. Residents may also store their medication in their rooms or apartments if either the room is kept locked when residents are absent or the medication is stored in a secure place that is out of sight of other residents. (b) Both prescription and over-the-counter medications for residents must be centrally stored if: 1. The facility administers the medication; 2. The resident requests central storage. The facility must maintain a list of all medications being stored pursuant to such a request; 3. The medication is determined and documented by the health care provider to be hazardous if kept in the personal possession of the person for whom it is prescribed; 4. The resident fails to maintain the medication in a safe manner as described in this paragraph; 5. The facility determines that, because of physical arrangements and the conditions or habits of residents, the personal possession of medication by a resident poses a safety hazard to other residents, or 6. The facility's rules and regulations require central storage of medication and that policy has been provided to the resident before admission as required in rule 58A-5.0181, F.A.C. (c) Centrally stored medications must be: 1. Kept in a locked cabinet; locked cart; or other locked storage receptacle, room, or area at all	A 055			

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A 055	Continued From page 6 times; 2. Located in an area free of dampness and abnormal temperature, except that a medication requiring refrigeration must be kept refrigerated. Refrigerated medications must be secured by being kept in a locked container within the refrigerator, by keeping the refrigerator locked, or by keeping the area in which the refrigerator is located locked; 3. Accessible to staff responsible for filling pill-organizers, assisting with self-administration of medication, or administering medication. Such staff must have ready access to keys or codes to the medication storage areas at all times; and, 4. Kept separately from the medications of other residents and properly closed or sealed. (d) Medication that has been discontinued but has not expired must be returned to the resident or the resident's representative, as appropriate, or may be centrally stored by the facility for future use by the resident at the resident's request. If centrally stored by the facility, the discontinued medication must be stored separately from medication in current use, and the area in which it is stored must be marked "discontinued medication." Such medication may be reused if prescribed by the resident's health care provider. (e) When a resident's stay in the facility has ended, the administrator must return all medications to the resident, the resident's family, or the resident's guardian unless otherwise prohibited by law. If, after notification and waiting at least 15 days, the resident's medications are still at the facility, the medications are considered abandoned and may be disposed of in accordance with paragraph (f). (f) Medications that have been abandoned or have expired must be disposed of within 30 days of being determined abandoned or expired and	A 055			

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A 055	Continued From page 7 the disposal must be documented in the resident's record. The medication may be taken to a pharmacist for disposal or may be destroyed by the administrator or designee with one witness. (g) Facilities that hold a Special-ALF permit issued by the Board of Pharmacy may return dispensed medicinal drugs to the dispensing pharmacy pursuant to rule 64B16-28.870, F.A.C. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the Facility failed to dispose of medications in a proper manner. Findings Included: During an observation of the medication pass with Staff A (an unlicensed Medication Technician) for Resident #3, conducted on at 11:15am, Staff A had poured two tablets of Resident #3's prescribed medication C without the resident present. When Staff A searched for Resident #3 in the resident's room and in the dining room, the staff could not find the resident. Staff A found out that Resident #3 left earlier that morning to a health care Staff A returned to the medication cart, crushed the two pills and disposed of the pills in the general trash receptacle. During an interview with the Facility Manager (a licensed Practical Nurse), conducted on at 12:25pm, the Facility Manager stated that "the medication cart has a biohazard box on them and that discarded pills should go in there". The Facility Manager stated "no" when asked if discarded pills should be placed in the general trash receptacle.	A 055			

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A 055	Continued From page 8 Class III	A 055		
A 058 SS=D	429.42() FS; 58A-5.033(3)(a) FAC Pharmacy & Dietary; Uncorrected Deficiencies 429.42 Pharmacy and dietary services.- (1) Any assisted living facility in which the agency has documented a class I or class II deficiency or uncorrected class III deficiencies regarding medicinal drugs or over-the-counter preparations, including their storage, use, delivery, or administration, or dietary services, or both, during a biennial survey or a monitoring visit or an investigation in response to a complaint, shall, in addition to or as an alternative to any penalties imposed under s. 429.19, be required to employ the consultant services of a licensed pharmacist, a licensed registered nurse, or a registered or licensed dietitian, as applicable. The consultant shall, at a minimum, provide onsite quarterly consultation until the inspection team from the agency determines that such consultation services are no longer required. (2) A corrective action plan for deficiencies related to assistance with the self-administration of medication or the administration of medication must be developed and implemented by the facility within 48 hours after notification of such deficiency, or sooner if the deficiency is determined by the agency to be life-threatening. 58A-5.033(3) (3) EMPLOYMENT OF A CONSULTANT. (a) Medication Deficiencies. 1. If a class I, class II, or uncorrected class III deficiency directly relating to facility medication practices as established in Rule 58A-5.0185, F.A.C., is documented by the agency pursuant to an inspection of the facility, the agency must	A 058		

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A 058	Continued From page 9 notify the facility in writing that the facility must employ or contract the services of a pharmacist licensed pursuant to Section 465.0125, F.S., or registered nurse as determined by the agency. 2. After developing and implementing a corrective action plan in compliance with Section 429.42(2), F.S., the initial on-site consultant visit must take place within 7 working days of the notice of the class I or II deficiency and within 14 working days of the notice of an uncorrected class III deficiency. The facility must have available for review by the agency a copy of the license of the consultant pharmacist or registered nurse and the consultant's signed and dated review of the corrective action plan no later than 10 working days subsequent to the initial on-site consultant visit. 3. The facility must provide the agency with, at a minimum, quarterly on-site corrective action plan updates until the agency determines after written notification by the consultant and facility administrator that deficiencies are corrected and staff has been trained to ensure that proper medication standards are followed and that such consultant services are no longer required. The agency must provide the facility with written notification of such determination. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the Facility failed to correct class III deficiencies related to medications as required. Findings Included: During a Revisit to 08/09/19 Change of	A 058		

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A 058	Continued From page 10 Ownership survey, conducted on _____, the Facility failed to correct Class III medication deficiencies and were re-cited. The Facility had new medication deficiencies identified during the survey. Due to the uncorrected Class III deficiencies concerning the facility's medication practices, the facility shall be required to employ the consultation services of a licensed Pharmacist or a Registered Nurse Consultant. The consultant shall at a minimum, provide onsite quarterly consultation until the inspection team from the agency determines that such consultation services are no longer required. This written statement serves as notification of the above stated requirement. During an interview with the Owner and Facility Manager, conducted on _____ at 12:30pm, the Owner and Facility Manager verbalized understanding of the requirement to employ or contract with the consultant services of a licensed Pharmacist or Registered Nurse Consultant. Class III	A 058		