

Agency for Health Care Administration

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: AL11953536	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING: _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 02/06/2020
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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

BETTER LIFE ALF

**5750 NW 192 STREET
MIAMI, FL 33015**

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A 000	Initial Comments A Re-Licensure Survey was conducted at Better Life Corp on The provider had a deficiency identified at the time of the visit.	A 000		
A 052 SS=D	429.256() ; 59A-36.008(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 _____ level checks. (i) Assisting with putting on and taking off _____ stockings.	A 052		

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LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

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A 052	Continued From page 1 (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 discretion on the part of the unlicensed person. (5) Assistance with the self-administration of	A 052			

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A 052	Continued From page 2 medication by an unlicensed person as described in this section shall not be considered administration as defined in s. 465.003. 59A-36.008 (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 59A-36.011, 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	A 052			

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A 052	Continued From page 3 prescribed: 1. The health care provider may prescribe a 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 follow the correct procedure outlined by the state when assisting with self-administration of medications two out of six (Residents 3 and	A 052			

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A	Continued From page 4 #5). Findings included: On at 8:50 AM observed the assistance with self-administration of medications for Resident # 3 conducted by Staff D who punched the medications out of the cards into her and then put the medications in the cup. The staff member failed to place the dosage in the resident's or in another container. Also observed Staff B walk away immediately after dropping the tablet into the cup. She initiated the medication sheet without observing Residents # 3 and 5 swallow the medication. On at 8:53 AM Staff D stated that she punched the pills into her because she was afraid that the pills would to the floor if she punched them out directly into the cup because it was hard to punch them out. Class III	A 052			