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A 000	Initial Comments A complaint investigation (complaint numbers: 2023012585 and 2023013082), a revisit to complaint investigation (complaint number: 2023009948, and a second revisit to complaint investigation (complaint number: 2023006581) were conducted at Sodalis of Largo on . Deficiencies were identified at the time of survey.	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, from where it is stored, and bringing it to the resident. For purposes of this paragraph, an syringe that is prefilled with the proper dosage by a pharmacist and an , that is prefilled by the manufacturer are considered medications in previously dispensed, properly labeled containers. (b) In the presence of the resident, confirming that the medication is intended for that resident, orally advising the resident of the medication name and dosage, opening the container, removing a prescribed amount of medication from the container, and closing the container. The resident may sign a written waiver to opt out of being orally advised of the medication name and dosage. The waiver must identify all of the medications intended for the resident, including names and dosages of such medications, and must immediately be updated each time the resident's medications or dosages change. (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	A 052		

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A 052	Continued From page 1 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 . (4) Assistance with self-administration of medication 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) The use of irrigations or debriding agents used in the treatment of a skin condition. (f) Assisting with , , or preparations. (g) Assisting with 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 the resident requesting the medication is aware of his or her need for the medication and understands the purpose for taking the medication. (h) Medications for which the time of	A 052		

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A 052	Continued From page 2 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 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, orally advising the resident of the name and dosage of the medication 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	A 052		

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A 052	Continued From page 3 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 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. (g) 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. (h) 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 record review, the facility failed to provide medications within the scheduled timeframe for three Residents (#4, #16, and #17) of three sampled residents that	A 052		

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A 052	Continued From page 4 required assistance with self-administration of medications. Furthermore, the facility failed to follow control standards while passing medications. Findings Included: During a medication pass observation with Staff F (an unlicensed Medication Technician) for Resident #16, conducted on at 09:25am, Staff F assisted Resident #16 with the resident's prescribed medications 81mg, 20mg, 25mg, 600 + D, -S 50-8.6mg, 50mg, 40mg, and powder to the . Staff F took the medication cart into Resident #16's room. Staff F did not wash or sanitize her prior to assisting the resident with his oral medications. Staff F did not wash her before or after assisting Resident #16 with powder to the . There was no for Resident #16 on the medication cart. A review of Resident #16 MORs, conducted on , revealed that the prescribed medications 81mg, 20mg, 25mg, 600 + D, -S 50-8.6mg, 50mg, 40mg, powder to the , and were due on at 08:00am. During an interview with Staff F, conducted on at 09:25am, Staff F stated that she usually took the medication cart into residents' rooms. Staff F stated that she did not provide Resident #16's because the resident no longer had an order for it and the	A 052		

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A 052	Continued From page 5 medication should have been discontinued a long time ago but continued to pop up for documentation. During an interview with Resident #4's private duty care aid, conducted on at 09:30am, the private care aid stated that Resident #4 received her 08:00am prescribed medications at 11:00am on . During an observation with Staff F, conducted on at 09:39am, Staff F assisted Resident #17 with the resident's prescribed medications 325mg, 3.125mg, 40mg, Oyster Shell 500mg, -S 50-6.8mg, 150mg, and 0.1% . Staff F took the medication cart into Resident #17's room. Staff F did not sanitize the medication cart between taking it into Resident #16's and Resident #17's rooms. Staff F did not wash her before or after assisting Resident #17 with . A review of Resident #17 MORs, conducted on , revealed that the prescribed medications 325mg, 3.125mg, 40mg, Oyster Shell 500mg, -S 50-6.8mg, 150mg, and 0.1% were due on at 08:00am. During an interview with Resident #17, conducted on at 09:39am, Resident stated that she did not have any aches and pains and did not want the prescribed . During an interview with Staff F, conducted on at 09:39pm, Staff F stated that	A 052		

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A 052	Continued From page 6 Resident #17 normally refused the prescribed , . During a review of medication electronic timestamps, conducted on . . . . . , revealed that on , all 08:00am medications for Resident #4 were documented as given at 09:58am. On , all 08:00am medications for Resident #16 were documented as given at 09:36am. On , all 08:00am medications for Resident #17 were documented as given at 09:52am. During an interview with the Health and Wellness Director, conducted on . . . . . from 02:25pm through 02:42pm, the Health and Wellness Director agreed that there were ongoing issues with medications and their pharmacy. The Health and Wellness Director agreed that medications were to be given within an hour before or an after the time that the medication was due/scheduled. The Health and Wellness Director agreed that while passing medications, . . . washing should be before, after, and between every three residents for oral medications and before and after assisting residents with , , or , . lotions, powders, or creams. Class III	A 052		
A 084 SS=D	59A-36.011(6) FAC 429.52(6), FS Training - Assis Self-Admin Meds & Med Mgmt 59A-36.011 (6) ASSISTANCE WITH THE SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AND MEDICATION MANAGEMENT. Unlicensed persons who will be providing assistance with the self-administration of medications as described in	A 084		

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A 084	Continued From page 7 rule 59A-36.008, F.A.C., must meet the training requirements pursuant to section 429.52(6), F.S., prior to assuming this responsibility. Courses provided in fulfilment of this requirement must meet the following criteria: (a) Training must cover state law and rule requirements with respect to the supervision, assistance, administration, and management of medications in assisted living facilities; procedures and techniques for assisting the resident with self-administration of medication including how to read a prescription label; providing the right medications to the right resident; common medications; the importance of taking medications as prescribed; recognition of side effects and adverse reactions and procedures to follow when residents appear to be experiencing side effects and adverse reactions; documentation and record keeping; and medication storage and disposal. Training shall include demonstrations of proper techniques, including techniques for control, and ensure unlicensed staff have adequately demonstrated that they have acquired the skills necessary to provide such assistance. (b) The training must be provided by a registered nurse or licensed pharmacist who shall issue a training certificate to a trainee who demonstrates, in person and both physically and verbally, the ability to: 1. Read and understand a prescription label; 2. Provide assistance with self-administration in accordance with section 429.256, F.S., and rule 59A-36.008, F.A.C., including: a. Assist with oral dosage forms, dosage forms, and and dosage forms; b. Measure liquid medications, break scored tablets, and crush tablets in accordance with	A 084		

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A 084	Continued From page 8 prescription directions; c. Recognize the need to obtain clarification of an "as needed" prescription order; d. Recognize a medication order which requires judgment or discretion, and to advise the resident, resident's health care provider or facility employer of inability to assist in the administration of such orders; e. Complete a medication observation record; f. Retrieve and store medication; g. Recognize the general signs of adverse reactions to medications and report such reactions; h. Assist residents with syringes that are prefilled with the proper dosage by a pharmacist and , that are prefilled by the manufacturer by taking the medication, in its previously dispensed, properly labeled container, from where it is stored, and bringing it to the resident for self-injection; i. Assist with ; j. Use a to perform testing; k. Assist residents with and continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) devices, excluding the titration of the levels; l. Apply and remove stockings and hosiery; m. Placement and removal of , bags, excluding the removal of the , or manipulation of the site; and, n. Measurement of rate, temperature, and , rate. (c) Unlicensed persons, as defined in section 429.256(1)(b), F.S., who provide assistance with self-administered medications and have successfully completed the initial 6 hour training, must obtain, annually, a minimum of 2 hours of	A 084		

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A 084	Continued From page 9 continuing education training on providing assistance with self-administered medications and safe medication practices in an assisted living facility. The 2 hours of continuing education training may be provided online. (d) Trained unlicensed staff who, prior to the effective date of this rule, assist with the self-administration of medication and have successfully completed 4 hours of assistance with self-administration of medication training must complete an additional 2 hours of training that focuses on the topics listed in sub-subparagraphs (6)(b)2.h.-n. of this section, before assisting with the self-administration of medication procedures listed in sub-subparagraphs (6)(b)2.h.-n. 429.52 (6) Staff assisting with the self-administration of medications under s. 429.256 must complete a minimum of 6 additional hours of training provided by a registered nurse or a licensed pharmacist before providing assistance. Two hours of continuing education are required annually thereafter. The agency shall establish by rule the minimum requirements of this training This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure that unlicensed persons providing assistance with self-administration of medication had the required annual two hours of continuing education on assisting with self-administration of medication for one (Staff F) of the four sampled staff. Findings Included: A record review of Staff F's employee record,	A 084		

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A 084	Continued From page 10 conducted on . . . . . revealed that Staff F, a medication technician was hired on and received their initial 6-hours of assisting with self-administration of medication on and had no evidence that the annual 2-hours of continuing education had been completed. A record review of the staff schedule, conducted on . . . . . revealed that Staff F was listed as a Medication Technician. During an interview with the Administrator, conducted on . . . . . at 1:11PM the Administrator stated that it was his expectation that medication technicians should get their 2-hours of continuing education every year. Class III	A 084		