

Agency for Health Care Administration

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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

THE MERIDIAN AT BOCA RATON

**21865 PONDEROSA DR
BOCA RATON, FL 33428**

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A 000	Initial Comments An unannounced Relicensure, Complaint (2024008576) and Generator Monitoring survey was conducted on _____ at The Meridian At Boca Raton. The facility had deficiencies related to the Relicensure at the time of the survey.	A 000		
A 078	59A-36.010(2) FAC Staffing Standards - Staff (2) STAFF. (a) Within 30 days after beginning employment, newly hired staff must submit a written statement from a health care provider documenting that the individual does not have any signs or symptoms of communicable _____. The examination performed by the health care provider must have been conducted no earlier than 6 months before submission of the statement. Newly hired staff does not include an employee transferring without a break in service from one facility to another when the facility is under the same management or ownership. 1. Evidence of a negative examination must be documented on an annual basis. Documentation provided by the Florida Department of Health or a licensed health care provider certifying that there is a shortage of _____ testing materials satisfies the annual examination requirement. An individual with a positive _____ test must submit a health care provider's statement that the individual does not constitute a risk of _____. 2. If any staff member has, or is suspected of having, a communicable _____, such individual must be immediately removed from duties until a written statement is submitted from a health care provider indicating that the individual does not constitute a risk of transmitting a communicable _____.	A 078		

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A 078	Continued From page 1 (b) Staff must be qualified to perform their assigned duties consistent with their level of education, training, preparation, and experience. Staff providing services requiring licensing or certification must be appropriately licensed or certified. All staff must exercise their responsibilities, consistent with their qualifications, to observe residents, to document observations on the appropriate resident's record, and to report the observations to the resident's health care provider in accordance with this rule chapter. (c) All staff must comply with the training requirements of rule 59A-36.011, F.A.C. (d) An assisted living facility, to provide services to residents must ensure that individuals providing services are qualified to perform their assigned duties in accordance with this rule chapter. The contract between the facility and the staffing agency or contractor must specifically describe the services the staffing agency or contractor will provide to residents. (e) For facilities with a licensed capacity of 17 or more residents, the facility must: 1. Develop a written job description for each staff position and provide a copy of the job description to each staff member; and, 2. Maintain time sheets for all staff. (f) Level 2 background screening must be conducted for staff, including staff by the facility to provide services to residents, pursuant to sections 408.809 and 429.174, F.S. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, it was determined that the facility failed to ensure staff had documented evidence of a negative () examination and Communicable Status for 2 of out 4 sampled Staff (Staff B and D).	A 078		

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A 078	Continued From page 2 The findings included: 1)Review of personnel file conducted on _____ for Staff B (Medication Technician) with hire date of _____. Further review revealed Staff B did not have documented evidence of annual negative _____ for the years 2019 - 2024 and Communicable _____ Status within 30 days of hire (_____) in her employee file. 2)Review of personnel file conducted on _____ for Staff D (Caregiver) with hire date of _____. Further review revealed Staff D did not have documented evidence of annual negative _____ for the years 2019 - 2024 and Communicable _____ Status within 30 days of hire (_____) in her employee file. During an interview on _____ at approximately 6:30 PM , the Administrator acknowledged the findings. No additional documentation was provided during the survey. Class III	A 078			
A 080	429.52(_____) FS; 59A-36.011(1) FAC Training - Core & Competency Test 429.52 (2) Administrators and other assisted living facility staff must meet minimum training and education requirements established by the agency by rule. This training and education is intended to assist facilities to appropriately respond to the needs of residents, to maintain resident care and facility standards, and to meet licensure requirements. (3) The agency, in conjunction with providers,	A 080			

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A 080	Continued From page 3 shall develop core training requirements for administrators consisting of core training learning objectives, a competency test, and a minimum required score to indicate successful passage of the core competency test. The required core competency test must cover at least the following topics: (a) State law and rules relating to assisted living facilities. (b) Resident rights and identifying and reporting neglect, and (c) Special needs of elderly persons, persons with mental illness, and persons with _____ and how to meet those needs. (d) Nutrition and food service, including acceptable sanitation practices for preparing, storing, and serving food. (e) Medication management, recordkeeping, and proper techniques for assisting residents with self-administered medication. (f) Firesafety requirements, including fire evacuation drill procedures and other emergency procedures. (g) Care of persons with _____'s _____ and related _____. 59A-36.011 (1) ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY CORE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND COMPETENCY TEST. (a) The assisted living facility core training requirements established by the department pursuant to section 429.52, F.S., shall consist of a minimum of 26 hours of training plus a competency test. (b) Administrators and managers must successfully complete the assisted living facility core training requirements within 3 months from the date of becoming a facility administrator or	A 080			

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A 080	Continued From page 4 manager. Successful completion of the core training requirements includes passing the competency test. The minimum passing score for the competency test is 75%. Administrators who have attended core training prior to _____ and managers who attended the core training program prior to _____ shall not be required to take the competency test. Administrators licensed as nursing home administrators in accordance with chapter 468, part II, F.S., are exempt from this requirement. (c) Administrators and managers shall participate in 12 hours of continuing education in topics related to assisted living every 2 years. (d) A newly hired administrator or manager who has successfully completed the assisted living facility core training and continuing education requirements, shall not be required to retake the core training. An administrator or manager who has successfully completed the core training but has not maintained the continuing education requirements will be considered a new administrator or manager for the purposes of the core training requirements and must: 1. Retake the assisted living facility core training; and, 2. Retake and pass the competency test. (e) The fees for the competency test shall not exceed \$200.00. The payment for the competency test fee shall be remitted to the entity administering the test. A new fee is due each time the test is taken. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, it was determined that the facility failed to ensure the Administrator had completed 12 hours of continuing education every 2 years.	A 080			

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A 080	Continued From page 5 The findings included: Review of the facility's employee personnel file revealed the Administrator hire date of _____, CORE training and Exam dated _____. Further record review revealed no evidence of 12 hours of continuing education for the years 2020, 2022 and 2024. During an interview on _____ at approximately 6:30 PM the Administrator acknowledged the findings. No additional documentation was provided during the survey. Class III	A 080		
A 081	429.52(1 & 7) FS; 59A-36.011() FAC Training - Staff In-Service 429.52 (1)(a) Each new assisted living facility employee who has not previously completed core training must attend a preservice orientation provided by the facility before interacting with residents. The preservice orientation must be at least 2 hours in duration and cover topics that help the employee provide responsible care and respond to the needs of facility residents. Upon completion, the employee and the administrator of the facility must sign a statement that the employee completed the required preservice orientation. The facility must keep the signed statement in the employee's personnel record. (b) Each assisted living facility employee must complete the training required under s. 430.5025. However, an employee of an assisted living facility licensed as a limited mental health facility under s. 429.075 is exempt from the training	A 081		

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A 081	Continued From page 6 requirements under s. 430.5025(4)(d). (c) If an assisted living facility employee completes the 1-hour training required under s. 430.5025 before interacting with residents, such training may count toward the 2 hours of preservice orientation required under paragraph (a). (7) Facility staff shall participate in inservice training relevant to their job duties as specified by agency rule. Topics covered during the preservice orientation are not required to be repeated during inservice training. A single certificate of completion that covers all required inservice training topics may be issued to a participating staff member if the training is provided in a single training course. 59A-36.011 (2) STAFF PRESERVICE ORIENTATION. (a) Facilities must provide a preservice orientation of at least 2 hours to all new assisted living facility employees who have not previously completed core training as detailed in subsection (1). (b) New staff must complete the preservice orientation prior to interacting with residents. (c) Once complete, the employee and the facility administrator must sign a statement that the employee completed the preservice orientation which must be kept in the employee's personnel record. (d) In addition to topics that may be chosen by the facility administrator, the preservice orientation must cover: 1. Resident's rights; and, 2. The facility's license type and services offered by the facility.	A 081		

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A 081	Continued From page 7 (3) STAFF IN-SERVICE TRAINING. Facility administrators or managers shall provide or arrange for the following in-service training to facility staff: (a) Staff who provide direct care to residents, other than nurses, certified nursing assistants, or home health aides trained in accordance with rule 59A-8.0095, F.A.C., must receive a minimum of 1 hour in-service training in control, including universal precautions and facility sanitation procedures, before providing personal care to residents. The facility must use its control policies and procedures when offering this training. Documentation of compliance with the staff training requirements of 29 CFR 1910.1030, relating to borne , , may be used to meet this requirement. (b) Staff who provide direct care to residents must receive a minimum of 1 hour in-service training within 30 days of employment that covers the following subjects: 1. Reporting adverse incidents. 2. Facility emergency procedures including chain-of-command and staff roles relating to emergency evacuation. (c) Staff who provide direct care to residents, who have not taken the core training program, shall receive a minimum of 1 hour in-service training within 30 days of employment that covers the following subjects: 1. Resident rights in an assisted living facility. 2. Recognizing and reporting resident neglect, and . The facility must use its prevention policies and procedures when offering this training. (d) Staff who provide direct care to residents, other than nurses, CNAs, or home health aides trained in accordance with rule 59A-8.0095,	A 081			

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A 081	Continued From page 8 F.A.C., must receive 3 hours of in-service training within 30 days of employment that covers the following subjects: 1. Resident behavior and needs. 2. Providing assistance with the activities of daily living. (e) Staff who prepare or serve food, who have not taken the assisted living facility core training must receive a minimum of 1-hour-in-service training within 30 days of employment in safe food handling practices. (f) All facility staff shall receive in-service training regarding the facility's resident elopement response policies and procedures within thirty (30) days of employment. 1. All facility staff shall be provided with a copy of the facility's resident elopement response policies and procedures. 2. All facility staff shall demonstrate an understanding and competency in the implementation of the elopement response policies and procedures. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, it was determined that the facility failed to ensure staff had completed Elopement Response Training, Reporting Major Incidents, Reporting Adverse Incidents, Facility Emergency Procedures, Incident Reporting Training, for 1 out of 4 sampled staff (Staff C). The findings included: Review of Staff C's file (Caregiver) revealed a	A 081			

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A 081	Continued From page 9 hire date of . Staff C did not have the following training in her employee file: Elopement Response Training, Reporting Major Incidents, Reporting Adverse Incidents, Facility Emergency Procedures, Incident Reporting Training. During an interview on at approximately 6:30 PM the Administrator acknowledged the findings. No additional documentation was provided during the survey. Class III	A 081		
A 084	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 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 fulfillment 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	A 084		

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A 084	Continued From page 10 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 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	A 084			

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A 084	Continued From page 11 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 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.	A 084			

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A 084	Continued From page 12 429.52 (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, it was determined that the facility failed to ensure unlicensed staff members had completed an Initial 6-hour training prior to assist with self-administration of medications for 1 out of 4 sampled staff (Staff B). The findings included: Review of Staff B's personnel revealed a hire date of . . . as a Medication Technician. Staff B did not have documented evidence of an Initial 6-hour training prior to assist with self-administration of medications. Further review revealed 2-hour training of assisting with self-administration of medications dated . During an interview on . . . at approximately 6:30 PM the Administrator acknowledged the findings. No additional documentation was provided during the survey. Class III	A 084			
A 160	59A-36.015(1) FAC Records - Facility	A 160			

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A 160	Continued From page 13 59A-36.015 Records. The facility must maintain required records in a manner that makes such records readily available at the licensee's physical address for review by a legally authorized entity. If records are maintained in an electronic format, facility staff must be readily available to access the data and produce the requested information. For purposes of this section, "readily available" means the ability to immediately produce documents, records, or other such data, either in electronic or paper format, upon request. (1) FACILITY RECORDS. Facility records must include: (a) The facility's license displayed in a conspicuous and public place within the facility. (b) An up-to-date admission and discharge log listing the names of all residents and each resident's: 1. Date of admission, the facility or place from which the resident was admitted, and if applicable, a notation indicating that the resident was admitted with a _____; and, 2. Date of discharge, reason for discharge, and identification of the facility or home address to which the resident was discharged. Readmission of a resident to the facility after discharge requires a new entry in the log. Discharge of a resident is not required if the facility is holding a bed for a resident who is out of the facility but intending to return pursuant to Rule 59A-36.018, F.A.C. If the resident dies while in the care of the facility, the log must indicate the date of _____. (c) A log listing the names of all temporary emergency placement and respite care residents if not included on the log described in paragraph (b). (d) The facility's emergency management plan, with documentation of review and approval by the	A 160		

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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

THE MERIDIAN AT BOCA RATON

**21865 PONDEROSA DR
BOCA RATON, FL 33428**

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A 160	Continued From page 14 county emergency management agency, as described in Rule 59A-36.019, F.A.C., that must be readily available by facility staff. (e) The facility's liability insurance policy required in Rule 59A-36.013, F.A.C. (f) For facilities that have a surety bond, a copy of the surety bond currently in effect as required by Rule 59A-36.013, F.A.C. (g) The admission package presented to new or prospective residents (less the resident's contract) described in Rule 59A-36.006, F.A.C. (h) If the facility advertises that it provides special care for persons with _____'s or related _____, a copy of all such facility advertisements as required by Section 429.177, F.S. (i) A grievance procedure for receiving and responding to resident complaints and recommendations as described in Rule 59A-36.007, F.A.C. (j) All food service records required in Rule 59A-36.012, F.A.C., including menus planned and served and county health department inspection reports. Facilities that contract for food services, must include a copy of the contract for food services and the food service contractor's license or certificate to operate. (k) All fire safety inspection reports issued by the local authority or the State Fire Marshal pursuant to Section 429.435, F.S., and rule Chapter 69A-40, F.A.C., issued within the last 2 years. (l) All sanitation inspection reports issued by the county health department pursuant to Section 381.031, F.S., and Chapter 64E-12, F.A.C., issued within the last 2 years. (m) Pursuant to Section 429.35, F.S., all completed survey, inspection and complaint investigation reports, and notices of sanctions and moratoriums issued by the agency within the	A 160		

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A 160	Continued From page 16 approximately 6:30 PM the Administrator acknowledged the findings. No additional documentation was provided during the survey. Class III	A 160			