

Agency for Health Care Administration

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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

TROPICAL PARADISE

**1593 BRICKYARD ROAD
CHIPLEY, FL 32428**

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A 000	Initial Comments An unannounced complaint investigation for complaint number 2025016968 was conducted at Tropical Paradise Assisted Living Facility in Chipley, FL on . At the time of the survey, deficient practice was identified.	A 000		
A 030 SS=D	59A-36.007(5) FAC; 429.28() FS 429.27 Resident Care - Rights & Facility Procedures 59A-36.007 (5) RESIDENT RIGHTS AND FACILITY PROCEDURES. (a) A copy of the Resident Bill of Rights as described in Section 429.28, F.S., or a summary provided by the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program must be posted in full view in a freely accessible resident area, and included in the admission package provided pursuant to Rule 59A-36.006, F.A.C. (b) In accordance with Section 429.28, F.S., the facility must have a written grievance procedure for receiving and responding to resident complaints and a written procedure to allow residents to recommend changes to facility policies and procedures. The facility must be able to demonstrate that such procedure is implemented upon receipt of a complaint. (c) The telephone number for lodging complaints against a facility or facility staff must be posted in full view in a common area accessible to all residents. The telephone numbers are: the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, 1(888)831-0404; , Rights Florida, 1(800)342-0823; the Agency Consumer Hotline 1(888)419-3456, and the statewide toll-free telephone number of the Florida Hotline, 1(800)96- or 1(800)962-2873. The telephone numbers must be posted in close proximity to a telephone accessible by residents	A 030		

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

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A 030	Continued From page 1 and the text must be a minimum of 14-point font. (d) The facility must have a written statement of its house rules and procedures that must be included in the admission package provided pursuant to Rule 59A-36.006, F.A.C. The rules and procedures must at a minimum address the facility's policies regarding: 1. Resident responsibilities; 2. _____ and tobacco use; 3. Medication storage; 4. Resident elopement; 5. Reporting resident _____, neglect, and _____; 6. Administrative and housekeeping schedules and requirements; 7. _____ control, sanitation, and standard precautions; 8. The requirements for coordinating the delivery of services to residents by third party providers; 9. Assistive devices; and 10. Physical _____. (e) Residents may not be required to perform any work in the facility without compensation. Residents may be required to clean their own sleeping areas or apartments if the facility rules or the facility contract includes such a requirement. If a resident is employed by the facility, the resident must be compensated in compliance with state and federal wage laws. (f) The facility must provide residents with convenient access to a telephone to facilitate the resident's right to unrestricted and private communication, pursuant to Section 429.28(1)(d), F.S. The facility must allow unidentified telephone calls to residents. For facilities with a licensed capacity of 17 or more residents in which residents do not have private telephones, there must be, at a minimum, a readily accessible telephone on each floor of each building where	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 2 residents reside. 429.28 Resident bill of rights.- (1) No resident of a facility shall be deprived of any civil or legal rights, benefits, or privileges guaranteed by law, the Constitution of the State of Florida, or the Constitution of the United States as a resident of a facility. Every resident of a facility shall have the right to: (a) Live in a safe and decent living environment, free from _____ and neglect. (b) Be treated with consideration and respect and with due recognition of personal dignity, individuality, and the need for privacy. (c) Retain and use his or her own clothes and other personal property in his or her immediate living quarters, so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity, except when the facility can demonstrate that such would be unsafe, impractical, or an infringement upon the rights of other residents. (d) Unrestricted private communication, including receiving and sending unopened correspondence, access to a telephone, and visiting with any person of his or her choice, at any time between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at a minimum. Upon request, the facility shall make provisions to extend visiting hours for caregivers and out-of-town guests, and in other similar situations. (e) Freedom to participate in and benefit from community services and activities and to pursue the highest possible level of independence, autonomy, and interaction within the community. (f) Manage his or her financial affairs unless the resident or, if applicable, the resident's representative, designee, surrogate, guardian, or attorney in fact authorizes the administrator of the facility to provide safekeeping for funds as	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 3 provided in s. 429.27. (g) Share a room with his or her spouse if both are residents of the facility. (h) Reasonable opportunity for regular exercise several times a week and to be outdoors at regular and frequent intervals except when prevented by inclement weather. (i) Exercise civil and religious liberties, including the right to independent personal decisions. No religious beliefs or practices, nor any attendance at religious services, shall be imposed upon any resident. (j) Assistance with obtaining access to adequate and appropriate health care. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "adequate and appropriate health care" means the management of medications, assistance in making . . . for health care services, the provision of or arrangement of transportation to health care . . . and the performance of health care services in accordance with s. 429.255 which are consistent with established and recognized standards within the community. (k) At least 45 days' notice of relocation or termination of residency from the facility unless, for medical reasons, the resident is certified by a physician to require an emergency relocation to a facility providing a more skilled level of care or the resident engages in a pattern of conduct that is harmful or offensive to other residents. In the case of a resident who has been adjudicated mentally . . . , the guardian shall be given at least 45 days' notice of a nonemergency relocation or residency termination. Reasons for relocation must be set forth in writing and provided to the resident or the resident's legal representative. The notice must state that the resident may contact the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program for assistance with	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 4 relocation and must include the statewide toll-free telephone number of the program. In order for a facility to terminate the residency of an individual without notice as provided herein, the facility shall show good cause in a court of competent jurisdiction. (I) Present grievances and recommend changes in policies, procedures, and services to the staff of the facility, governing officials, or any other person without interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal. Each facility shall establish a grievance procedure to facilitate the residents' exercise of this right. This right includes access to ombudsman volunteers and advocates and the right to be a member of, to be active in, and to associate with advocacy or special interest groups. (2) The administrator of a facility shall ensure that a written notice of the rights, , and prohibitions set forth in this part is posted in a prominent place in each facility and read or explained to residents who cannot read. The notice must include the statewide toll-free telephone number and e-mail address of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and the telephone number of the local ombudsman council, the Elder Hotline operated by the Department of Children and Families, and, if applicable, , Rights Florida, where complaints may be lodged. The notice must state that a complaint made to the Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman or a local long-term care ombudsman council, the names and identities of the residents involved in the complaint, and the identity of complainants are kept confidential pursuant to s. 400.0077 and that retaliatory action cannot be taken against a resident for presenting grievances or for exercising any other resident right. The facility	A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 5 must ensure a resident's access to a telephone to call the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program or local ombudsman council, the Elder Hotline operated by the Department of Children and Families, and Rights Florida. 429.27 Property and personal affairs of residents.- (1)(a) A resident shall be given the option of using his or her own belongings, as space permits; choosing his or her roommate; and, whenever possible, unless the resident is adjudicated _____ or _____ under state law, managing his or her own affairs. (b) The admission of a resident to a facility and his or her presence therein shall not confer on the facility or its owner, administrator, employees, or representatives any authority to manage, use, or dispose of any property of the resident; nor shall such admission or presence confer on any of such persons any authority or responsibility for the personal affairs of the resident, except that which may be necessary for the safe management of the facility or for the safety of the resident. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interviews, the facility failed to have a policy for reporting resident _____. The lack of an _____ policy has the potential to affect all residents in the facility. The findings include: On _____ at approximately 9:00 AM, the facility's policy on reporting resident _____ was requested during the entrance conference. A	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 6 policy was not received prior to exiting the facility on . At approximately 8:40 PM, an email was received from the facility's owner that contained an policy with an effective date of . On at approximately 10:50 AM, an interview was conducted with Staff B, the facility's Administrator/Owner, who stated they did not have a resident policy. On at approximately 11:00 AM, an interview was conducted with Staff C, Owner, who stated they did not have a resident policy. Class III	A 030			
A 165 SS=D	429.23(&) FS Risk Mgmt & QA 429.23 Internal risk management and quality assurance program; adverse incidents and reporting requirements.- (1) Every facility licensed under this part may, as part of its administrative functions, voluntarily establish a risk management and quality assurance program, the purpose of which is to assess resident care practices, facility incident reports, deficiencies cited by the agency, adverse incident reports, and resident grievances and develop plans of action to correct and respond quickly to identify quality differences. (2) Every facility licensed under this part is required to maintain adverse incident reports. For purposes of this section, the term, "adverse incident" means: (a) An event over which facility personnel could exercise control rather than as a result of the resident's condition and results in:	A 165			

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A 165	Continued From page 7 1. ; 2. or damage; 3. Permanent ; 4. or of bones or joints; 5. Any condition that required medical attention to which the resident has not given his or her consent, including failure to honor advanced directives; 6. Any condition that requires the transfer of the resident from the facility to a unit providing more acute care due to the incident rather than the resident's condition before the incident; or 7. An event that is reported to law enforcement or its personnel for investigation; or (b) Resident elopement, if the elopement places the resident at risk of harm or injury. (3) Licensed facilities shall provide within 1 business day after the occurrence of an adverse incident, through the agency's online portal, or if the portal is offline, by electronic mail, a preliminary report to the agency on all adverse incidents specified under this section. The report must include information regarding the identity of the affected resident, the type of adverse incident, and the status of the facility's investigation of the incident. (4) Licensed facilities shall provide within 15 days, through the agency's online portal, or if the portal is offline, by electronic mail, a full report to the agency on all adverse incidents specified in this section. The report must include the results of the facility's investigation into the adverse incident. (6) , neglect, or must be reported to the Department of Children and Families as required under chapter 415. (7) The information reported to the agency pursuant to subsection (3) which relates to persons licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459,	A 165		

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A 165	Continued From page 8 chapter 461, chapter 464, or chapter 465 shall be reviewed by the agency. The agency shall determine whether any of the incidents potentially involved conduct by a health care professional who is subject to disciplinary action, in which case the provisions of s. 456.073 apply. The agency may investigate, as it deems appropriate, any such incident and prescribe measures that must or may be taken in response to the incident. The agency shall review each incident and determine whether it potentially involved conduct by a health care professional who is subject to disciplinary action, in which case the provisions of s. 456.073 apply. (8) If the agency, through its receipt of the adverse incident reports prescribed in this part or through any investigation, has reasonable belief that conduct by a staff member or employee of a licensed facility is grounds for disciplinary action by the appropriate board, the agency shall report this fact to such regulatory board. (9) The adverse incident reports and preliminary adverse incident reports required under this section are confidential as provided by law and are not discoverable or admissible in any civil or administrative action, except in disciplinary proceedings by the agency or appropriate regulatory board. (10) The agency may adopt rules necessary to administer this section. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interviews and record review, the facility failed to provide within one business day after the occurrence of an adverse incident a report to the Agency for 1 of 1 resident incidents reviewed. The facility also failed to document the adverse event and the investigation into the adverse event.	A 165			

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A 165	Continued From page 9 The findings include: On _____ at approximately 10:35 AM, an observation was made of Resident #1, who had a _____ on her right arm. On _____ at approximately 10:35 AM, an interview was conducted with Resident #1, who stated she _____ at the facility, broke her arm, and had to have surgery. Resident #1 was not sure of the date the incident occurred. On _____ at approximately 10:50 AM, an interview was conducted with Staff B, the facility's Administrator/Owner, who confirmed that Resident #1 _____ at the facility on _____, broke her arm, and later had surgery on her arm. Staff B stated she did not complete a facility incident report for Resident #1. Staff B also stated she did not document her investigation into Resident #1's _____ other than requesting Staff A, a Caregiver, write a statement concerning the incident. Staff B stated the facility has not had any adverse events. On _____ at approximately 11:00 AM, an interview was conducted with Staff C, Owner, who confirmed Resident #1 _____ at the facility on _____ and broke her arm. Staff C stated Resident #1 had surgery on her right arm on _____. Staff C further stated he did not submit an adverse event report because Resident #1's _____ and broken arm requiring surgery was something they could not prevent. On _____ at approximately 9:00 AM, the facility's adverse events and incident reports were requested during the entrance conference. No reports were received prior to exiting the facility	A 165			

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