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A 000	In al Co ents A Change of Ownership, Limited Nursing Services, E ergency Po er Plan Monitoring and Health Facility Reporting System was conducted at Ardent Courts of Fort Myers on 3/9/26 through 3/10/26. Defic ences ere identif ed at the t e of the survey.	A 000		
A 078 SS=E	59A-36.010(2) FAC Staffing Standards - Staff (2) STAFF. (a) Within 30 days after beginning employ ent, newly hired staff must submit a written state ent from a health care provider docu enting that the individual does not have any signs or symptoms of communicable d ea e. The examination perfor ed by the health care provider must have been conducted no earl er than 6 months before submission of the state ent. Newly hired staff does not include an employee transferring without a break in ervice from one facility to another when the facility is under the e manage ent or ownership. 1. Evidence of a negative tuberculosis examination must be docu ented on an annual basis. Docu entation provided by the Florida Depart ent of Health or a licen ed health care provider certifying that there is a shortage of tuberculosis te ng materials satisf es the annual tuberculosis examination require ent. An individual with a positive tuberculosis test must submit a health care provider's state ent that the individual does not con tute a risk of communicating tuberculosis. 2. If any staff ember has, or is suspected of having, a communicable d ea e, such individual must be ediately removed from dut es until a written state ent is submitted from a health care	A 078		

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A 078	Continued From page 1 provider indicating that the individual does not con tute a risk of transmitting a communicable d ea e. (b) Staff must be qualif ed to perform their assigned dut es consistent with their level of education, training, preparation, and exper ence. Staff prov ng ervices requiring licensing or certification must be appropriately licen ed or certif ed. All staff must exerc e their responsibil es, consistent with their qualifications, to o erve residents, to docu ent o ervations on the appropriate resident's record, and to report the o ervations to the resident's health care provider in accordance with this rule chapter. (c) All staff must comply with the training require ents of rule 59A-36.011, F.A.C. (d) An assisted living facility contracting to provide ervices to residents must ensure that individuals prov ng ervices are qualif ed to perform their assigned dut es in accordance with this rule chapter. The contract bet een the facility and the staffing agency or contractor must specifically describe the ervices the staffing agency or contractor will provide to residents. (e) For facil es with a licen ed 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 ember; and, 2. Maintain t e sheets for all staff. (f) Level 2 background screening must be conducted for staff, including staff contracted by the facility to provide ervices to residents, pursuant to ections 408.809 and 429.174, F.S. This Statute or Rule is not et as evidenced by: Ba ed on record rev ew, and interv ew, the facility failed to ensure that within 30 days of employ ent, staff submit a written state ent	A 078		

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A 078	Continued From page 2 from a health care provider docu enting the individual is free from signs/symptoms of communicable d ea e for 1 (Staff B) out of 4 records rev e ed. The findings included: On 3/10/26, record rev ew of employee files revealed that Caregiver Staff B had a hire date of 11/18/25. Staff B's employee file contained docu entation of freedom of signs/symptoms of communicable d ea e dated 2/4/26, 78 days after hire date. The facility failed to provide docu entation within 30 days of employ ent. 6 On 3/10/26 at 11:24 a.m., during an interv ew, the Senior Administrative Services Coordinator said that the only communicable d ea e docu entation that she had was the docu entation that is dated 2/4/26. She acknowledged that the regulation was within 30 days. Class III .	A 078		
AN276 SS=D	59A-36.022(1) FAC LNS - Nursing Services (1) NURSING SERVICES. In addition to any nursing ervice permitted under a standard licen e pursuant to Section 429.255, F.S., a facility with a limited nursing ervices licen e may provide nursing care to residents who do not require 24-hour nursing supervision and to residents who do require 24-hour nursing care and are enrolled in hospice. This Statute or Rule is not et as evidenced by:	AN276		

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AN276	Continued From page 3 Ba ed on interv ew, and record rev ew, the facility failed to provide limited nursing ervices (LNS) for a skin tear using their LNS licen e, which held no additional charge, for 1 (Resident #4) of 2 residents rev e ed for wound care. The facility arranged for the ho e health agency to perform the nursing ervices. The order from the provider did not specify the u e of ho e health agency nursing ervices for the skin tear. The failure to provide nursing ervices utilizing their LNS licen e could result in insurance charges for ervices that ere included with the LNS licen e. The findings included: Record rev ew of the facility "Florida Limited Nursing Services Policy & Procedure for Arden Courts ALF, Rev ed 2/1/2023, "It is the policy of this facility to provide Limited Nursing Service per orders from the resident's health care pract oner. . . LNS - Nursing Services: In addition to a standard Assisted Living Licen e, [facility na e] has a licen e to provide Limited Nursing Services licen e. This allows for the provision of the following ervices with a physician order. . . Applying and changing routine dressings that do not require packing or irrigation, or the performance of an intermittent urinary catheterizations, for abrasions, skin tears, and clo ed surgical wounds. . . Catheter care and maintenance. There is no eparate or additional fee for Limited Nursing Services; ho ever, there may be certain circumstances or conditions when a physician or nur e pract oner orders specific third-party treat ent. Tho e ervices will not be considered part of the Limited Nursing Services provided by [facility na e] and will be billed by the third-party provider. LNS- Resident Care Standards: . . . Facil es	AN276		

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AN276	Continued From page 4 licen ed to provide limited nursing ervices must employ or contract with a nur e(s) who must be available to provide such ervices as needed by the residents." Record rev ew of Resident #4's contractual agree ent executed on 2/21/24 revealed under A. Services on page 2: "16. Limited nursing ervices are available if ordered by a physician. There is no additional fee for this ervice." Exhibit B page 12 revealed: Florida Licensure: Limited Nursing Services In addition to the Standard Assisted Living Licen e, Arden Courts has a licen e to provide Limited Nursing Services [LNS]. This allows for the provision of the following ervices with a physician's order: . . . 3. Applying and changing routine dressings that do not require packing or irrigation, but are for abrasions, skin tears, and clo ed surgical wounds. . . There is no eparate or additional fee for Limited Nursing Services; ho ever, there may be certain circumstances or conditions when a physician or nur e pract oner orders specific third-party treat ent. The e ervices will not be considered part of the Limited Nursing Services provided by Arden Courts and will be billed by the third-party provider. . . Exhibit C page 13 Ancillary Prices listed: Complex Wound treat ent per occurrence . . . $50.00 Simple Wound treat ent per occurrence . . . . .$15.00" Record rev ew of Resident #4's Provider Choice Form signed by the party responsible on 2/22/24 did not include a choice for ho e health agency. The facility progress note dated 12/25/26 docu ented, "Resident [#4] noted with skin tear	AN276		

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AN276	Continued From page 5 of unknown origin to right forearm. Area clean ed with ns [normal saline] pat dry and dressing appl ed. RSC [Resident Service Coordinator] spoke to [na e] APRN [Advanced Registered Nur e Pract oner]. Due to resident being on ervices with [na e] HH [Ho e Health]. Provider stated she would end order for SN [skilled nursing] to eval [evaluate] and treat new skin tear. Message left for son [na e]." The RSC signed the progress note. The physician order signed by the ARNP on 1/2/26 revealed an order for new trauma wound to right forearm to be clean ed with normal saline, patted dry with gauze and covered with bordered dressing twice eekly until healed. May have 3 additional nursing visits as needed for wound care complications. Record rev ew of the Ho e Health Community Report Form revealed: On 12/31/25, the ho e health agency nur e docu ented the right forearm wound was clean ed with normal saline, patted dry and covered with Media honey and bordered dressing. On 1/3/26, the ho e health agency nur e docu ented the right forearm wound was clean ed with normal saline, patted dry and covered with bordered dressing. Wound showing improve ent. No sign of infection. On 1/8/26, the ho e health agency nur e docu ented the wound to right forearm is healed and left open to air. The wound is clo ed. On 3/9/26 at 1:00 p.m., during an interv ew, the Resident Services Coordinator (RSC) said Resident #4 had a skin tear on her arm. She said the facility nur es did not perform wound care under the LNS licen e. She said she did not offer	AN276		

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the responsible party a choice bet een nursing ervices under the facility LNS or the ho e health agency. She said she does not know what the LNS policy says. She said she goes by what the provider orders. She said the provider ordered the ho e health agency.

On 3/10/26 at 9:18 a.m., during an interv ew, Resident #4's financial responsible party said she was not aware the facility had an LNS licen e and is not sure what care is provided under the LNS. She said the facility was cho en for emory care and becau e they had bad exper ences in the past. She said she is not sure what is being billed and what the insurance is being billed for. She said Resident #4 has a long-term-care insurance plan.

On 3/10/26 at 10:04 a.m., during an interv ew, the Executive Director said LNS is included under room and board. She said she is aware of the ervices that are included in LNS. She said the residents have a choice of which ho e health agency they prefer. She said if the physician orders ho e health agency ervices, then they will facilitate arrange ent.

On 3/10/26 at 10:32 a.m., during a telephone interv ew, the APRN said the RSC a e es the wound and then contacts her. She said she contacts the ho e health agency directly and gives them the order for wound care.

On 3/10/26 at 2:50 p.m. during a telephone interv ew, the Ho e Health Agency Nur e said Resident #4 had a skin tear to the forearm. She said if she ees a skin tear while she is at the facility, she tells the facility nur e and then the provider gives her the order to evaluate and treat for wound care. She said the facility provider

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AN276	Continued From page 7 gives her the treat ent order and the Ho e Health Agency sugge of how often, usually 2-3 t es a eek. She said she treated Resident #4 twice a eek. She said Resident #4 had a skin tear to the forearm. The treat ent included cleansing with normal saline, patting dry, and applying a border dressing, like a foam dressing. She said the RSC knew she was coming in and prov ng the ervices. She said the wound did not require packing or irrigation. She said she is not certif ed in wound care. She said she is a psychiatric nur e. Class III .	AN276		
AN278 SS=D	59A-36.022(3) FAC; 429.07(3)(c)2, FS LNS - Records 59A-36.022 (3) RECORDS. (a) A record of all residents receiving limited nursing ervices and the type of ervices provided must be maintained at the facility. (b) Nursing progress notes must be maintained for each resident who receives limited nursing ervices from facility staff. (c) A nursing a e ent conducted at least monthly must be maintained on each resident who receives a limited nursing ervice. 429.07 (3)(c)2, FS A facility that is licen ed to provide limited nursing ervices shall maintain a written progress report on each person who receives such nursing ervices from the facility's staff. The report must describe the type, amount, duration, scope, and outco e of ervices that are rendered and the general status of the resident's health...	AN278		

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AN278	Continued From page 8 This Statute or Rule is not et as evidenced by: The facility failed to provide monthly nursing a e ents by the Registered Nur e (RN) for 2 (Residents #11 and #12) who received limited nursing ervices (LNS) from the facility. The findings included: 1. Record rev ew of the LNS Overv ew Log revealed Resident #11 started LNS on 5/31/25 for brace to the left lo er extremity. There was no discharge date. Record rev ew of Resident #11's in al RN a e ent was signed by the RN on 7/9/25. There was no RN a e ent for June 2025. Record rev ew of Resident #11 had RN a e ents signed on 8/29/25 and 10/3/25. There was no RN a e ent for September 2025. Record rev ew found the RN did not sign Resident #11's RN a e ent until 2/5/26. There was no RN a e ent for January 2026. 2. Record rev ew of the LNS Overv ew Log revealed Resident #12 started LNS on 8/29/25 for brace to right wrist and was discharged on 10/31/25. Record rev ew of Resident #12's RN a e ents ere signed by the RN on 8/29/25 and 10/3/25. There was no RN a e ent for Resident #12 in September 2025. On 3/10/26 at 12:20 p.m., during an interv ew, the Executive Director acknowledged there ere no RN a e ents for Resident #12 in September	AN278		

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AN278	Continued From page 9 2025. She acknowledged there was no RN a e ent for Resident #11 for June 2025. The ED was adv ed there ere concerns that the RN a e ents ere not being conducted each month that the residents ere under LNS ervices. Class III .	AN278		