

Agency for Health Care Administration

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A 000	Initial Comments An Assisted Living Facility abbreviated biennial licensure survey and a Limited Nursing Services (LNS) licensure survey were conducted on 2012. Sterling House of Stuart had licensure deficiencies found at the time of the visit.	A 000		
A 025 SS=D	58A-5.0182(1) FAC Resident Care - Supervision An assisted living facility shall provide care and services appropriate to the needs of residents accepted for admission to the facility. (1) SUPERVISION. Facilities shall offer personal supervision, as appropriate for each resident, including the following: (a) Monitor the quantity and quality of resident diets in accordance with Rule 58A-5.020, F.A.C. (b) Daily observation by designated staff of the activities of the resident while on the premises, and awareness of the general health, safety, and physical and emotional well-being of the individual. (c) General awareness of the resident 's whereabouts. The resident may travel independently in the community. (d) Contacting the resident 's health care provider and other appropriate party such as the resident 's family, guardian, health care surrogate, or case manager if the resident exhibits a significant change; contacting the resident 's family, guardian, health care surrogate, or case manager if the resident is discharged or moves out. (e) A written record, updated as needed, of any significant changes as defined in subsection 58A-5.0131(33), F.A.C., any illnesses which resulted in medical attention, major incidents, changes in the method of medication administration, or other changes which resulted in the provision of additional services.	A 025		

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

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A 025	Continued From page 1 This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and an interview, care and services related to incontinent was inadequate for one of 11 sampled residents (R11). Findings: On 9:15 AM, R11's room with the window open and a strong foul odor similar to urine. resident aide was interviewed at this time and stated the resident's ability to toilet independently had recently declined and that nursing staff had been notified. The health and wellness director was interviewed at 10 AM on this date and stated additional care, specifically toileting the resident every 2 hours, had not been initiated yet as the resident's daughter was out of town and had not yet agreed to the additional services. The administrator was interviewed at 1 PM on this date and observed the resident's room. odor remained and a large yellow stain (approximately 2' x 2') was also identified on the carpet at the entrance to the resident's bathroom. resident was interviewed in the dining room 15 PM on this date and a foul odor similar to urine evident on the resident. This was also revealed to the administrator during interview at 1:30 PM on this date. Class III A 030 58A-5.0182(6) FAC; 429.28 FS Resident Care - SS=D; Rights & Facility Procedures (6) RESIDENT RIGHTS AND FACILITY PROCEDURES.	A 025		
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A 030	Continued From page 2 (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 Council shall be posted in full view in a freely accessible resident area, and included in the admission package provided pursuant to Rule 58A-5.0181, F.A.C. (b) In accordance with Section 429.28, F.S., the facility shall have a written grievance procedure for receiving and responding to resident complaints, and for 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 address and telephone number for lodging complaints against a facility or facility staff shall be posted in full view in a common area accessible to all residents. The addresses and telephone numbers are: the District Long-Term Care Ombudsman Council, 1(888)831-0404; the Advocacy Center for Persons with 1(800)342-0823; the Florida Local Advocacy Council, 1(800)342-0825; and the Agency Consumer Hotline 1(888)419-3456. (d) The statewide toll-free telephone number of the Florida Hotline "1(800)96 _____ or 1(800)962-2873" shall be posted in full view in a common area accessible to all residents. (e) The facility shall have a written statement of its house rules and procedures which shall be included in the admission package provided pursuant to Rule 58A-5.0181, F.A.C. The rules and procedures shall address the facility's policies with respect to such issues, for example, as resident responsibilities, the facility's _____ and tobacco policy, medication storage, the delivery of services to residents by third party providers, resident elopement, and other administrative and housekeeping practices,	A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 3 schedules, and requirements. (f) Residents may not be required to perform any work in the facility without compensation, except that facility rules or the facility contract may include a requirement that residents be responsible for cleaning their own sleeping areas or apartments. If a resident is employed by the facility, the resident shall be compensated, at a minimum, at an hourly wage consistent with the federal minimum wage law. (g) The facility shall 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 shall not prohibit 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 shall be, at a minimum, an accessible telephone on each floor of each building where residents reside. (h) Pursuant to Section 429.41, F.S., the use of physical _____ shall be limited to half-bed rails, and only upon the written order of the resident's physician, who shall review the order biannually, and the consent of the resident or the resident's representative. Any device, including half-bed rails, which the resident chooses to use and can remove or avoid without assistance shall not be considered a physical _____ 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 abuse _____ neglect.	A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 4 (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 achieve 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 provided in s. 429.27. (g) Share a _____ 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.	A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 5 (j) Access to adequate and appropriate health care 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 ill, the guardian shall be given at least 45 days' notice of a nonemergency relocation or residency termination. Reasons for relocation shall be set forth in writing. 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. (l) 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. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and an interview, the facility failed to ensure all required phone numbers for lodging complaints were posted in full view in a common area accessible to all residents.	A 030		

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	Findings:				
	During tour of the facility at 9:45 AM, the phone numbers for the Florida _____ Hotline, the Agency Consumer Hotline and the Florida Local Advocacy Council could not be located. The administrator was interviewed at this time and was unable to locate these phone numbers.				
	Class III				
A 093 SS=D	58A-5.020(2) FAC Food Service - Dietary Standards		A 093		
	(2) DIETARY STANDARDS.				
	(a) The Tenth Edition Recommended Dietary Allowances established by the Food and Nutrition Board - National Research Council, adjusted for age, _____, and activity, shall be the nutritional standard used to evaluate meals. Therapeutic diets shall meet these nutritional standards to the extent possible. A summary of the Tenth Edition Recommended Dietary Allowances, interpreted by a daily food guide, is available from the DOEA Assisted Living Program.				
	(b) The recommended dietary allowances shall be met by offering a variety of foods adapted to the food habits, preferences and physical abilities of the residents and prepared by the use of standardized recipes. For facilities with a licensed capacity of 16 or fewer residents, standardized recipes are not required. Unless a resident chooses to eat less, the recommended dietary allowances to be made available to each resident daily by the facility are as follows:				
	1. Protein: 6 ounces or 2 or more servings;				
	2. Vegetables: 3 5 servings;				
	3. Fruit: 2 4 or more servings;				
	4. Bread and starches: 6 11 or more servings;				

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A 093	Continued From page 7 5. Milk or milk equivalent: 2 servings; 6. Fats, oils, and sweets: use sparingly; and 7. Water. (c) All regular and therapeutic menus to be used by the facility shall be reviewed annually by a registered dietitian, licensed dietitian/nutritionist, or by a dietetic technician supervised by a registered dietitian or licensed dietitian/nutritionist, to ensure the meals are commensurate with the nutritional standards established in this rule. Portion sizes shall be indicated on the menus or on a separate sheet. Daily food servings may be divided among three or more meals per day, including snacks, as necessary to accommodate resident needs and preferences. This review shall be documented in the facility files and include the signature of the reviewer, registration or license number, and date reviewed. Menu items may be substituted with items of comparable nutritional value based on the seasonal availability of fresh produce or the preferences of the residents. (d) Menus to be served shall be dated and planned at least one week in advance for both regular and therapeutic diets. Residents shall be encouraged to participate in menu planning. Planned menus shall be conspicuously posted or easily available to residents. Regular and therapeutic menus as served, with substitutions noted before or when the meal is served, shall be kept on file in the facility for 6 months. (e) Therapeutic diets shall be prepared and served as ordered by the health care provider. 1. Facilities that offer residents a variety of food choices through a select menu, buffet style dining or family style dining are not required to document what is eaten unless a health care provider's order indicates that such monitoring is necessary. However, the food items which enable residents to comply with the therapeutic diet shall	A 093		

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A 093	Continued From page 8 be identified on the menus developed for use in the facility. 2. The facility shall document a resident's refusal to comply with a therapeutic diet and notification to the resident's health care provider of such refusal. If a resident refuses to follow a therapeutic diet after the benefits are explained, a signed statement from the resident or the resident's responsible party refusing the diet is acceptable documentation of a resident's preferences. In such instances daily documentation is not necessary. (f) For facilities serving three or more meals a day, no more than 14 hours shall elapse between the end of an evening meal containing a protein food and the beginning of a morning meal. Intervals between meals shall be evenly distributed throughout the day with not less than two hours nor more than six hours between the end of one meal and the beginning of the next. For residents without access to kitchen facilities, snacks shall be offered at least once per day. Snacks are not considered to be meals for the purposes of the time between meals. (g) Food shall be served attractively at safe and palatable temperatures. All residents shall be encouraged to eat at tables in the dining areas. A supply of eating ware sufficient for all residents, including adaptive equipment if needed by any resident, shall be on hand. (h) A 3-day supply of non perishable food, based on the number of weekly meals the facility has contracted with residents to serve, and shall be on hand at all times. The quantity shall be based on the resident census and not on licensed capacity. The supply shall consist of dry or canned foods that do not require refrigeration and shall be kept in sealed containers which are labeled and dated. The food shall be rotated in accordance with shelf life to ensure safety and	A 093		

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A 093	Continued From page 9 palatability. Water sufficient for drinking and food preparation shall also be stored, or the facility shall have a plan for obtaining water in an emergency, with the plan coordinated with and reviewed by the local disaster preparedness authority. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, record review and interviews, the facility failed to ensure the Recommended Daily Allowances nutritional standard was met on 2012 as the approved meal identified on the menu reviewed by the dietician was not followed and an adequate substitute meal using a standardized recipe was not prepared. Findings: On 2012 at 12:30 PM, the lunch served to approximately 15 of 35 residents was observed. Each plate provided to the residents contained 4 to 5 small swedish meatballs. The approved menu indicated the residents were to have swiss steak as their main course. The cook was interviewed at this time and acknowledged that the menu was not followed and showed the standardized recipe book to this surveyor. The book did not have a recipe for swedish meatballs. The cook also measured 7 meatballs and stated this was the amount of meatballs each resident should have been served. It was unknown if the residents received the required amount of protein on this date as the lunch was not prepared with a standardized recipe approved by the dietician. Additionally, a resident who received pureed meals in her _____ prepared a plate with only		A 093		

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A 093	Continued From page 10 swedish meatballs and collard greens. The mashed potatoes and bread served to other residents was not given to the staff to bring to the resident's this surveyor inquired about it. The cook then served the resident a "double" amount of mashed potatoes to complete the meal. Class III	A 093		



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

ELIZABETH DUDEK
SECRETARY

2012

Administrator
Sterling House Of Stuart
3401 Aster Lane
Stuart, FL 34997

Dear Administrator:

This letter reports the findings of a state licensure survey that was conducted on 2012 by a representative from this office.

Attached is the provider's copy of the State (3020) Form, which indicates the deficiencies that were identified on the day of the visit. Section 408.811(4), Florida Statutes, requires that you correct these deficiencies within thirty days of the date of this letter unless the Agency has approved another timeframe. Staff from this office will conduct a review after 2012 to verify that the necessary corrections are in place to correct the deficiencies identified on your survey.

The Quality Assurance Questionnaire has long been employed to obtain your feedback following survey activity. This form has been placed on the Agency's website at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Publications/Forms.shtml> as a first step in providing a web-based interactive consumer satisfaction survey system. You may access the questionnaire through the link under Health Facilities and Providers on this page. Your feedback is encouraged and valued, as our goal is to ensure the professional and consistent application of the survey process.

Thank you for the assistance provided to the representative. Should you have any questions please call this office at (561) 381-5840.

Sincerely,

Arlene Mayo-Davis
for
Arlene Mayo-Davis
Field Office Manager

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Enclosure

