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{A 000}	Initial Comments An unannounced revisit survey was conducted on through at Best Care Senior Living at Sarasota, LLC. This was a follow up to a change of ownership survey conducted on . This survey was conducted in conjunction with a complaint investigation. Deficiencies were identified at the time of the visit. .	{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	{A 052}		

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{A 052}	Continued From page 1 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 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	{A 052}		

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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 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

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{A 052}	Continued From page 3 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 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.	{A 052}		

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{A 052}	Continued From page 4 This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the facility failed to ensure staff who assist with self administration of medications doe so appropriately by performing hygiene during assistance with medication administration for 4 (Resident #7, #16, #17, #18) out of 4 residents observed during a medication pass. The findings included: On at 11:45 a.m., during a medication observation, Medication Technician (MT) Staff K provided 325 mg ( ) and lubricating 0.5% to Resident #7. MT Staff K failed to perform hygiene before, during, or after the medication pass. Staff K continued to the next resident. On at 11:52 a.m., during a medication observation, Medication Technician (MT) Staff K provided 1000 mg ( ) to Resident #16. MT Staff K failed to perform hygiene before, during, or after the medication pass. Staff K continued to the next resident. On at 11:54 a.m., during a medication observation, Medication Technician (MT) Staff K provided 1000mg ( ) and lubricating 0.5% to Resident #17. MT Staff K failed to perform hygiene before, during, or after the medication. Staff K continued to the next resident.	{A 052}		

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{A 052}	Continued From page 5 On at 12:05 p.m., during a medication observation, Medication Technician (MT) Staff K provided , 1 mg (,) to Resident #18. MT Staff K failed to perform hygiene before, during, or after the medication pass to Resident #7. On at 12:10 p.m., during an interview, Medication Technician Staff K said there was no sanitizer in the cart. Staff K said she needed to sanitize between every two residents but she did not. Staff K said that there is usually a jar on the cart but there was none on the cart she was using, and she didn't know what happened to it. Staff K acknowledged she did not perform hygiene, before, in between or after assisting residents with medications. Staff K stated, "I totally forgot." On , at 8:15 a.m., during an interview, the Resident Care Coordinator (RCC) said that she is in charge of training the staff to perform assistance with medication administration. She said the procedure is staff need to wash their at the beginning of the pass, then sanitize after each resident and then after 3 residents you need to wash your again. The RCC said there should have been sanitizer on the medication cart. The RCC acknowledged Staff K did not perform hygiene or sanitize her between the med passes. Class III .	{A 052}		