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{A 000}	Initial Comments A second revisit survey was conducted at Best Care Senior Living at Sarasota, LLC on This survey was completed in conjunction with a complaint investigation survey. Deficiencies were identified at the time of the survey.	{A 000}		
A 036 SS=D	59A-36.007(10) CONTROL PROCEDURES (10) CONTROL PROCEDURES. Facilities must provide services in a manner that reduces the risk of transmission of (a) The facility must implement a hygiene program before and after the provision of personal services to residents whenever there is an expectation of possible exposure to materials or hygiene may include the use of -based rubs, , handwash, or handwashing with soap and water. (b) Standard precautions must be used when there is an , exposure to transmissible agents in , , , , nonintact skin, and mucuous during the provision of personal services. Standard precautions include: hygiene, and dependent upon the exposure, use of gloves, gown, mask, , protection, or a shield. (c) The facility must clean and reusable medical equipment and communal assistive devices that have been designed for use by multiple residents before and after each use according to the manufacturer's recommendations.	A 036		

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A 036	Continued From page 1 This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure use of ◡ in a manner that reduces the risk of transmission of for 1 (Resident #8) of 1 resident observed with use of a ◡ . The findings included: Observed med pass on at about 4:20 p.m. with Medication Technician Staff C for Resident #8. After Staff C pricked the resident's ◡ , she applied a drop of to the ◡ strip. After removing the used test strip and assisting the resident with his , Staff C placed the pen and lancet in Resident #8's dedicated box. She put the ◡ in the top right drawer in the medication cart next to two other ◡ . Staff C did not the ◡ before placing it into the clean drawer next to two other ◡ . In an interview on at about 4:30 p.m., the Resident Care Coordinator said the other two ◡ in the medication cart didn't work. In an interview on at about 4:45 p.m., the Resident Care Coordinator said the procedure for ◡ is to clean with an , and put into the dedicated box. On , review of the facility's Medication Management policy (no date or reference number) found ◡ testing was not addressed. On , review of the facility's	A 036		

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A 036	Continued From page 2 Control Policy (no date or reference number) found ˬ handling was not specifically addressed. The Control Policy under "Procedure Title: Standard Precautions Procedure: . . . 8. The facility must clean and reusable medical equipment and communal assistive devices that have been designed for use by multiple residents before and after each use according to the manufacturer's recommendations." On , review of Centers for Control and Prevention (CDC) Considerations for Monitoring and Administration included: Dedicated meters should be cleaned and per the manufacturer's instructions and, at a minimum, anytime the device is reassigned to a different person. Dedicated meters should be stored in a manner that prevents cross-contamination and inadvertent use for the wrong patient. Unused supplies and medications should be maintained in clean areas separate from used supplies and equipment (e.g., ˬ meters). If healthcare providers use ˬ testing or administration devices on more than one patient, equipment and supplies may become contaminated. Unsafe practices during assisted monitoring of ˬ and administration contribute to the spread of , , , and other downloaded from CDC website, https://www.cdc.gov/injection-safety/hcp/ - control/index.html Class III .	A 036		

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{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 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	{A 052}		

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{A 052}	Continued From page 4 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 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.	{A 052}		

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{A 052}	Continued From page 5 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 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,	{A 052}		

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{A 052}	Continued From page 6 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. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, and record review, the facility failed to ensure that trained unlicensed staff assisted with the self-administration of medications for 1 (Resident #8) of 4 residents observed for medication pass, rather than administration of medication. This remains an uncorrected deficiency. The findings included: 1. Observation of the medication pass on at about 4:20 p.m. with Medication Technician Staff C for Resident #8 revealed Staff	{A 052}		

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{A 052}	Continued From page 7 C prepared the supplies and equipment. The MAR indicated no but a routine dose of 2 units. Med Tech Staff C dialed the to 2 units, handed the pen to the resident which he self-injected. Staff C disposed of the used needles into the sharps box, put the lancet and pen in the resident's dedicated box. 2. Review of the Medication Management Policy (No Effective date or policy number) "Residents will be assess upon admission and ongoing thereafter regarding their ability to manage their medications. There are three levels of medication management: Self-administered, Supervision of self-administered medications, and administration by licensed personnel. . . Administration: Medications may be administered only by persons licensed to do so by order of the healthcare provider. . . " Class III	{A 052}		
A 058 SS=D	429.42( ) FS; 59A-36.023(3)(a) FAC Pharmacy & Dietary; Uncorrected Deficiencies 429.42 Pharmacy and dietary services.- (1) Any assisted living facility in which the agency has documented a class I or class II deficiency or uncorrected class III deficiencies regarding medicinal drugs or over-the-counter preparations, including their storage, use, delivery, or administration, or dietary services, or both, during a biennial survey or a monitoring visit or an investigation in response to a complaint, shall, in addition to or as an alternative to any penalties imposed under s. 429.19, be required to employ the consultant services of a licensed pharmacist, a licensed registered nurse, or a registered or	A 058		

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A 058	Continued From page 8 licensed dietitian, as applicable. The consultant shall, at a minimum, provide onsite quarterly consultation until the inspection team from the agency determines that such consultation services are no longer required. (2) A corrective action plan for deficiencies related to assistance with the self-administration of medication or the administration of medication must be developed and implemented by the facility within 48 hours after notification of such deficiency, or sooner if the deficiency is determined by the agency to be life-threatening. 59A-36.023(3) (3) EMPLOYMENT OF A CONSULTANT. (a) Medication Deficiencies. 1. If a class I, class II, or uncorrected class III deficiency directly relating to facility medication practices as established in Rule 59A-36.008, F.A.C., is documented by agency personnel pursuant to an inspection of the facility, the agency must notify the facility in writing that the facility must employ or contract the services of a pharmacist licensed pursuant to Section 465.0125, F.S., or registered nurse as determined by the agency. 2. After developing and implementing a corrective action plan in compliance with Section 429.42(2), F.S., the initial on-site consultant visit must take place within 7 working days of the notice of a class I or class II deficiency and within 14 working days of the notice of an uncorrected class III deficiency. The facility must have available for review by the agency a copy of the license of the consultant pharmacist or registered nurse and the consultant's signed and dated review of the corrective action plan no later than 10 working days subsequent to the initial on-site consultant visit.	A 058		

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A 058	Continued From page 9 3. The facility must provide the agency with, at a minimum, quarterly on-site corrective action plan updates until the agency determines after written notification by the consultant and facility administrator that deficiencies are corrected and staff has been trained to ensure that proper medication standards are followed and that such consultant services are no longer required. The agency must provide the facility with written notification of such determination. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by:	A 058		