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A 000	Initial Comments On June 15, 2023, an unannounced licensure survey was conducted for this 80 bed Assisted Living Facility (ALF) with a census of 60. There were four (4) complaints investigated during this survey. LC#20230426015, LC#20230207016, LC#20220317012 and LC#20230503013 were unsubstantiated. No deficiencies were cited as a result of the complaint investigations. Deficiencies were cited during this survey for failure to operate in accordance with the Rules of the Alabama State Board of Health (SBOH), Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), Chapter 420-5-4, Alabama Administrative Code, for Assisted Living Facilities. The deficiencies cited pose a potential risk of harm to the residents and require a plan of correction.	A 000		
A 614	420-5-4-.06 (5)(f)(g)(6)(7)(a)-(i) Care of Residents. (f) A resident may self-manage his or her medications. For the purposes of these rules, self-manage shall mean the resident is capable of maintaining possession and control of his or her medications, who does maintain possession and control of his or her medications, and self-administers his or her medications without creating an unreasonable risk to health and safety. (g) A resident that cannot self-manage his or her own medication without creating an unreasonable risk to health and safety may be assisted with self-administration of medication by any assisted living facility staff, including staff members who hold no professional licensure provided:	A 614		

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A 614	Continued From page 1 1. The resident can and does identify his or her name on the medication package and has a reasonable understanding of the unit dose packaging system in use by the facility such that the resident could protect himself or herself from medication errors when unit dose packages are brought to the resident by facility staff. The resident shall have the opportunity to demonstrate his or her ability to correctly utilize the unit dose package system at every opportunity for medication use. (6) Assistance with self-administration of medication includes the following practices: (a) Reminding a resident that it is time to take a medication or medications, where such medications have been prescribed for a specific time of day, a specific number of times per day, specific intervals of time, or for a specific time in relation to mealtimes or other activities such as arising from bed or retiring to bed. (b) Physically assisting a resident by opening or helping to open a container holding medications. (c) Offering liquids to a resident to assist that resident in ingesting oral medications. (d) Physically bringing a container of medication to a resident. (7) Assistance with self-administration of medications shall under no circumstances include any of the following practices: (a) Medication administration as defined	A 614		

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(b) Determining the amount of medication to be given. If a medication is not available in unit dose packaging, unlicensed facility staff may measure the prescribed amount of medication only under the direction and control of the resident, provided that the resident is capable of determining the amount of medication to be given.

(c) Giving a resident injections of any kind.

(d) Telling or reminding a resident that it is time to take a PRN, or as needed medication.

(e) Placing medications in a feeding tube.

(f) Giving enemas or suppositories.

(g) Crushing or splitting medications, provided
that a physician has ordered a specific medication to be crushed or split and the resident is capable of self-managing his or her own medication or the resident is capable of medication self-administration with assistance and would be capable of crushing or splitting his or her own medications but for limitations of mobility or dexterity, may be assisted with crushing or splitting medications by unlicensed staff so long as the assistance provided is under the total control and direction of the resident. If the facility chooses to offer this assistance, the facility shall develop and implement a policy and procedure to ensure safe practices by facility

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A 614	Continued From page 3 staff. (h) Mixing medications with food or liquids, provided that a physician has ordered a medication to be mixed with food or liquid and the resident is capable of self-managing his or her own medications or the resident is capable of medication self-administration with assistance and would be capable of mixing his or her own medications with food or liquid but for limitations of mobility or dexterity, may be assisted with mixing medications with food or liquid by unlicensed staff so long as the assistance provided is under the total control and direction of the resident. If the facility chooses to offer this assistance, the facility shall develop and implement a policy and procedure to ensure safe practices by facility staff. (i) Assisting with self-administration of eye drops, eardrops, nose drops, inhalers, nebulizers, or topical medications, provided that a resident who is capable of self-managing his or her own medication or a resident who is capable of medication self-administration with assistance and who would be capable of self-administration of his or her own medications but for limitations of mobility or dexterity, may be assisted with eye drops, ear drops, nose drops, inhalers, nebulizers, or topical medications by unlicensed facility staff so long as the assistance provided is under the total control and direction of the resident. If the facility chooses to offer this assistance, the facility shall develop and implement a policy and procedure to ensure safe practices by facility staff.	A 614		

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A 614	Continued From page 4 This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observations, interviews and record review, a resident was unable to identify his/her medications and protect himself/herself from a medication error. Findings: Resident Identifier (RI)#3 was admitted to the facility on January 29, 2023 and had diagnoses which included glaucoma, dementia, ischemic cardiomyopathy, atrial fibrillation, cerebrovascular disease and chronic kidney disease. RI#3 was observed during the survey wandering about the facility. RI#3 would stop staff or visitors to ask where he/she should be at that time or to ask directions to an area of the facility. On the afternoon of June 15, 2023, Employee Identifier (EI)#2 performed medication awareness testing on RI#3 at the request of the surveyor. RI#3 was presented with packets of his/her medications which contained RI#3's name and a time of "morning" or "evening". RI#3 was able to read the name on the packets but was unable to state when the medications should be taken, even after multiple attempts and coaching by EI#2. RI#3 stated "they tell me when to take them". RI#3 was dependent on staff to protect him/her from a medication error. EI#2 agreed RI#3 was unable to protect himself/herself from a medication error and stated licensed nurses would administer RI#3's medications until other arrangements could be made to ensure RI#3's safety and proper medication assistance/administration.	A 614		

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A1203	Continued From page 5	A1203		
A1203	420-5-4-.12 (5) Physical Environment. (5) General Building Requirements - Family, Group, and Congregate. (a) Structural Soundness and Repair. The building shall be structurally sound, free from leaks and excessive moisture, in good repair, and painted with sufficient frequency to be reasonably attractive inside and out. The interior and exterior of the building shall be kept clean and orderly. (b) Temperature to be Maintained. The facility shall maintain a comfortable temperature. A comfortable range is between 71-81 degrees Fahrenheit. (c) Lighting. Each resident's room shall have artificial light adequate for reading and other uses as needed. All entrances, hallways, stairways, inclines, ramps, cellars, attics, storerooms, kitchens, laundries, and service units shall have sufficient artificial lighting to prevent accidents and promote efficiency of service. Night lights shall be provided in all hallways, stairways, and bathrooms. (d) Screens. All screen doors and operable windows shall be equipped with tight-fitting, full-length insect screens. Screen doors shall be equipped with self-closing devices. (e) Emergency Lighting. 1. All assisted living facilities shall provide emergency artificial lighting to adequately illuminate halls, corridors, kitchens, dining areas, and stairwells in case of electrical power failure.	A1203		

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A1203	Continued From page 6 As a minimum, dry cell battery-operated lighting shall be provided to light such spaces. 2. Emergency lighting must provide illumination in accordance with the currently adopted Life Safety Code for at least 90 minutes. (f) Floors. 1. All floors shall be level, smooth and free of cracks, and finished so as to be easily kept clean. The basic requirement for floor finishes shall be wall-to-wall with such finishes as paint, stain, sealer, carpet, sheet vinyl, vinyl tile, hard tile, or other appropriate floor finish. 2. Any differences in floor levels shall not prevent a resident from navigating safely throughout the facility. (g) Walls and Ceilings. All walls and ceilings shall be of sound construction with an acceptable surface and shall be kept clean and in good repair. (h) Windows. Operable windows shall be so constructed and maintained so that they fit snugly, and are capable of being opened and closed easily. (i) Ceiling Height. Each room occupied by residents shall have a ceiling height of eight feet or more. Existing facilities with ceiling heights less than eight feet shall be acceptable when the height complies with the codes. (j) Handrails. If handrails are installed in halls or corridors, the handrails shall be mounted at 30-36 inches above the floor and returned to	A1203		

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A1203	Continued From page 7 the wall at each end. (k) Stairways. Stairways shall be well lighted, kept in good repair, and have handrails. Open space under stairs shall not be used for storage purpose. All walls and doors under stairs shall meet the same fire rating as the stairwell. (l) Doors. 1. In each new assisted living facility, doors of resident bathrooms connected to resident bedrooms shall swing into the bedroom. 2. Bedroom and bathroom doors may be equipped with hardware that will permit a resident to lock himself within the room, provided a master key is readily accessible for the staff at a central location. 3. Resident bedroom and other exit access doors in each assisted living facility shall be at least three feet wide. Bedroom doors in Family assisted living facilities shall not be less than 32 inches wide. 4. Exterior egress doors except the main entry/exit door, may be equipped with a delayed egress locking system installed in accordance with NFPA 101. Other special locking arrangements are permitted only in specialty care assisted living facilities. 5. Exit doors swinging outward shall swing out over a landing having a minimum length and width equal to the door's width at the same level as the floor level, except existing doors shall not have more than a four inch step down. Exit doors of Family facilities may swing	A1203		

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A1203	Continued From page 8 inward. (m) Ventilation. The building shall be well-ventilated at all times to prevent accumulation of objectionable odors. Kitchens, laundries, service rooms, toilets, and bathrooms shall be ventilated by windows, gravity vents, or mechanical means as necessary to prevent offensive odors from entering other parts of the facility. (n) Fire Extinguishers. Fire extinguishers shall be provided for each hall, kitchen, and laundry, of type and capacity appropriate to the need. 1. Each fire extinguisher shall receive an annual inspection with maintenance, and recharging when necessary, by a fire equipment servicing representative. An annual servicing tag shall be attached to the extinguisher reflecting the name of the servicing company, representative, day, month, and year of maintenance. 2. A visual inspection of each fire extinguisher shall be conducted monthly by designated staff of the facility and documented on the attached extinguisher tag by the designated staff person. (o) Call System. Except in Family facilities, a central electric or electronic call system shall be conveniently provided for each resident, usable in bedrooms and bathrooms. The call system shall be certified to meet the applicable Underwriters Laboratories standard. (p) Manufactured homes/mobile homes are not permitted.	A1203		

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(q) Fireplaces and inserts, shall be inspected and cleaned annually, and shall comply with the currently adopted building code. Openings shall be protected with screens, or doors.

(r) Exit marking. In Group and Congregate facilities, a sign bearing the word "EXIT" in plain legible block letters shall be placed at each exit. Additional signs shall be placed in corridors and passageways wherever necessary to indicate the direction of exit. Letters of signs shall be at least four inches high. All exit and directional signs shall be kept clearly legible by continuous internal electric illumination and have battery back-up or emergency power.

(s) Heating, Lighting, and other Service Equipment.

1. Central or individual room gas heating systems shall be of the enclosed flame type equipped with automatic flame shut-off control and shall be vented directly to the outside. Heating units of any type shall be located to avoid direct contact with any combustible material and shall be maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendation.

2. Open flame and portable heaters are prohibited in assisted living facilities. This does not apply to a fire place with gas logs protected as noted elsewhere in these rules.

3. Lighting shall be restricted to electricity. Electric wiring, motors, and other electrical equipment in all assisted living facilities shall be in accordance with local electrical codes

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A1203	Continued From page 10 and the NFPA National Electrical Code. This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observations and interview, visual inspections of fire extinguishers were not documented monthly as required. Findings: On the morning of June 13, 2023, the surveyor observed seven fire extinguishers on the first and second floors of the facility. A tag was attached to each of the seven fire extinguishers which documented the most recent visual inspection was conducted on April 15, 2023. EI#1 was interviewed that same morning about the fire extinguisher inspections and agreed the inspections had not been documented for the month of May 2023. CONNIE CHERRY, REGISTERED NURSE	A1203		