

**INFORMED CONSENT TO
ASSISTANCE WITH MEDICATION BY
UNLICENSED PERSONNEL**

Assisted living facility (ALF) law permits an ALF to administer medications to residents if the facility has a licensed nurse on staff, or to assist residents with self-administered medication (' 400.4256, F.S.).

Under ALF law Assistance with self-administered medication means that trained, unlicensed staff can help a person to self-administer their medications by performing such tasks as bringing the resident's medication to the resident; reading a prescription label and removing a prescribed amount of medication from the container; placing the medication in the resident's hand or in another container and helping the resident to lift it to their mouth; applying topical medications; returning the medication to storage; and keeping a record of medications that the resident has self-administered.

Assistance with self-administration does not include calculating medication dosages; putting medications in a resident's mouth; preparing or administering injections; applying rectal, urethral, or vaginal preparations; administering medications by way of a tube inserted in a body cavity; administering parenteral preparations; conducting irrigations or using debriding agents for treating skin conditions; administering medications through intermittent positive pressure breathing machines or nebulizers; or performing any medication task which requires judgement or discretion. The unlicensed individual who will be providing Assistance must have completed a 4-hour training course and has demonstrated their ability to assist you.

In our facility, staff assisting residents with self-administration: **9 will** or, **9 will not** be overseen by a licensed nurse.

I, _____, have been informed of this policy and agree to have trained, unlicensed facility staff provide me with assistance in self-administering my medications.

Signed (resident or representative)

Date