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ELIZABETH DUDEK
SECRETARY

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Dear Administrator:

The Agency has discovered that information is being provided to assisted living communities relating to the placement of residents with Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy Tubes (peg-tubes) in assisted living facilities.

Assisted Living Facilities with Standard, Limited Mental Health or Limited Nursing Service Licenses:

A resident utilizing a peg-tube may not be admitted to an assisted living facility with a standard, limited mental health or limited nursing service license. If, after admission, a resident's condition changes and a peg-tube is ordered, the resident may remain in the facility if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The resident is terminally ill;
2. The resident is admitted to hospice and agrees to the services offered by a licensed hospice;
3. The resident agrees to remain at the facility (the resident must be an existing resident);
4. The administrator agrees to the resident remaining at the facility;
5. An interdisciplinary plan is developed and implemented; and
6. The resident is under the care of a physician who agrees that the physical needs of the resident are being met.

At no time may unlicensed staff, friends, family members or volunteers provide services or care that would involve the administration of medication, assistance with self-administration of medication via a peg-tube or assistance with feedings via a peg-tube. Unlicensed facility staff, friends, family members and volunteers are also precluded from removing, cleaning or adjusting a resident's peg-tube. *See, 429.26(9), Florida Statutes, and 58A-5.0181(4)(c), Florida Administrative Code.*

Extended Congregate Care Specialty License:

An assisted living facility, which has an extended congregate care specialty license, may accept and provide for residents utilizing a peg-tube. However, at no time may unlicensed staff provide the services or care that would involve the administration of medication, assistance with self-administration of medication via a peg-tube or assistance with feedings via a peg-tube.



Unlicensed facility staff is also precluded from removing, cleaning or adjusting a resident's peg-tube. *See, 58A-5.030, Florida Administrative Code.*

Should you have any questions, you may contact Susan Kaempfer, Jackie Henry or Shad Haston at (850) 412-4304.

Sincerely,

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