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26 (2) Patients who are capable of self-administering their
27 own medications without assistance must ~~shall~~ be encouraged and
28 allowed to do so. However, an unlicensed person may, consistent
29 with a dispensed prescription's label or the package directions
30 of an over-the-counter medication, assist a patient whose
31 condition is medically stable with the self-administration of
32 routine, regularly scheduled medications that are intended to be
33 self-administered. Assistance with self-medication by an
34 unlicensed person may occur only upon a documented request by,
35 and the written informed consent of, a patient or the patient's
36 surrogate, guardian, or attorney in fact. For purposes of this
37 section, self-administered medications include both legend and
38 over-the-counter oral dosage forms, topical dosage forms,
39 transdermal patches, and topical ophthalmic, otic, and nasal
40 dosage forms, including solutions, suspensions, sprays,
41 inhalers, and nebulizer treatments.

42 (3) Assistance with self-administration of medication
43 includes:

44 (a) Taking the medication, in its previously dispensed,
45 properly labeled container, from where it is stored and bringing
46 it to the patient. For purposes of this paragraph, an insulin
47 syringe that is prefilled with the proper dosage by a pharmacist
48 and an insulin pen that is prefilled by the manufacturer are
49 considered medications in previously dispensed, properly labeled
50 containers.

51 (b) In the presence of the patient, confirming that the
52 medication is intended for that patient, orally advising the
53 patient of the medication name and purpose, opening the
54 container, removing a prescribed amount of medication from the
55 container, and closing the container.

56 (c) Placing an oral dosage in the patient's hand or
57 placing the dosage in another container and helping the patient
58 by lifting the container to his or her mouth.

59 (d) Applying topical medications, ~~including routine~~
60 ~~preventive skin care and applying and replacing bandages for~~
61 ~~minor cuts and abrasions as provided by the agency in rule.~~

62 (e) Returning the medication container to proper storage.

63 (f) ~~For nebulizer treatments, assisting with setting up~~
64 ~~and cleaning the device in the presence of the patient,~~
65 ~~confirming that the medication is intended for that patient,~~
66 ~~orally advising the patient of the medication name and purpose,~~
67 ~~opening the container, removing the prescribed amount for a~~
68 ~~single treatment dose from a properly labeled container, and~~
69 ~~assisting the patient with placing the dose into the medicine~~
70 ~~receptacle or mouthpiece.~~

71 ~~(g)~~ Keeping a record of when a patient receives assistance
72 with self-administration under this section.

73 (g) Assisting with the use of a nebulizer, including
74 removing the cap of a nebulizer, opening the unit dose of
75 nebulizer solutions, and pouring the prescribed premeasured dose

76 | of medication into the dispensing cup of the nebulizer.

77 | (h) Using a glucometer to perform blood-glucose level
 78 | checks.

79 | (i) Assisting with putting on and taking off antiembolism
 80 | stockings.

81 | (j) Assisting with applying and removing an oxygen cannula
 82 | but not with titrating the prescribed oxygen settings.

83 | (k) Assisting with the use of a continuous positive airway
 84 | pressure device but not with titrating the prescribed setting of
 85 | the device.

86 | (l) Assisting with measuring vital signs.

87 | (m) Assisting with colostomy bags.

88 | (4) Assistance with self-administration does not include:

89 | (a) Mixing, compounding, converting, or calculating
 90 | medication doses, except for measuring a prescribed amount of
 91 | liquid medication or breaking a scored tablet or crushing a
 92 | tablet as prescribed.

93 | (b) The preparation of syringes for injection or the
 94 | administration of medications by any injectable route.

95 | (c) ~~Administration of medications through intermittent~~
 96 | ~~positive pressure breathing machines or a nebulizer.~~

97 | ~~(d)~~ Administration of medications by way of a tube
 98 | inserted in a cavity of the body.

99 | (d)-(e) Administration of parenteral preparations.

100 | (e)-(f) Irrigations or debriding agents used in the

101 treatment of a skin condition.

102 ~~(f)(g)~~ Rectal, urethral, or vaginal preparations.

103 ~~(g)(h)~~ Medications ordered by the physician or health care
 104 professional with prescriptive authority to be given "as
 105 needed," unless the order is written with specific parameters
 106 that preclude independent judgment on the part of the unlicensed
 107 person, and at the request of a competent patient.

108 ~~(h)(i)~~ Medications for which the time of administration,
 109 the amount, the strength of dosage, the method of
 110 administration, or the reason for administration requires
 111 judgment or discretion on the part of the unlicensed person.

112 Section 2. Section 401.252, Florida Statutes, is amended
 113 to read:

114 401.252 Interfacility transfer.—

115 (1) When conducting an interfacility transfer, a permitted
 116 advanced life support ambulance must be occupied by at least two
 117 persons: one patient attendant who is a certified paramedic, a
 118 registered nurse authorized under subsection (2), or a licensed
 119 physician; and one who is a certified emergency medical
 120 technician, a certified paramedic, a licensed physician, or an
 121 ambulance driver who meets the driver requirements of s.
 122 401.281. The person occupying the ambulance who has the highest
 123 medical certification in this state is in charge of patient care
 124 during the interfacility transfer.

125 (2) A licensed basic or advanced life support ambulance

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126 service may conduct interfacility transfers in a permitted
127 ambulance~~7~~ using a registered nurse in place of an emergency
128 medical technician or paramedic~~7~~ if:

129 (a) The registered nurse holds a current certificate of
130 successful course completion in advanced cardiac life support;

131 (b) The physician in charge has granted permission for
132 such a transfer, has designated the level of service required
133 for such transfer, and has deemed the patient to be in such a
134 condition appropriate to this type of ambulance staffing; and

135 (c) The registered nurse operates within the scope of part
136 I of chapter 464.

137 (3)~~(2)~~ A licensed basic or advanced life support service
138 may conduct interfacility transfers in a permitted ambulance if
139 the patient's treating physician certifies that the transfer is
140 medically appropriate and the physician provides reasonable
141 transfer orders. An interfacility transfer must be conducted in
142 a permitted ambulance if it is determined that the patient
143 needs, or is likely to need, medical attention during transport.
144 If the emergency medical technician or paramedic believes the
145 level of patient care required during the transfer is beyond his
146 or her capability, the medical director, or his or her designee,
147 must be contacted for clearance prior to conducting the
148 transfer. If necessary, the medical director, or his or her
149 designee, shall attempt to contact the treating physician for
150 consultation to determine the appropriateness of the transfer.

151 ~~(4)(3)~~ Infants younger ~~less~~ than 28 days old or ~~infants~~
 152 weighing less than 5 kilograms, who require critical care
 153 interfacility transport to a neonatal intensive care unit must,
 154 ~~shall~~ be transported in a permitted advanced life support or
 155 basic life support transport ambulance, or in a permitted
 156 advanced life support or basic life support ambulance that is
 157 recognized by the department as meeting designated criteria for
 158 neonatal interfacility critical care transport.

159 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 464.0156, Florida
 160 Statutes, is amended to read:

161 464.0156 Delegation of duties.—

162 (2) A registered nurse may delegate to a certified nursing
 163 assistant or a home health aide the administration of oral,
 164 transdermal, ophthalmic, otic, rectal, inhaled, enteral, or
 165 topical prescription medications to a patient of a home health
 166 agency, if the certified nursing assistant or home health aide
 167 meets the requirements of s. 464.2035 or s. 400.489,
 168 respectively. A registered nurse may not delegate the
 169 administration of any controlled substance listed in Schedule
 170 II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV of s. 893.03 or 21 U.S.C. s.
 171 812, except for the administration of an insulin syringe that is
 172 prefilled with the proper dosage by a pharmacist or an insulin
 173 pen that is prefilled by the manufacturer.

174 Section 4. Subsection (7) of section 401.25, Florida
 175 Statutes, is amended to read:

176 401.25 Licensure as a basic life support or an advanced
 177 life support service.—

178 (7)(a) Each permitted basic life support ambulance not
 179 specifically exempted from this part, when transporting a person
 180 who is sick, injured, wounded, incapacitated, or helpless, must
 181 be occupied by at least two persons: one patient attendant who
 182 is a certified emergency medical technician, certified
 183 paramedic, or licensed physician; and one ambulance driver who
 184 meets the requirements of s. 401.281. This paragraph does not
 185 apply to interfacility transfers governed by s. 401.252 ~~s.~~
 186 ~~401.252(1)~~.

187 (b) Each permitted advanced life support ambulance not
 188 specifically exempted from this part, when transporting a person
 189 who is sick, injured, wounded, incapacitated, or helpless, must
 190 be occupied by at least two persons: one who is a certified
 191 paramedic or licensed physician; and one who is a certified
 192 emergency medical technician, certified paramedic, or licensed
 193 physician who also meets the requirements of s. 401.281 for
 194 drivers. The person with the highest medical certifications
 195 shall be in charge of patient care. This paragraph does not
 196 apply to interfacility transfers governed by s. 401.252 ~~s.~~
 197 ~~401.252(1)~~.

198 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 401.27, Florida
 199 Statutes, is amended to read:

200 401.27 Personnel; standards and certification.—

201 (1) Each permitted ambulance not specifically exempted
 202 from this part, when transporting a person who is sick, injured,
 203 wounded, incapacitated, or helpless, must be occupied by at
 204 least two persons, one of whom must be a certified emergency
 205 medical technician, certified paramedic, or licensed physician
 206 and one of whom must be a driver who meets the requirements for
 207 ambulance drivers. This subsection does not apply to
 208 interfacility transfers governed by s. 401.252 ~~s. 401.252(1)~~.

209 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
 210 429.256, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

211 429.256 Assistance with self-administration of
 212 medication.—

213 (3) Assistance with self-administration of medication
 214 includes:

215 (a) Taking the medication, in its previously dispensed,
 216 properly labeled container, ~~including an insulin syringe that is~~
 217 ~~prefilled with the proper dosage by a pharmacist and an insulin~~
 218 ~~pen that is prefilled by the manufacturer,~~ from where it is
 219 stored, and bringing it to the resident. For purposes of this
 220 paragraph, an insulin syringe that is prefilled with the proper
 221 dosage by a pharmacist and an insulin pen that is prefilled by
 222 the manufacturer are considered medications in previously
 223 dispensed, properly labeled containers.

224 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.