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Dear Administrator:

You should be aware that there are new changes to Rule 58A-5.0181, F.A.C., which became effective October 14, 2010. The rule was amended to remove references to Adult Family-Care Homes and to amend the AHCA Form 1823. The form is now entitled, "AHCA Form 1823, Resident Health Assessment for Assisted Living Facilities, October 2010."

You may continue to use the April 2010 version of the AHCA Form 1823 for up to six months (until May 1, 2011). A facility will not be administratively penalized for continued use of the April 2010 version during this 6 month period. However, the Agency recommends that you begin using the new form as soon as possible. Facilities that have already received information for residents on the April 2010 version will not have to incorporate that information onto the new October 2010 form.

Lastly, there is also an amendment to Rule 58A-5.0185, F.A.C., which requires a licensed nurse to have an order from a licensed health care provider when dispensing over-the counter (OTC) products. This change was done to comply with nurse practice act and the Florida Department of Health Board of Nursing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assisted Living Unit at 850.412.4304.

Sincerely,

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