

Consumer Information

6. A statewide and searchable assisted living facility website, which includes all violation information on each licensed facility, should be maintained and accessible to all members of the public.

ALF Administrator Qualifications

8. The standards for assisted living facility administrators should be heightened, while providing a grandfathering provision for those facilities that have had no Class I or Class II violations.

Training/Staffing

Continuing Education

12. All assisted living facility personnel should participate in continuing education, which includes specific training and de-escalation techniques and components, and exemptions from core training should be very limited.

Surveys and Inspections

17. Assisted living facilities which continues to receive Class I or Class II violations or which fail to remediate and pay the required fines should face serious and significant regulatory penalties.
18. All field offices and their application processes should be standardized around the state.

Licensure

10. Examine existing regulations periodically by a workgroup of providers and stakeholders to determine whether or not they are achieving their intended effect.

Resident Discharge

10. Mandate that Social workers and Discharge planners provide a compliant AHCA 1823 Form to the Assisted Living Administrator to ensure appropriateness of resident's admission.
11. Permit residents to age in place while on hospice by allowing family members to provide care as identified on the interdisciplinary care plan.

Resident Safety and Rights

10. The State of Florida should advocate for her citizenry to purchase and maintain long term care policies and should provide target timelines for the appropriate purchasing guidelines
11. Assisted living facilities should allow for and protect ‘family cameras’ in every facility when, the family assumes the entire cost of the camera and the maintenance costs, and the privacy of other residents can be protected.

Resident Advocacy

10. The State Ombudsman office should independent from any state agency and report to the Executive Office of the Governor. Florida should consider placing the State Ombudsman Office with a non-governmental organization such as a Center for Independent Living.

Multiple Regulators

15. Two state agencies, the Department of Children and Families, Adult Protective Services Division, and the Agency for Health Care Administration, Licensure Database Division, should share data and information by using Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN).
16. The State of Florida should enhance current FSFN capacity to be able to differentiate facility type in its reporting capacity.

Home and Community Based Care

5. Expand the Assisted Living Waiver Program/Nursing Home Diversion program to serve individuals under 60 years of age.
6. Eliminate the waiting list for waiver programs and have open enrollment for Medicaid waiver providers. Make assisted living funding readily available similar to how institutional care is funded through the long-term care system (Medicaid reimbursement for nursing homes). Expand the assisted Living waiver program and focus on facilities that prove they meet significantly higher quality of care standards.