**Assisted Living – Standards, Best Practices and Guidance**

**Voluntary Standards and Best Practices**

In 2015 a task forces of Assisted Living Managers developed a set of standards and best practices to provide a basis for consistency of care for tenants in Assisted Living facilities in the state. While not required for licensure all facilities are encouraged to address these issues in their policies and procedures.

**Guidance for Controlled Medication Counts**

This guidance is intended for facilities where two nurses are not available to do a narcotic count yet a count for verification must be completed.

**Procedures for Residents/Patients going on pass from Long-Term-Care**

The North Dakota Board of Pharmacy in conjunction with the Board of Nursing and the Health Department developed procedures and [guidance](https://www.ndbon.org/Practice/Policies-Procedures-Guidelines/Residents_Pass-Term-Care.asp) [Medication Procedures for Residents going on pass from Long Term Care - ND Board of Nursing (ndbon.org)](https://www.ndbon.org/Practice/Policies-Procedures-Guidelines/Medication-Procedures-Residents-LTC.asp) to be used by assisted living facilities for instances where a proper pharmacy labeled container cannot be provided when a tenant’s family or others want to take the tenant out on pass and there is insufficient time or it is not feasible to provide a pharmacy labeled container for their medications.

**Options for Medication Management when a Resident Unexpectedly Goes out of a Facility on a Short Pass (Four Hours or Less)**

The Department of Health issued guidance on options that can be implemented when a tenant or family member unexpectedly requests medications be prepared so the tenant can leave the facility for a short period of time, not to exceed four hours.

**Medication Assistant I/II Scope of Delegated Medication Administration Statements**

The ND Department of Health has issued statements on the requirements for delegating medication administration to a Medication Assistant I or Medication Assistant II. DELETE LINK it is no longer available

**Guide for Implementation of Transfer or Discharge Requirements**

The ND Ombudsman issued a guideline for completing a transfer or discharge notice for Assisted Living tenants and provided a Notice of Transfer or Discharge to be used by facilities.

**Transfer and Discharge Rights Questions and Answers**

Frequently asked questions are addressed in this publication from the ND Ombudsman.

**Guide to Your Rights as an Assisted Living Resident/Tenant**

The ND Ombudsman has issued a [guide](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/docs/assisted-living-tenant-rights.pdf) on the rights of Assisted Living tenants that can be distributed to tenants.

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**Resident Rights Guidelines**

Suggested guidelines for developing policies and procedures relating to Resident Rights