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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to long-term care; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-890.3, which relates to rules promulgated under the Continuum of Care and Assisted Living Act; directing promulgation of specified rules; updating statutory language; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-890.6, which relates to penalties; requiring employment of certain professionals in specified circumstances; requiring assisted living centers to establish internal quality assurance committee; specifying committee duties and membership composition; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-890.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-890.3. A. The State ~~Board~~ Commissioner of Health shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of the Continuum of Care and Assisted Living Act. Such rules shall include, but shall not be limited to:

1. A uniform comprehensive resident screening instrument to measure the needs and capabilities of residents in all settings and to determine appropriate placements of residents;

1       2. Physical plant requirements meeting construction and life  
2 safety codes, with provisions accommodating resident privacy and  
3 independence in assisted living centers and in assisted living  
4 components of continuum of care facilities based on the variable  
5 capabilities of residents;

6       3. Staffing levels responsive to the variable needs of  
7 residents, with provisions for sharing of staff between components  
8 in a continuum of care facility;

9       4. Minimum standards for resident care including, but not  
10 limited to, standards pertaining to medical care and administration  
11 of medications. Standards pertaining to medication administration  
12 shall, at a minimum, require the assisted living center or continuum  
13 of care facility to:

- 14           a. maintain medication administration records,
- 15           b. have medication storage and disposal policies, and
- 16           c. follow medication administration orders from a  
17           qualified health care provider;

18       5. Standards for measuring quality outcomes for residents;

19       ~~5.~~ 6. Provisions for individualized services chosen by and  
20 designed for each resident;

21       ~~6.~~ 7. Provisions to prohibit facility staff from disclosing a  
22 resident's financial information to third parties without written  
23 consent of the resident or the designated representative of the  
24 resident;

1       ~~7.~~ 8. Procedures for inspections and investigations of licensed  
2 entities to ensure compliance with the Continuum of Care and  
3 Assisted Living Act and rules promulgated by the ~~Board~~ Commissioner;

4       ~~8.~~ 9. Enumeration of resident rights and responsibilities to be  
5 observed by each facility and its staff. Such resident rights shall  
6 include the freedom of choice regarding any personal attending  
7 physicians and all other providers of medical services and supplies  
8 without a financial penalty or fee charged by the assisted living  
9 center;

10       ~~9.~~ 10. Provisions for a surety bond or deposit from each  
11 applicant in an amount sufficient to guarantee that obligations to  
12 residents will be performed, with provisions for reduction or waiver  
13 of the surety bond or deposit when the assets of the applicant or  
14 its contracts with other persons are sufficient to reasonably ensure  
15 the performance of its obligations;

16       ~~10.~~ 11. Provisions for the development of a consumer guide or  
17 similar resource to be posted on the Internet website of the State  
18 Department of Health to assist individuals and families in  
19 understanding the services provided by assisted living centers and  
20 to compare and select a facility; ~~and~~

21       ~~11.~~ 12. Provisions for posting results of routine inspections  
22 and any complaint investigations of each assisted living center on  
23 the Internet website of the Department. Such information shall be  
24 regularly updated to include the facility's plan of correction and  
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1 to indicate when a violation of a licensing regulation was corrected  
2 by the facility; and

3 13. Provisions requiring execution of a plan of care and a  
4 resident service contract with the resident or resident's  
5 representative. Any change in the resident's care including, but  
6 not limited to, the administration of medications or other medical  
7 care shall require the informed consent of the resident or  
8 representative and shall be documented in the plan of care and, as  
9 appropriate, the resident service contract.

10 B. The nursing care service of a continuum of care facility  
11 shall be subject to the requirements, procedures and remedies set  
12 out in the Nursing Home Care Act, including provisions relating to  
13 resident rights.

14 C. The adult day care component of a continuum of care facility  
15 shall be subject to requirements and procedures specified under the  
16 Adult Day Care Act.

17 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-890.6, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1-890.6. A. The Continuum of Care and Assisted Living  
20 Act shall not apply to residential care homes, adult companion  
21 homes, domiciliary care units operated by the Oklahoma Department of  
22 Veterans Affairs, the private residences of persons with  
23 developmental disabilities receiving services provided by the  
24 Developmental Disabilities Services Division of the Department of

1 Human Services or through ~~the~~ a Home- and Community-Based Services  
2 Waiver or the Alternative Disposition Plan Waiver of the Oklahoma  
3 Health Care Authority, or to hotels, motels, boardinghouses, rooming  
4 houses, a home or facility approved and annually reviewed by the  
5 United States Department of Veterans Affairs as a medical foster  
6 home in which care is provided exclusively to three or fewer  
7 veterans, or other places that furnish board or room to their  
8 residents. The Continuum of Care and Assisted Living Act shall not  
9 apply to facilities not charging or receiving periodic compensation  
10 for services rendered and not receiving any county, state or federal  
11 assistance.

12 B. The State Commissioner of Health may ban admissions to, or  
13 deny, suspend, refuse to renew or revoke the license of, any  
14 continuum of care facility or assisted living center which fails to  
15 comply with the Continuum of Care and Assisted Living Act or rules  
16 promulgated by the State ~~Board~~ Commissioner of Health.

17 C. Any person who has been determined by the Commissioner to  
18 have violated any provision of the Continuum of Care and Assisted  
19 Living Act or any rule promulgated hereunder shall be liable for an  
20 administrative penalty ~~of~~ not more than Five Hundred Dollars  
21 (\$500.00) for each day that the violation occurs.

22 D. 1. The State Department of Health shall develop a  
23 classification system of violations, taking into consideration the  
24 recommendations of the Long-Term Care Facility Advisory ~~Board~~

1 Council pursuant to Section 1-1923 of this title, which shall gauge  
2 the severity of the violation and specify graduated penalties based  
3 on:

- 4 a. no actual harm with the potential for minimal harm,
- 5 b. no actual harm with the potential for more than  
6 minimal harm,
- 7 c. actual harm that is not immediate jeopardy, and
- 8 d. immediate jeopardy to resident health and safety.

9 2. Upon discovery of one or more violations, the Department  
10 shall provide a statement of deficiencies containing the violations.  
11 The continuum of care facility or assisted living center shall be  
12 required to correct these violations and submit a plan of correction  
13 that details how the facility or center will correct each violation,  
14 ensure that the violation will not occur in the future and a period  
15 to correct each violation not to exceed sixty (60) days.

16 3. No fine shall be assessed for any violation that is not  
17 classified as actual harm or immediate jeopardy, unless the  
18 continuum of care facility or assisted living center fails to  
19 correct the violation within the period set forth in the accepted  
20 plan of correction. Fines may be assessed at any time for any  
21 violations that are classified as actual harm or immediate jeopardy.

22 4. Any new violation unrelated to the original violation and  
23 not classified as actual harm or immediate jeopardy that is  
24 discovered upon a revisitation of a continuum of care facility or  
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1 assisted living center shall constitute a new action and shall not  
2 be included in the original citation or assessment of fines or  
3 penalties; provided, that a preexisting violation not corrected in  
4 compliance with the approved plan of correction shall be considered  
5 still in effect.

6 E. If a continuum of care facility's failure to comply with the  
7 Continuum of Care and Assisted Living Act or rules involves nursing  
8 care services, the Commissioner shall have authority to exercise  
9 additional remedies provided under the Nursing Home Care Act. If a  
10 continuum of care facility's failure to comply with the Continuum of  
11 Care and Assisted Living Act or rules involves adult day care  
12 services, then the Commissioner shall have authority to exercise  
13 additional remedies provided under the Adult Day Care Act.

14 F. Any assisted living center or continuum of care facility in  
15 which the Department has documented repeat deficiencies regarding  
16 medications including, but not limited to, their storage, use,  
17 delivery, or administration shall, in addition to or as an  
18 alternative to any penalties imposed under this section, be required  
19 to employ the consultant services of a licensed pharmacist or a  
20 licensed Registered Nurse, as applicable. The consultant shall, at  
21 a minimum, provide onsite quarterly consultation until the  
22 Department determines that such consultation services are no longer  
23 required.

1       G. In taking any action to deny, suspend, deny renewal, or  
2       revoke a license, or to impose an administrative fee, the  
3       Commissioner shall comply with requirements of the Administrative  
4       Procedures Act.

5       SECTION 3.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
6       in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-890.9 of Title 63, unless  
7       there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8       A. Each assisted living center shall establish and maintain an  
9       internal quality assurance committee that meets at least quarterly.

10      The committee shall:

- 11       1. Monitor trends and incidents;
- 12       2. Monitor customer satisfaction measures;
- 13       3. Document quality assurance efforts and outcomes;
- 14       4. Recommend internal policies on resident care including, but  
15      not limited to, policies on administration of medications; and
- 16       5. Perform such other duties or functions as directed by the  
17      State Commissioner of Health through rule.

18      B. The quality assurance committee shall include at least the  
19      following:

- 20       1. A Registered Nurse or physician;
- 21       2. The assisted living center administrator;
- 22       3. A direct care staff person or a staff person who has  
23      responsibility for administration of medications;
- 24       4. A pharmacist consultant; and



5. A person who has an ownership stake in the assisted living center.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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