

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to medication technicians; amending s.
 3 429.02, F.S.; defining the term "medication
 4 technician"; amending s. 429.52, F.S.; providing
 5 minimum requirements and specifications for training
 6 of medication technicians; providing an effective
 7 date.

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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. Subsections (16) through (28) of section
 12 429.02, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (17)
 13 through (29), respectively, subsection (12) is amended, and a
 14 new subsection (16) is added to that section, to read:

15 429.02 Definitions.—When used in this part, the term:

16 (12) "Extended congregate care" means acts beyond those
 17 authorized in subsection (19) ~~(18)~~ which may be performed
 18 pursuant to part I of chapter 464 by persons licensed thereunder
 19 while carrying out their professional duties, and other
 20 supportive services that may be specified by rule. The purpose
 21 of such services is to enable residents to age in place in a
 22 residential environment despite mental or physical limitations
 23 that might otherwise disqualify them from residency in a
 24 facility licensed under this part.

25 (16) "Medication technician" means an unlicensed staff

26 | member who has completed 6 hours of training. A medication
27 | technician may provide assistance with a resident's self-
28 | administration of medications and with his or her use of point-
29 | of-care devices.

30 | Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 429.52, Florida
31 | Statutes, is amended to read:

32 | 429.52 Staff training and educational requirements.—

33 | (6) Medication technicians shall ~~Staff assisting with the~~
34 | ~~self-administration of medications under s. 429.256~~ must
35 | complete a minimum of 6 additional hours of training provided by
36 | a registered nurse or a licensed pharmacist before providing
37 | assistance. Two hours of continuing education are required
38 | annually thereafter. The agency shall establish by rule the
39 | minimum requirements of medication technician ~~this~~ training,
40 | which must address infection control, safe handling and use of
41 | point-of-care devices, communicating with case managers and
42 | health care providers, standard of care protocols for the
43 | provision of care in a licensed assisted living facility,
44 | identification of nursing standards, and methods of assisting
45 | residents with the self-administration of medications.

46 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.