VIOLET CASE STUDY

You are a staff person to Violet, who is a 34 year old woman living in a residential home with 2 other roommates.  She has lived in the same home for 13 years.  Violet began taking a new medication 1 month ago in hopes of reducing her mood swings. Her new medication has been making her drowsy after she takes her afternoon dose. Violet enjoys playing on her computer, drawing, and watching *Young and the Restless.* Violet has a diagnosis with autism spectrum disorder and intellectual disability.  She communicates using short 2-3 word phrases for preferred items and activities. Recently, Violet has begun to engage in aggression toward staff members.  Staff report that she is aggressive when she is asked to do chores around the home.  As a result, staff have stopped asking Violet to do many of her assigned chores as she has been aggressive at least once per day for the last week usually after arriving home from her day program.  Staff have been providing points to Violet for completion of chores that she can turn in for preferred reinforcers.  However, at this time Violet has not received enough points to earn a reinforcer in over two weeks.