



Minnesota Department of Health

Office of Health Facility Complaints Investigative Report PUBLIC

Facility Name: Maplewood Court Assisted Living			Report Number: HL23225001	Date of Visit: November 7, 2016
Facility Address: 310 7th Street Northeast			Time of Visit: 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Date Concluded: November 18, 2016
Facility City: Fulda			Investigator's Name and Title: Darin Hatch	
State: Minnesota	ZIP: 56131	County: Murray		

☒ Home Care Provider/Assisted Living

Allegation(s):

It is alleged that a client was financially exploited when the alleged perpetrator (AP) took the client's money.

- ☒ State Statutes for Vulnerable Adults Act (MN Statutes, section 626.557)
- ☒ State Statutes Chapters 144 and 144A

Conclusion:

Based on a preponderance of evidence, financial exploitation occurred when the alleged perpetrator (AP) took money from the client.

The client received comprehensive home care services from the licensee according to a service agreement and care plan.

Interviews were conducted with staff. The family had notified the provider they had video evidence of a staff member taking money out of the client's safe.

An interview with family revealed they had opened the safe in the client's closet about six weeks prior to the incident. The safe remained unlocked thereafter. The client notified family five days later and said s/he was missing \$700 in \$100 bills from his/her safe. The family installed a hidden surveillance camera in the client's closet one month later, pointed it towards the safe, placed \$25 in an envelope, and placed the envelope into the safe. The client went to the hospital about two weeks later, so the family decided to check the safe in the client's closet and discovered the \$25 was missing. The family reviewed the video footage and observed the AP on the video remove the envelope containing the \$25 from the safe, place the envelope in his/her pocket, and leave the room.

The facility called to police to report the theft of money from the client. The police report showed that the police reviewed the video footage confirming the AP removed the envelope containing the \$25 from the safe. The AP was prosecuted and pleaded guilty to misdemeanor theft.

The AP was interviewed and admitted s/he took the envelope from the client's safe as seen in the video.

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The AP denied taking the \$700 previously missing from the client.

Minnesota Vulnerable Adults Act (Minnesota Statutes, section 626.557)

Under the Minnesota Vulnerable Adults Act (Minnesota Statutes, section 626.557):

☐ Abuse ☐ Neglect ☒ Financial Exploitation
☒ Substantiated ☐ Not Substantiated ☐ Inconclusive based on the following information:

Mitigating Factors:

The "mitigating factors" in Minnesota Statutes, section 626.557, subdivision 9c (c) were considered and it was determined that the ☒ Individual(s) and/or ☐ Facility is responsible for the

☐ Abuse ☐ Neglect ☒ Financial Exploitation. This determination was based on the following:

The home care provider had policies in place to prevent financial exploitation. The AP's personnel file showed the AP's acknowledgment of receiving the "Employee Handbook" which indicated any theft was unacceptable in the workplace and was grounds for involuntary termination. The AP's personnel file showed the AP received training in regards to the policies in place.

The responsible party will be notified of their right to appeal the maltreatment finding. If the maltreatment is substantiated against an identified employee, this report will be submitted to the nurse aide registry for possible inclusion of the finding on the abuse registry and/or to the Minnesota Department of Human Services for possible disqualification in accordance with the provisions of the background study requirements under Minnesota 245C.

Compliance:

State Statutes for Vulnerable Adults Act (MN Statutes, section 626.557) – Compliance Met

The facility was found to be in compliance with State Statutes for Vulnerable Adults Act (MN Statutes, section 626.557. No state licensing orders were issued.

State Statutes Chapters 144 & 144A – Compliance Not Met - Compliance Not Met

The requirements under State Statutes for Chapters 144 & 144A were not met.

State licensing orders were issued: ☒ Yes ☐ No

(State licensing orders will be available on the MDH website.)

Compliance Notes:

Facility Corrective Action:

The facility took the following corrective action(s):

Definitions:

Minnesota Statutes, section 626.5572, subdivision 9 - Financial exploitation

"Financial exploitation" means:

(b) In the absence of legal authority a person:

(1) willfully uses, withholds, or disposes of funds or property of a vulnerable adult;

Minnesota Statutes, section 626.5572, subdivision 19 - Substantiated

"Substantiated" means a preponderance of the evidence shows that an act that meets the definition of maltreatment occurred.

The Investigation included the following:

Document Review: The following records were reviewed during the investigation:

- ☒ Medical Records
- ☒ Care Guide
- ☒ Medication Administration Records
- ☒ Nurses Notes
- ☒ Assessments
- ☒ Care Plan Records
- ☒ Facility Incident Reports
- ☒ ADL (Activities of Daily Living) Flow Sheets
- ☒ Service Plan

Other pertinent medical records:

- ☒ Police Report

Additional facility records:

- ☒ Staff Time Sheets, Schedules, etc.
- ☒ Facility Internal Investigation Reports

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- ☒ Personnel Records/Background Check, etc.
☒ Facility In-service Records
☒ Facility Policies and Procedures

Number of additional resident(s) reviewed: 0

Were residents selected based on the allegation(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Specify: No additional records selected

Were resident(s) identified in the allegation(s) present in the facility at the time of the investigation?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Specify:

Interviews: The following interviews were conducted during the investigation:

Interview with complainant(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Specify:

If unable to contact complainant, attempts were made on:

Date: Time: Date: Time: Date: Time:

Interview with family: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A Specify:

Did you interview the resident(s) identified in allegation:

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A Specify:

Did you interview additional residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Total number of resident interviews: 9

Interview with staff: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A Specify:

Tennessee Warnings

Tennessee Warning given as required: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Total number of staff interviews: 6

Physician Interviewed: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Nurse Practitioner Interviewed: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Physician Assistant Interviewed: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Interview with Alleged Perpetrator(s): ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A Specify:

Attempts to contact:

Date: Time: Date: Time: Date: Time:

If unable to contact was subpoena issued: ☐ Yes, date subpoena was issued ☐ No

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Were contacts made with any of the following:

☐ Emergency Personnel ☒ Police Officers ☐ Medical Examiner ☐ Other: Specify _____

Observations were conducted related to:

- ☒ Cleanliness
- ☒ Dignity/Privacy Issues
- ☒ Safety Issues
- ☒ Facility Tour

Was any involved equipment inspected: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Was equipment being operated in safe manner: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Were photographs taken: ☐ Yes ☒ No Specify: _____

cc:

Health Regulation Division - Home Care & Assisted Living Program

The Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care

Fulda Police Department

Murray County Attorney

Fulda City Attorney

Minnesota Department of Health

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: H23225	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING: _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED C 11/18/2016
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER MAPLEWOOD COURT ASST LVNG		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 310 7TH ST NE FULDA, MN 56131		
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0 000	Initial Comments *****ATTENTION***** HOME CARE PROVIDER LICENSING CORRECTION ORDER In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.43 to 144A.482, this correction order is issued pursuant to a survey. Determination of whether a violation has been corrected requires compliance with all requirements provided at the Statute number indicated below. When Minnesota Statute contains several items, failure to comply with any of the items will be considered lack of compliance. INITIAL COMMENTS: On November 7, 2016, a complaint investigation was initiated to investigate complaint #HL23225001. At the time of the survey, there were 14 clients that were receiving services under the comprehensive license. The following correction order is issued.	0 000	Minnesota Department of Health is documenting the State Licensing Correction Orders using federal software. Tag numbers have been assigned to Minnesota State Statutes for Home Care Providers. The assigned tag number appears in the far left column entitled "ID Prefix Tag." The state Statute number and the corresponding text of the state Statute out of compliance is listed in the "Summary Statement of Deficiencies" column. This column also includes the findings which are in violation of the state requirement after the statement, "This Minnesota requirement is not met as evidenced by." Following the surveyors ' findings is the Time Period for Correction. PLEASE DISREGARD THE HEADING OF THE FOURTH COLUMN WHICH STATES,"PROVIDER ' S PLAN OF CORRECTION." THIS APPLIES TO FEDERAL DEFICIENCIES ONLY. THIS WILL APPEAR ON EACH PAGE. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA STATE STATUTES. The letter in the left column is used for tracking purposes and reflects the scope and level issued pursuant to 1441.474 subd. 11 (b) (1) (2)	
0 325 SS=D	144A.44, Subd. 1(14) Free From Maltreatment Subdivision 1. Statement of rights. A person who receives home care services has these rights:	0 325		

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LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

(X6) DATE

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0 325	Continued From page 1 (14) the right to be free from physical and verbal abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and all forms of maltreatment covered under the Vulnerable Adults Act and the Maltreatment of Minors Act; This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on document review and interview the licensee failed to ensure that one of one clients reviewed, (C1) was free from financial exploitation when a staff member took \$25.00 from the client. This resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a client's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a client's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death) and is issued at an isolated scope (when one or a limited number of clients are affected or one or a limited number of staff are involved or that a situation has occurred only occasionally.) The findings include: C1's file was reviewed. C1 received comprehensive home care services from the licensee according to a service agreement and care plan dated May 19, 2016. Document review and interview during the onsite investigation revealed a document titled "Internal Investigation of Suspected Maltreatment" dated July 7, 2016 which indicated the family notified the licensee on July 7, 2016 that they had video evidence of a staff member taking money out of C1's safe. The report indicated the licensee called the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC) and the police. Document review revealed a police report dated July 7, 2016 which indicated police were called by	0 325		

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0 325	Continued From page 2 the licensee to report a theft of money from C1. The report indicated the family had opened the safe in C1's closet for C1 on May 14, 2016 because C1 had a difficult time opening the safe. The report indicated C1 told her family on May 19, 2016 she was missing \$700 in \$100 bills from her safe after C1 had gone to her safe to retrieve the \$700. The report indicated the family of C1 installed a hidden surveillance camera in C1's closet pointing it towards the safe on June 26, 2016 and on June 28, 2016 placed \$25 into the safe for C1. On July 6, 2016, the report indicated C1 went to the hospital and on July 7, 2016 the family decided to check the safe in C1's closet and discovered the \$25 was missing. The family reviewed the video footage and observed nursing assistant (NA)-F on the video remove the envelope containing the \$25 from the safe, place the envelope in her pocket, and leave C1's room. The report indicated the police reviewed the video footage and also observed NA-F remove the envelope containing the \$25 from the safe, place the envelope in her pocket, and leave C1's room. Interview with police officer (PO)-E on November 2, 2016 at 11:22 a.m. revealed PO-E interviewed NA-F and she denied taking money from C1. PO-E said she forwarded the investigation findings to the county attorney for review and NA-F later pled guilty to misdemeanor theft. Interview with family member (F)-D on November 8, 2016 at 9:53 a.m. revealed she had opened the safe in C1's closet for C1 on May 14, 2016 because C1 had a difficult time opening the safe. C1 told F-D on May 19, 2016 she discovered she was missing \$700 in \$100 bills from her safe after C1 had gone to her safe to retrieve the \$700. F-D said she installed a hidden surveillance camera in C1's closet and pointed it towards the	0 325		

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0 325	Continued From page 3 safe on June 26, 2016 and on June 28, 2016 placed \$25 in an envelope and placed it into the safe for C1. F-D said C1 went to the hospital on July 6, 2016, and on July 7, 2016 F-D decided to check the safe in C1's closet and discovered the envelope containing the \$25 was missing. The family reviewed the video footage and on July 7, 2016 at 1:51 p.m. and NA-F is observed on the video removing the envelope containing the \$25 from the safe, placing the envelope in her pocket, and leaving C1's room. F-D said she notified the facility. Interview with NA-F on November 17, 2016 at 2:55 p.m. revealed NA-F admitted she took the envelope from C1's safe as seen in the video on July 7, 2016. NA-F admitted she plead guilty to the criminal charges. NA-F denied taking the missing \$700 from C1 in May of 2016. An undated policy titled " 1.24 Maltreatment - Communication, Prevention, and Reporting" indicates on page one the licensee prohibits the maltreatment of home care clients. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	0 325			

STATE FORM: REVISIT REPORT

PROVIDER / SUPPLIER / CLIA / IDENTIFICATION NUMBER H23225	Y1	MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	Y2	DATE OF REVISIT 3/10/2017	Y3
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This report is completed by a State surveyor to show those deficiencies previously reported that have been corrected and the date such corrective action was accomplished. Each deficiency should be fully identified using either the regulation or LSC provision number and the identification prefix code previously shown on the State Survey Report (prefix codes shown to the left of each requirement on the survey report form).

ITEM Y4	DATE Y5	ITEM Y4	DATE Y5	ITEM Y4	DATE Y5
ID Prefix 00325	Correction	ID Prefix	Correction	ID Prefix	Correction
Reg. # 144A.44, Subd. 1(14)	Completed	Reg. #	Completed	Reg. #	Completed
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FOLLOWUP TO SURVEY COMPLETED ON 11/18/2016

☐ CHECK FOR ANY UNCORRECTED DEFICIENCIES. WAS A SUMMARY OF UNCORRECTED DEFICIENCIES (CMS-2587) SENT TO THE FACILITY?

☐ YES ☐ NO