

State Rapid Response Investigative Public Report

Office of Health Facility Complaints

Maltreatment Report #: HL313376343M
Compliance #: HL313379485C

Date Concluded: December 31, 2024

Name, Address, and County of Licensee

Investigated:

Highland GW LLC
1925 Graham Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55116
Ramsey County

Facility Type: Assisted Living Facility with
Dementia Care (ALFDC)

Evaluator's Name: Willette Shafer, RN
Special Investigator

Finding: Substantiated, individual responsibility

Nature of Investigation:

The Minnesota Department of Health investigated an allegation of maltreatment, in accordance with the Minnesota Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults Act, Minn. Stat. 626.557, and to evaluate compliance with applicable licensing standards for the provider type.

Initial Investigation Allegation(s):

The alleged perpetrator (AP) abused the resident when the AP tied the resident to his wheelchair to prevent him from moving.

Investigative Findings and Conclusion:

The Minnesota Department of Health determined abuse was substantiated. The AP was responsible for the maltreatment. Although the facility was short staffed the day of the incident, the AP purposely tied the resident to his wheelchair to restrict his movement. The AP left at the end of his shift not reporting the restraint to the oncoming shift unlicensed personnel (ULP). Family found the resident tied to his wheelchair with his mechanical lift sling and reported to ULP 1.

The investigator conducted interviews with facility staff members, including administrative staff, nursing staff, and unlicensed staff. The investigator contacted the resident's family. The investigation included review of the resident's record, facility internal investigation, facility

incident reports, personnel files, staff schedules, and related facility policy and procedures. Also, the investigator toured the facility and observed interactions between staff and residents.

The resident resided in an assisted living memory care unit. The resident's diagnoses included dementia, frequent falls, and diabetes. The resident's service plan included assistance with medication administration, behavioral interventions, feeding assistance, bathing, grooming, repositioning every two hours, and he used a sit to stand lift with two staff assistance for transfers.

The facility schedule indicated the day of the incident, the facility was understaffed with one ULP working on the first-floor assisted living unit and one staff, the AP, working on the second-floor memory care unit. The facility's staff plan indicated staffing levels required two ULP per unit.

An internal investigation indicated the resident's family member found him in his chair facing the window with his sling strapped around him. The AP working the unit alone passing medications and providing cares. The AP said the resident kept getting up out of his wheelchair despite utilizing approved interventions. The AP placed the resident in his room, pinned the hook [of the sling] to the wheelchair so it would not move, and offered him a snack. When the family member observed the resident tied to his wheelchair, she alerted the evening ULP. When ULP 1 witnessed the resident tied to his chair with his sling she untied the resident.

The AP's personnel file included training in preserving resident dignity, recognizing cognitive needs of residents, dementia care training and abuse prevention training.

During an interview, the nurse said the AP worked alone in the memory care unit on the day shift. A family member visited around shift change and reported she found the resident tied to his wheelchair with his sling. The family member alert ULP 1, who had just started the evening shift. ULP 1 observed the resident tied to his wheelchair by his sling and helped the family member untie him. The nurse along with a second member of management investigated the incident. The AP reported the resident was difficult to redirect and kept getting up from his chair. He placed the sling around the resident to prevent the resident from getting up. The AP left his shift with the resident tied to his wheelchair and did not report it to ULP 1 at shift change.

During an interview, a family member said when she arrived, she found the resident tied to his wheelchair. She said he was upset that he could not move. His sling was tied to his wheelchair so tight she could not untie him. She reported the incident to unlicensed personnel 1 who assisted with untying the resident. The resident was not injured.

During an interview, a member of management said she assisted the nurse with the investigation. She said a reenactment of the incident was conducted with the AP and ULP 1. She also spoke to the family member over the phone. ULP 1 and the family member both described

how the sling was placed around the resident and their descriptions matched. The resident's sling was placed around the resident in reverse, so the resident was unable to stand. The AP said he placed the resident facing the wall and tried to prevent him from falling but denied he restrained the resident. The member of management described the AP's description of the incident as "untruthful," and he no longer worked at the facility.

The AP did not respond to attempts to interview.

In conclusion, the Minnesota Department of Health determined abuse was substantiated.

Substantiated: Minnesota Statutes, section 626.5572, Subdivision 19.

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

Abuse: Minnesota Statutes section 626.5572, subdivision 2.

"Abuse" means:

(a) An act against a vulnerable adult that constitutes a violation of, an attempt to violate, or aiding and abetting a violation of:

(1) assault in the first through fifth degrees as defined in sections 609.221 to 609.224;

(2) the use of drugs to injure or facilitate crime as defined in section 609.235;

(3) the solicitation, inducement, and promotion of prostitution as defined in section 609.322; and

(4) criminal sexual conduct in the first through fifth degrees as defined in sections 609.342 to 609.3451.

A violation includes any action that meets the elements of the crime, regardless of whether there is a criminal proceeding or conviction.

(b) Conduct which is not an accident or therapeutic conduct as defined in this section, which produces or could reasonably be expected to produce physical pain or injury or emotional distress including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) hitting, slapping, kicking, pinching, biting, or corporal punishment of a vulnerable adult;

(2) use of repeated or malicious oral, written, or gestured language toward a vulnerable adult or the treatment of a vulnerable adult which would be considered by a reasonable person to be disparaging, derogatory, humiliating, harassing, or threatening; or

(3) use of any aversive or deprivation procedure, unreasonable confinement, or involuntary seclusion, including the forced separation of the vulnerable adult from other persons against the will of the vulnerable adult or the legal representative of the vulnerable adult unless authorized under applicable licensing requirements or Minnesota Rules, chapter 9544.

(c) Any sexual contact or penetration as defined in section [609.341](#), between a facility staff person or a person providing services in the facility and a resident, patient, or client of that facility.

(d) The act of forcing, compelling, coercing, or enticing a vulnerable adult against the vulnerable adult's will to perform services for the advantage of another.

Mitigating Factors considered, Minnesota Statutes, section 626.557, Subd. 9c(f):

(1) The AP did not follow an erroneous order, direction or care plan with awareness and failure to take action.

The facility did not direct an erroneous order, direction, or care plan.

(2) The facility was not in compliance with regulatory standards.

The facility provided proper training and/or supervision of staff.

The facility failed to provide adequate staffing levels.

The AP failed to follow the facility directive and/or policies and procedures.

(3) The AP failed to follow professional standards and/or exercise professional judgement.

The AP failed to act in good faith interest of the vulnerable adult.

The maltreatment was not a sudden or foreseen event.

Vulnerable Adult interviewed: No, resident has since passed.

Family/Responsible Party interviewed: Yes.

Alleged Perpetrator interviewed: No, the AP failed to respond to interview requests.

Action taken by facility:

The facility completed an internal investigation. The AP no longer works at the facility.

Action taken by the Minnesota Department of Health:

The facility was found to be in noncompliance. To view a copy of the Statement of Deficiencies and/or correction orders, please visit:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/directory/provcompselect.html>

If you are viewing this report on the MDH website, please see the attached Statement of Deficiencies.

You may also call 651-201-4200 to receive a copy via mail or email

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.

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The Office of Ombudsman for Long Term Care

The Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

Ramsey County Attorney

St. Paul City Attorney
St. Paul Police Department

Minnesota Department of Health

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0 000	<p>Initial Comments</p> <p>*****ATTENTION*****</p> <p>ASSISTED LIVING PROVIDER CORRECTION ORDER</p> <p>In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 144G.08 to 144G.95, these correction orders are issued pursuant to a complaint investigation.</p> <p>Determination of whether a violation is corrected requires compliance with all requirements provided at the statute number indicated below. When a Minnesota Statute contains several items, failure to comply with any of the items will be considered lack of compliance.</p> <p>INITIAL COMMENTS:</p> <p>HL313379485C/HL313376343M HL313371521C/HL313376962M</p> <p>On December 3, 2024, the Minnesota Department of Health conducted a complaint investigation at the above provider, and the following correction orders are issued. At the time of the complaint investigation, there were 24 residents receiving services under the provider's Assisted Living with Dementia Care license.</p> <p>The following correction orders are issued for HL313379485C/HL313376343M, tag identification 0470, 1760, and 2360.</p> <p>The following correction orders are issued for HL313371521C/HL313376962M, tag identification 620, 2320, and 2360.</p>	0 000	<p>The Minnesota Department of Health documents the State Correction Orders using federal software. Tag numbers have been assigned to Minnesota State Statutes.</p> <p>The assigned tag number appears in the far left column entitled "ID Prefix Tag." The state statute/rule number and the corresponding text of the state statute/rule number out of compliance are listed in the "Summary Statement of Deficiencies" column and replaces the "To Comply" portion of the correction order. This column also includes the findings, which are in violation of the state statute after the statement, "This Rule is not met as evidenced by." Following the evaluators' 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/RULES.</p>	
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0 470	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>(11) develop and implement a staffing plan for determining its staffing level that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) includes an evaluation, to be conducted at least twice a year, of the appropriateness of staffing levels in the facility; (ii) ensures sufficient staffing at all times to meet the scheduled and reasonably foreseeable unscheduled needs of each resident as required by the residents' assessments and service plans on a 24-hour per day basis; and (iii) ensures that the facility can respond promptly and effectively to individual resident emergencies and to emergency, life safety, and disaster situations affecting staff or residents in the facility; <p>(12) ensure that one or more persons are available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, who are responsible for responding to the requests of residents for assistance with health or safety needs. Such persons must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) awake; (ii) located in the same building, in an attached building, or on a contiguous campus with the facility in order to respond within a reasonable amount of time; (iii) capable of communicating with residents; (iv) capable of providing or summoning the appropriate assistance; and (v) capable of following directions; <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview, and record review, the licensee failed to ensure the facility had sufficient staffing 24 hours per day to meet the scheduled and reasonably foreseeable unscheduled needs for 5 of 6 residents (R1, R3, R4, R6, R7) reviewed. The facility had insufficient staffing for at least one shift 12 out of 30 days in September. Additionally, the facility had insufficient staffing for at least one shift eight out of 31 days in the month</p>	0 470		

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0 470	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>of October. On one day the facility was critically understaffed and without unlicensed personnel (ULP) trained to provide all services, R1 was physically restrained to his wheelchair. The assisted living residents, R3, R4, R6, R7 went without all morning medications.</p> <p>This practice resulted in a level three violation (a violation that harmed a resident's health or safety, not including serious injury, impairment, or death, or a violation that has the potential to lead to serious injury, impairment, or death) and was issued at an isolated scope (when one or a limited number of residents are affected or one or a limited number of staff are involved or the situation has occurred only occasionally).</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>The licensee's Staffing Plan last reviewed December 6, 2024, indicated the staffing pattern is assessed every six months and staffing numbers are based on acuity assessed by the registered nurse and determined by the Uniform Assessment Tool. The licensee will ensure sufficient staffing to meet the scheduled and reasonably foreseeable unscheduled needs of each resident as required by the residents' assessments and service plans on a 24-hour per day basis. In addition, a minimum of two trained staff are needed to administer medications and two direct-care staff must be scheduled to provide other services on both day and evening shift. The night shift must have one trained staff to administer medications and two direct-care staff.</p> <p>The licensee time and attendance and timecard report for agency staff records reviewed September 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024,</p>	0 470		
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0 470	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>indicated the following dates and shifts where licensee's staffing plan minimum staffing requirements were not met, less than four unlicensed personnel (ULP) on days (6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) and evening shifts (2:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.) and less than three ULP on overnight shift (10:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.):</p> <p>September 1, 2024: three ULP worked on day shift.</p> <p>September 3, 2024: two ULP worked on evening shift, 2 additional ULP did not arrive until 7:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.</p> <p>September 5, 2024: three ULP worked on day shift; there was one ULP in training on day shift.</p> <p>September 6, 2024: three ULP worked on day shift; there was one ULP in training on day shift; two ULP worked on overnight shift.</p> <p>September 7, 2024, three ULP worked on day shift; there was one ULP in training on day shift.</p> <p>September 9, 2024, two ULP worked on overnight shift.</p> <p>September 18, 2024, three ULP worked on day shift; a fourth ULP did not arrive until 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>September 20, 2024, three ULP worked on day shift; three ULP worked on evening shift.</p> <p>September 21, 2024, two ULP worked the full hours of day shift, a third ULP worked from 11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>September 27, 2024, two ULP worked on overnight shift.</p> <p>September 29, 2024, two ULP worked on day shift; one ULP arrived an hour early from evening shift at 1:30 p.m., two ULP worked on overnight shift.</p> <p>September 30, 2024, three ULP worked on day shift, two ULP worked on overnight shift.</p> <p>The licensee time and attendance records reviewed September 1, 2024, through September</p>	0 470		

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0 470	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>30, 2024, indicated the following dates and shifts where licensee's staffing plan minimum staffing requirements were not met, less than four unlicensed personnel (ULP) on days (6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) and evening shifts (2:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.) and less than three ULP on overnight shift (10:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.):</p> <p>According to the licensee's census dated September 29, 2024, 29 residents received services at the facility; 17 residents resided on the first-floor assisted living area while 12 residents resided on the second-floor secured memory care.</p> <p>The licensee's Daily Schedule dated September 29, 2024 (a Sunday), indicated one staff worked on each unit on the day shift from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. ULP-F worked as a caregiver in the assisted living unit, while ULP-A administered medications in the secured memory care unit.</p> <p>The licensee time and attendance records indicated on September 29, 2024, ULP-H arrived at 1:30 p.m., an hour earlier than her shift to assist.</p> <p>R1 R1 admitted August 14, 2024, and resided in the secured memory care unit. R1's diagnoses included dementia, frequent falls, and diabetes.</p> <p>R1's service plan dated October 10, 2024, indicated R1 received assistance with medication administration, behavioral interventions, feeding assistance, bathing, grooming, repositioning every two hours, and he used a mechanical full body (Hoyer) lift with two staff assistance to transfer.</p>	0 470		

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0 470	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>A licensee internal investigation dated October 4, 2024, indicated on September 29, 2024, R1's family came to visit him and found him in his chair, facing the window with a sling strapped around him. The day shift was shorted staff and ULP-A worked the floor by himself passing medications and providing cares. R1 kept getting up from his chair at every interval. ULP-A noted attempts to re-direct were ineffective and was concerned about R1 falling. ULP-A said he took R1 to his room to relax in his wheelchair and pinned the hook to the wheelchair so it would not move. ULP-A offered R1 a snack and went to attend to other residents. When the family member found R1, the evening shift had started, and the family inquired about R1 being tied in his chair. ULP-H went to R1's room to check on the family member's concern and found R1 tied to his chair with his sling. ULP-H untied the sling from R1.</p> <p>R3 R3 admitted January 25, 2024, and resided in assisted living. R3's diagnoses included Parkinson's disease, back pain, abdominal pain, bipolar disorder, hemiplegia, recurrent falls, depression, and obsessive-compulsive disorder.</p> <p>R3's service plan dated December 11, 2024, indicated R3 received assistance with medication management, behavioral interventions, safety checks and housekeeping.</p> <p>R3's medication administration record dated September 29, 2024, indicated R3 never received her morning medications or treatments scheduled at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., including an antibiotic, anticonvulsant, Parkinson's medication and pain medication.</p>	0 470		

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0 470	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>R4 R4 admitted February 29, 2024, and resided in assisted living. R4's diagnoses included transient paralysis, adult failure to thrive, and diabetes.</p> <p>R4's service plan dated December 11, 2024, indicated R4 received services including transfer assistance with a mechanical full body lift that required two staff assist, medication management, and assist of two staff for bathing, dressing, and grooming.</p> <p>R4's medication administration record dated September 29, 2024, indicated R4 never received his morning medications or treatments scheduled at 8:00 a.m., including heart and blood pressure medications, a water pill, a blood thinner, anti-diabetic medication, anticonvulsant, and creams for various skin rashes.</p> <p>R6 R6 admitted February 15, 2018, and resided in assisted living. R6's diagnosis included type II diabetes with diabetic neuropathy, chronic pain, fibromyalgia, and schizoaffective disorder.</p> <p>R6's service plan dated July 5, 2024, indicated R6 received services including medication management, glucose monitoring, dressing, grooming, mobility, transfers, and toileting.</p> <p>R6's medication administration record dated September 29, 2024, indicated R6 never received her 8:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. medications or treatments, including blood sugar monitoring and anti-diabetic medication, antidepressant, anti-anxiety, an inhaler, blood pressure medication, and a patch for pain relief.</p> <p>R7</p>	0 470		

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0 470	<p>Continued From page 7</p> <p>R7 admitted September 22, 2022, and resided in assisted living. R7's diagnosis included type II diabetes with diabetic chronic kidney disease.</p> <p>R7's service plan dated July 26, 2024, indicated R7 received services including medication management, blood glucose monitoring, dressing, ostomy bag cares, turn and reposition every two hours with assist of two staff, grooming, meal set-up, and assist of two staff for bathing. R7 also transferred with assistance from two staff with a mechanical full body (Hoyer) lift.</p> <p>R7's medication administration record dated September 29, 2024, indicated R7 never received his morning medications or treatments including blood sugar checks and sliding scale insulin scheduled at 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. R7 never received medication scheduled at 8:00 a.m., including a blood pressure check and blood pressure medication, anticonvulsant and various creams for skin concerns.</p> <p>The licensee time and attendance and timecard report for agency staff records reviewed October 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024, indicated the following dates and shifts where licensee's staffing plan minimum staffing requirements were not met, less than four ULP on days and evening shifts and less than three ULP on overnight shift:</p> <p>October 6, 2024, two ULP worked on overnight shift. October 9, 2024, two ULP worked on overnight shift. October 10, 2024, one ULP worked for 30 minutes in the building when one of the two overnight ULPs left at 6:00 a.m. and the first day shift ULP, who was in training, did not arrive until 6:30 a.m. The second day shift ULP did not arrive</p>	0 470		

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0 470	<p>Continued From page 8</p> <p>until 6:45 a.m. and the third- and fourth-day shift ULP arrived at 7:00 a.m. October 17, 2024, three ULP worked on day shift. October 18, 2024, three ULP worked on day shift. October 19, 2024, two ULP worked on overnight shift. October 26, 2024, three ULP worked on evening shift, a fourth ULP worked until 5:00 p.m. October 30, 2024, three ULP worked on evening shift; there was one ULP in training on evening shift.</p> <p>On December 3, 2024, at 12:25 p.m., ULP-F stated she worked alone in the assisted living unit on the first floor. She was not trained on medication administration. She stated ULP-A worked alone in the secured memory care on the second floor. ULP-A was trained to administer medications. ULP-A administered medications and provided services to the residents in the memory care unit. The residents in assisted living did not receive their morning medications on September 29, 2024, because she was the only staff working and she was not certified to administer medications. ULP-F asked ULP-A to administer R3's medications because R3 complained of pain and had Parkinson's disease with medications that are needed at specific times. ULP-A declined to administer any medications to residents on the first floor. She said ULP-A was overwhelmed administering medications and providing services to all the residents in memory care. She said more staff came in around lunch time to assist.</p> <p>On December 3, 2024, at 11:30 a.m., clinical nurse supervisor (CNS)-D said ULP-A worked alone in the memory care unit. ULP-A administered medications and provided care to those residents. ULP-F worked alone in the</p>	0 470		

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0 470	<p>Continued From page 9</p> <p>assisted living, first floor and provided care to those residents. ULP-F was not trained on medication administration. There were no staff available to administer medications to the residents in assisted living. A family member reported she found R1 tied to his wheelchair with his sling. The incident was later investigated, and ULP-A was terminated for restraining R1. R1 was at an increased risk for falls. ULP-A restrained R1 to his wheelchair to prevent the resident from falling after other interventions were ineffective. CNS-D said the facility required four to five staff on the day shift to complete all resident services.</p> <p>On December 3, 2024, at 12:05 p.m., assistant manager (AM)-D said the day shift required four to five staff to provide care and to ensure resident safety. Three staff to complete all services and ensure safety would be "questionable", two staff in the entire building is unsafe. If staff are unable to make it to work, they should find their own coverage. If the building is short staffed the director, nursing staff, and AM-D need to cover the shift.</p> <p>On December 12, 2024, at 11:05 a.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-B said four staff are scheduled on day shift, two on each floor for memory care and assisted living. One staff on each unit administered medication while the second assisted with other services. This day only two staff worked in the building which was unsafe. R1's wife observed R1 stuck in his wheelchair with his sling wrapped around him and hooked onto the back of his wheelchair. LALD-B said ULP-A restrained the resident to prevent him from standing and potentially falling. Several residents required two person transfers with a full body mechanical (Hoyer) lift and at least one staff member must always be in the secured memory</p>	0 470		

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0 470	<p>Continued From page 10</p> <p>care.</p> <p>The Uniform Disclosure of Assisted Living Services and Amenities (UDALSA) dated March 11, 2023, indicated the licensee typically scheduled the following number of ULPs for each shift: Day shift: Four or more depending on census/ level of acuity. Evening shift: Four or more depending on census/ level of acuity. Night shift: Two plus</p> <p>In addition, the UDALSA indicated mechanical lift: assist of two (staff) transfers were available.</p> <p>The licensee's Transfer Assistance policy dated April 1, 2024, indicated two staff are needed to complete a transfer using a full body "Hoyer" lift.</p> <p>TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days</p>	0 470		
0 620 SS=F	<p>144G.42 Subd. 6 (a) / 626.557, Subd. 3 Compliance with requirements for reporting ma</p> <p>(a) The assisted living facility must comply with the requirements for the reporting of maltreatment of vulnerable adults in section 626.557. The facility must establish and implement a written procedure to ensure that all cases of suspected maltreatment are reported.</p> <p>The requirement in Minnesota Statute section 626.557, Subd. 3 is: (a) A mandated reporter who has reason to believe that a vulnerable adult is being or has been maltreated, or who has knowledge that a vulnerable adult has sustained a physical injury</p>	0 620		

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0 620	<p>Continued From page 11</p> <p>which is not reasonably explained shall immediately report the information to the common entry point. If an individual is a vulnerable adult solely because the individual is admitted to a facility, a mandated reporter is not required to report suspected maltreatment of the individual that occurred prior to admission, unless:</p> <p>(1) the individual was admitted to the facility from another facility and the reporter has reason to believe the vulnerable adult was maltreated in the previous facility; or</p> <p>(2) the reporter knows or has reason to believe that the individual is a vulnerable adult as defined in section 626.5572, subdivision 21, paragraph (a), clause (4).</p> <p>(b) A person not required to report under the provisions of this section may voluntarily report as described above.</p> <p>(c) Nothing in this section requires a report of known or suspected maltreatment, if the reporter knows or has reason to know that a report has been made to the common entry point.</p> <p>(d) Nothing in this section shall preclude a reporter from also reporting to a law enforcement agency.</p> <p>(e) A mandated reporter who knows or has reason to believe that an error under section 626.5572, subdivision 17, paragraph (c), clause (5), occurred must make a report under this subdivision. If the reporter or a facility, at any time believes that an investigation by a lead investigative agency will determine or should determine that the reported error was not neglect according to the criteria under section 626.5572, subdivision 17, paragraph (c), clause (5), the reporter or facility may provide to the common entry point or directly to the lead investigative agency information explaining how the event</p>	0 620		

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0 620	<p>Continued From page 12</p> <p>meets the criteria under section 626.5572, subdivision 17, paragraph (c), clause (5). The lead investigative agency shall consider this information when making an initial disposition of the report under subdivision 9c.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to report an incident of suspected abuse to the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC) within 24 hours and concluded not to report for a witnessed incident of choking and failure to provide emergency aid resulting in death for one of two residents (R2) reviewed. This deficient practice had the potential to affect all residents.</p> <p>This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death), and is issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has the potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents).</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>R2's diagnoses included dementia, depression, and difficulty walking. R2's service plan dated September 3, 2023, included assistance with bathing, grooming, mobility, transfers, and meals. The resident received a pureed diet with honey thickened liquids.</p> <p>R2's Uniform Assessment Tool dated August 22, 2024, indicated R2 required supervision at meals.</p>	0 620		

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0 620	<p>Continued From page 13</p> <p>A facility incident report dated October 24, 2024, indicated R2 was in the dining room when he stood up and was having difficulty breathing. An unlicensed personnel (ULP) lowered R2 to the floor and notified the nurses. R2's vital signs were temperature 97.5, pulse 46 bpm (normal between 60-100 bpm) and oxygen saturation was 35% (normal above 90%). There was no recorded blood pressure or respirations.</p> <p>R2's progress note dated October 24, 2024, at 6:49 p.m., written by registered nurse (RN)-A indicated at 4:13 p.m., ULP reported R2 was unresponsive. Upon arrival to the dining area, RN-A observed R2 lying down with a pillow under his head and pupils non-dilating. RN-A documented the same vitals as the incident report. RN-A called hospice and left a voicemail. RN-A documented staff had spoken with the hospice nurse who instructed to move R2 to his room. RN-A documented upon investigation it was reported R2 had finished eating his own food (puree and honey thickened liquids) and another resident at his same table gave R2 a sandwich.</p> <p>R2's death record dated October 24, 2024, indicated the cause of death was asphyxia (deprived of oxygen) due to choking on a food bolus.</p> <p>The facility internal investigation dated October 25, 2024, completed by RN-A, indicated upon investigation it was reported R2 had finished eating his food and was offered a sandwich by another resident who was sitting at his same table. The action plan was to have all resident who require feeding assistance to be at the same table. The internal investigation form had been marked "no" to the question of a report made to MAARC.</p>	0 620		

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0 620	<p>Continued From page 14</p> <p>December 27, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., ULP-C said he assisted R2 with eating in the dining room. After he assisted R2, he assisted a different resident. While feeding the other resident, ULP-C observed R2 stand up. R2 appeared like he was going to vomit. ULP-C assisted R2 to the floor and ULP-D went to get help. ULP-C said R8 reported another resident at their table gave R2 food. R8 said this while R2 was assisted to the dining room floor. R8 repeated the same information, that another resident gave R2 something to eat again when the nurses and other staff were present. He said RN-A and RN-I tried to see if R2 was choking by looking in his mouth. He said the nurses assessed vital signs, but he denied anyone performed the Heimlich Maneuver. ULP-C said the facility never provided him with training on how to perform the Heimlich Maneuver.</p> <p>December 27, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., R8 said she observed another resident give R2 half of his sandwich. R2 shoved the whole sandwich in his mouth. R2 tried to swallow the food, but he choked. R2 started to convulse, and staff lowered him to the floor. She said staff tried to get the food out of his mouth, but nobody performed the Heimlich Maneuver. While R2 was laying on the dining room floor, R8 she told everyone R2 ate another resident's food. She said all the staff including the nurses were present when she reported it.</p> <p>December 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., RN-A said ULP-H alerted her of the incident. When she arrived R2 was laying on the dining room floor, unresponsive, not breathing. She assessed vital signs and called hospice. RN-A said she never assessed R2's mouth for an airway obstruction.</p>	0 620		

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0 620	<p>Continued From page 15</p> <p>RN-A said she was aware R2 had a history of eating other resident's food.</p> <p>During interview on December 27, 2024, at 11:30 a.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-B stated R2 lived in memory care and ate a purred diet. It was reported to her R2 choked on food another resident gave him during a meal. The Heimlich Maneuver was not performed and R2 died. She denied she filed a report with the MAARC.</p> <p>The facility's policy titled Vulnerable Adult Maltreatment-Prevention & Reporting, dated April 1, 2024, indicated the LALD will contact the Regional Director with findings of an investigation and contact MAARC for suspicion of maltreatment. A report must be made no later than 24 hours after the maltreatment was first suspected.</p> <p>TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days</p>	0 620		
01760 SS=F	<p>144G.71 Subd. 8 Documentation of administration of medication</p> <p>Each medication administered by the assisted living facility staff must be documented in the resident's record. The documentation must include the signature and title of the person who administered the medication. The documentation must include the medication name, dosage, date and time administered, and method and route of administration. The staff must document the reason why medication administration was not completed as prescribed and document any follow-up procedures that were provided to meet the resident's needs when medication was not</p>	01760		

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01760	<p>Continued From page 16</p> <p>administered as prescribed and in compliance with the resident's medication management plan.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview, and record review, the licensee failed to administer medications as prescribed for four of six residents (R3, R4, R6, and R7) reviewed. This had the potential to affect all residents currently receiving medication management services from the licensee.</p> <p>This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death), and is issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has the potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents).</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>The licensee's Daily Schedule dated September 29, 2024 (a Sunday), indicated one staff worked on each unit on the day shift from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Unlicensed personnel (ULP)-F worked as a caregiver in the assisted living unit, while ULP-A administered medications in the secured memory care unit.</p> <p>The licensee time and attendance records indicated on September 29, 2024, ULP-H arrived at 1:30 p.m., an hour earlier than her shift to assist.</p> <p>R3 R3 admitted January 25, 2024, and resided in assisted living. R3's diagnoses included</p>	01760		
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01760	<p>Continued From page 17</p> <p>Parkinson's disease, back pain, abdominal pain, bipolar disorder, hemiplegia, recurrent falls, depression, and obsessive-compulsive disorder.</p> <p>R3's service plan dated December 11, 2024, indicated R3 received assistance with medication management, behavioral interventions, safety checks and housekeeping.</p> <p>R3's medication administration record (MAR) dated September 29, 2024, indicated R3 never received her morning medications or treatments. R3's missed medication doses included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carbidopa-Levodopa 25 milligrams (mg) for Parkinson's disease, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. doses - Acetaminophen 325 mg for pain, 8:00 am. - Depakote 500 mg for anticonvulsants, 8:00 a.m. - Macrobid 100 mg antibiotic for urinary tract infection, 8:00 a.m. - Senna 8.6 mg for constipation, 8:00 a.m. - Vitamin D3 25 micrograms (mcg), 8:00 a.m. <p>R3's MAR Dated October 2024, indicated R3 did not receive Macrobid 100 mg on the following dates: October 4, 2024, at 8:00 p.m., reason "refused" October 5, 2024, at 8:00 p.m., reason "held" October 6, 2024, at 8:00 p.m., reason "refused"</p> <p>R4 R4 admitted February 29, 2024, and resided in assisted living on the first floor. R4's diagnoses included transient paralysis, adult failure to thrive, and diabetes.</p> <p>R4's service plan dated December 11, 2024, indicated R4 received services including transfer</p>	01760		

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01760	<p>Continued From page 18</p> <p>assistance with a mechanical full body lift that required two staff assist, medication management, and assist of two staff for bathing, dressing, and grooming.</p> <p>R4's MAR dated September 29, 2024, indicated R4 never received his morning medications or treatments. R4's missed medication doses and treatments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amlodipine Besylate 10 mg daily for blood pressure, 8:00 am. - Aquaphor 41% ointment daily to both heels for skin irritation, 8:00 a.m. - Atorvastatin Calcium 40 mg daily for hyperlipidemia, 8:00 a.m. - Clotrimazole 1% cream twice daily for rash, 8:00 a.m. - Diclofenac Sodium 1% gel to right knee three times daily for swollen, 8:00 a.m. - Eliquis 5 mg, a blood thinner to prevent stroke, 8:00 a.m. - Furosemide 40 mg for excessive fluid, 8:00 a.m. - Jardiance 25 mg daily for diabetes, 8:00 a.m. - Magnesium Oxide 420 mg for supplement, 8:00 a.m. - Metoprolol Tartrate 100 mg for atrial fibrillation, 8:00 a.m. - Nystop 100000 U/G powder for skin irritation/yeast, 8:00 a.m. - Lyrica 20 mg (anticonvulsant) for pain, 8:00 a.m. - Senna 8.6 mg daily for constipation, 8:00 a.m. - Spironolactone 25 mg half tab for heart failure, 8:00 a.m. - Tamsulosin HCL 0.4 mg daily for prostate, 8:00 a.m. - Terbinafine 250 mg daily for antifungal, 8:00 a.m. 	01760		

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01760	<p>Continued From page 19</p> <p>R6 R6 admitted February 15, 2018, and resided in assisted living. R6's diagnosis included type II diabetes with diabetic neuropathy, chronic pain, fibromyalgia, and schizoaffective disorder.</p> <p>R6's service plan dated July 5, 2024, indicated R6 received services including medication management, glucose monitoring, dressing, grooming, mobility, transfers, and toileting.</p> <p>R6's MAR dated September 29, 2024, indicated R6 never received her 8:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. medications or treatments. R6's missed medication doses and treatments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blood Sugar monitoring at 7:30 a.m. - Lidocaine Patch 4%, apply one patch application, 8:00 a.m. - Aspirin EC 81 mg daily for post operation, 8:00 a.m. - Breyna 160- 4.5 mcg inhaler for COPD/ Asthma, 8:00 a.m. - Bupropion XL 150 mg for major depressive disorder, 8:00 a.m. - Escitalopram Oxalate 20 mg daily for anxiety, 8:00 a.m. - Gabapentin 300 mg daily for pain, 8:00 a.m. - Metformin HCL 500 mg daily for diabetes, 8:00 a.m. - Vitamin D3 2000 units/ 50 mcg two tabs for supplement, 8:00 a.m. - Safety check at 12 p.m. - Lisinopril 2.5 mg daily for hypertension, 12:00 p.m. <p>R7 R7 admitted September 22, 2022, and resided in assisted living. R7's diagnosis included type II</p>	01760		

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01760	<p>Continued From page 20</p> <p>diabetes with diabetic chronic kidney disease.</p> <p>R7's service plan dated July 26, 2024, indicated R7 received services including medication management, blood glucose monitoring, dressing, ostomy bag cares, turn and reposition every two hours with assist of two staff, grooming, meal set-up, and assist of two staff for bathing. R7 also transferred with assistance from two staff with a mechanical full body (Hoyer) lift.</p> <p>R7's MAR dated September 29, 2024, indicated R7 never received his morning medications or treatments. R7's missed medication doses and treatments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Humalog Kwik injectable 100/ml, inject before meals. Insulin dosage was based on a sliding scale, 7:30 a.m. - Blood sugar monitoring 7:30 a.m. - Calmoseptine 0.44-20.6% ointment apply to buttock wound, 8:00 a.m. - Gabapentin 400 mg three capsules for anticonvulsant, 8:00 a.m. - Hydrophilic ointment for skin protection daily, 8:00 a.m. - Losartan 50 mg for systolic blood pressure. Hold if blood pressure is less than 130 for hypertension, 8:00 a.m. - Miconazole cream to affected area for skin irritation, 8:00 a.m. - Silver Sulfadiazine to legs for skin irritation, 8:00 a.m. - Blood glucose check daily at 11:00 a.m. - Humalog Kwik injectable 100/ml, inject before meals. Insulin dosage was based on a sliding scale, 11:30 a.m. <p>On December 3, 2024, at 12:25 p.m., ULP-F stated she worked alone on the assisted living unit. She was not trained on medication</p>	01760		
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01760	<p>Continued From page 21</p> <p>administration. ULP-A worked alone in the secured memory care. ULP-A was trained to administer medications and administered medications to the memory care residents. The residents in assisted living did not receive their morning medications as no trained staff worked in assisted living. ULP-F asked ULP-A to administer R3's medications because R3 complained of pain and had Parkinson's disease with medications that were time sensitive. ULP-A declined to administer any medications to residents on in assisted living. ULP-A was overwhelmed with administering medications and providing services to all the residents in memory care. She said more staff came in around lunch time to assist.</p> <p>On December 3, 2024, at 11:30 a.m., clinical nurse supervisor (CNS)-D said ULP-A worked alone in the memory care unit. ULP-A was the only staff available to administered medications and provided services to those residents. ULP-F worked alone in the assisted living and was not trained on medication administration. Medications were not administered to residents in assisted living as staff were not available.</p> <p>The licensee's Medications and Treatments policy dated April 1, 2024, indicated documentation of a medication administration must be completed after the task is performed. Medication administration will be documented on the Medication Administration Record (MAR) by entering the staff's initials under the date the medication was administered. The staff member will document in each resident's MAR problems with medication administration, including refusals. Staff will also document reasons why administration was not completed as prescribed and document any follow-up procedures that were provided to meet the resident's needs when</p>	01760		

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01760	Continued From page 22 medication was not administered as prescribed and in compliance with the resident's medication management plan. Time period for correction: Seven (7) days	01760		
02320 SS=J	<p>144G.91 Subd. 4 (b) Appropriate care and services</p> <p>(b) Residents have the right to receive health care and other assisted living services with continuity from people who are properly trained and competent to perform their duties and in sufficient numbers to adequately provide the services agreed to in the assisted living contract and the service plan.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the licensee failed to ensure staff were properly trained and competent to provide necessary medical care, Heimlich Maneuver, to one of one resident (R2). R2 choked in the dining room with multiple licensee's staff present. The licensee's staff failed to perform chest thrusts (Heimlich Maneuver) or contact emergency medical services and R2 died.</p> <p>This practice resulted in a level four violation (a violation that results in serious injury, impairment, or death), and was issued at an isolated scope (when one or a limited number of residents are affected or one or a limited number of staff are involved, or the situation has occurred only occasionally).</p> <p>The findings include:</p>	02320		

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02320	<p>Continued From page 23</p> <p>Minnesota Statute 604A.01, subdivision 1, Good Samaritan Law, duty to assist, indicates a person at the scene of an emergency who knows that another person is exposed to or has suffered grave physical harm shall give reasonable assistance to the exposed person, which may include obtaining or attempting to obtain aid from law enforcement or medical personnel.</p> <p>R2 resided in the secured memory care unit and was on hospice. R2's diagnoses included dementia, depression, and difficulty walking.</p> <p>R2's service plan dated September 3, 2024, indicated R2's received services including assistance with bathing, grooming, mobility, transfers, and meals. R2 received a pureed diet with honey thickened liquids.</p> <p>R2's Vulnerability Risk Reduction Plan dated August 2, 2024, indicated R2 was unable to recognize hazards in his environment.</p> <p>R2's Uniform Assessment Tool dated August 22, 2024, indicated R2 required supervision at meals.</p> <p>R2's late entry progress note documented October 24, 2024, at 12:19 p.m., for October 23, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., indicated registered nurse (RN)-A completed R2's comprehensive assessment. R2's vital signs were within normal limits. R2's heart rate was normal and regular rhythm. R2's lungs were clear and non-labored breathing.</p> <p>R2's progress note dated October 24, 2024, at 4:04 p.m., R2's weekly vital signs documented blood pressure was 122/68, pulse was 69 beats per minute (bpm), temperature was 97.6 and respirations was 18 breaths per minute. RN-A</p>	02320		

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02320	<p>Continued From page 24</p> <p>documented R2 was comfortable and she sat and talked with him.</p> <p>A facility incident report dated October 24, 2024, indicated R2 was in the dining room when he stood up and was having difficulty breathing. An unlicensed personnel (ULP) lowered R2 to the floor and notified the nurses. R2's vital signs were temperature 97.5, pulse 46 bpm (normal between 60-100 bpm) and oxygen saturation was 35% (normal above 90%). There was no recorded blood pressure or respirations.</p> <p>R2's progress note dated October 24, 2024, at 6:49 p.m., written by RN-A indicated at 4:13 p.m., ULP reported R2 was unresponsive. Upon arrival to the dining area, RN-A observed R2 lying down with a pillow under his head and pupils non-dilating. RN-A documented the same vitals as the incident report. RN-A called hospice and left a voicemail. RN-A documented staff had spoken with the hospice nurse who instructed to move R2 to his room. RN-A documented upon investigation it was reported R2 had finished eating his own food (puree and honey thickened liquids) and another resident at his same table gave R2 a sandwich.</p> <p>R2's death record dated October 24, 2024, indicated the cause of death was asphyxia (deprived of oxygen) due to choking on a food bolus.</p> <p>December 27, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., ULP-C said he assisted R2 with eating in the dining room. After he assisted R2, he assisted a different resident. While feeding the other resident, ULP-C observed R2 stand up. R2 appeared like he was going to vomit. ULP-C assisted R2 to the floor and ULP-D went to get help. ULP-C said R8</p>	02320		

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02320	<p>Continued From page 25</p> <p>reported another resident at their table gave R2 food. R8 said this while R2 was assisted to the dining room floor. R8 repeated the same information, that another resident gave R2 something to eat again when the nurses and other staff were present. He said RN-A and RN-I tried to see if R2 was choking by looking in his mouth. He said the nurses assessed vital signs, but he denied anyone performed the Heimlich Maneuver. ULP-C said the facility never provided him with training on how to perform the Heimlich Maneuver.</p> <p>December 27, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., R8 said she observed another resident give R2 half of his sandwich. R2 shoved the whole sandwich in his mouth. R2 tried to swallow the food, but he choked. R2 started to convulse, and staff lowered him to the floor. She said staff tried to get the food out of his mouth, but nobody performed the Heimlich Maneuver. While R2 was laying on the dining room floor, R8 she told everyone R2 ate another resident's food. She said all the staff including the nurses were present when she reported it.</p> <p>December 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., RN-A said ULP-H alerted her of the incident. When she arrived R2 was laying on the dining room floor, unresponsive, not breathing. She assessed vital signs and called hospice. RN-A said she never assessed R2's mouth for an airway obstruction. RN-A said she was aware R2 had a history of eating other resident's food.</p> <p>December 30, 2024, at 11:40 a.m., RN-I said staff reported R2 was unresponsive in the dining room. When she arrived, R2 was on the floor not breathing. She said they assessed vitals and listened for heart and lung sounds. RN-I denied</p>	02320		

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02320	<p>Continued From page 26</p> <p>she looked in R2's mouth for an airway obstruction. The Heimlich Maneuver/chest thrusts were not performed. RN-I never heard R8 report R2 ate something until after the incident. RN-I said caregivers are trained on the Heimlich Maneuver through a video in Educare but there is no demonstration or competency completed. RN-I said RN-A was present during the incident and several other ULP's.</p> <p>December 27, 2024, 1:00 p.m., R2's guardian (G)-E said he received a phone call from RN-A informing him R2 died the day before. G-E said RN-A said R2 collapsed in the dining room and died. The next day hospice said residents and staff at that facility, reported to her R2 choked and died. Hospice encouraged the G-E to request a copy of the incident report. G-E inquired the licensee about the claim and requested a copy of the incident report. The licensee never provided G-E a copy of the incident report. G-E said the death certificate identified choking as the cause of death, but staff never administered aid to R2.</p> <p>December 27, 2024, at 11:30 a.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-B said ULP's are not trained on the the Heimlich Maneuver or trained on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The nurses are expected to perform those procedures if assessed as necessary. If nurses are unavailable, ULP's are instructed to call emergency services.</p> <p>ULP-C's Employee Core Training record dated July 26, 2024, indicated ULP-C received training on the Heimlich Maneuver. The training record was signed by a RN who is no longer identified on the licensee's staff roster.</p> <p>ULP-D's training record lacked an Employee</p>	02320		

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02320	<p>Continued From page 27</p> <p>Core Training record and lacked documented training specific to the Heimlich Maneuver. The record included a Practical Skills Test for ULP Core Training dated November 7, 2024, two weeks after the date of the incident. Also, the handling of various emergencies box was not marked as completed in the boxed titled "Observation of Competency" or "Training Completed".</p> <p>ULP-H's training record lacked an Employee Core Training record and lacked documented training specific to the Heimlich Maneuver.</p> <p>The licensee's Emergency/ 911 policy dated April 1, 2024, indicated if a resident is found unresponsive without a pulse or breathing and is "NOT" on hospice, call 911 immediately. The policy directed for residents who are on hospice experiencing an emergency, hospice should be called immediately. Examples of significant emergencies for staff to call 911 included choking.</p> <p>TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days</p>	02320		
02360	<p>144G.91 Subd. 8 Freedom from maltreatment</p> <p>Residents have the right to be free from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse; neglect; financial exploitation; and all forms of maltreatment covered under the Vulnerable Adults Act.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: The facility failed to ensure two of two resident(s) reviewed (R1 and R2) were free from maltreatment.</p>	02360		

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02360	<p>Continued From page 28</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) issued a determination maltreatment occurred, and an individual person was responsible for the maltreatment of R1. The facility and two individual persons were responsible for the maltreatment of R2. Both, in connection with incidents which occurred at the facility. Please refer to the public maltreatment report for details.</p>	02360		