

State Rapid Response Investigative Public Report

Office of Health Facility Complaints

Maltreatment Report #: HL349466406M
Compliance #: HL349469661C

Date Concluded: February 7, 2025

Name, Address, and County of Licensee

Investigated:

Bridgewater at Owatonna
125 E Park St,
Owatonna, MN 55060
Steele County

Facility Type: Assisted Living Facility (ALF)

Evaluator's Name: Julie Serbus, RN
Special Investigator

Finding: Not Substantiated

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 facility neglected the resident when the facility failed to provide pain control and treat his wounds.

Investigative Findings and Conclusion:

The Minnesota Department of Health determined neglect was not substantiated. Although it was true the resident experienced chronic pain and had wounds which required dressing changes, the facility appropriately coordinated cares without outside providers.

The investigator conducted interviews with facility staff members, including administrative staff, nursing staff, and unlicensed staff. The investigator interviewed the resident along with a family member. The investigation included review of the resident's assessment, service plan, progress notes, home care agency notes, and hospital record. Also, the investigator observed interactions between staff and the resident during a recent visit to the facility.

The resident resided in an assisted living facility with his pet cat. The resident's diagnoses included type II diabetes, multiple mental health concerns, nicotine dependence, and chronic pain. The resident's service plan included behavioral monitoring for refusals of care, medication management, showering, dressing, and transfers. The resident uses an electric scooter for mobility.

A concern arose the resident was not getting adequate care for his wounds and pain. Additionally, there was a concern his apartment smelled of cat urine.

The resident had a below the knee amputation prior to admission to the facility and required additional services including wound care. These services included cares for multiple wounds and a wound vac to his amputee leg managed by a home care facility three times a week. Wounds located on back of his thighs and buttocks were also being treated by homecare. The resident had a history of chronic pain which was managed and filled by a pain clinic with intrathecal pain pump (small, round device that holds pain medication and is implanted under the skin) and oral medications.

After a hospitalization, the resident's assessment indicated the resident was started on hospice. The assessment indicated resident experienced pain and was followed by a pain clinic for specialized treatment. The Interventions for his pain included oral pain medications, pain pump and a spinal stimulator, trying to get adequate sleep, and sitting outside in the cooler weather which helped the pain in his legs. The assessment also indicated open sores were present along with a left amputee site wound. The facility had coordinated cares with a home health care agency for wound care and later hospice.

The facility's Uniform Disclosure of Assisted Living Services & Amenities which describes the services, supports, and amenities available at the assisted living facility indicated the facility did not provide wound care and only provides first aid care.

During an interview, a nurse stated the resident had a wound related to a recent amputation along with wounds related to non-compliance with offloading during the day to prevent skin breakdown. The nurse stated the resident's wounds were cared for by an outside agency as the facility does not provide wound care and would at times refuse agency wound cares. The nurse stated the resident verbally made his needs known.

During an interview, a manager stated the resident is his own guardian and directs his own care. The manager stated the resident chose to be in his electric scooter for extended periods of time which contributed to multiple open wounds.

During an interview, the resident stated he used an electric scooter for mobility. The resident stated he is his own guardian, makes his own decisions, and signs his own paperwork. The resident stated he required assistance with repositioning.

During an interview, an unlicensed caregiver stated the resident previously transferred with the use of an EZ stand (sit to stand mechanical lift used for transfers) after his first leg amputation. The caregiver stated the resident had sores to the bottom of his foot, back of legs, and buttocks due to his non-compliance to lie down but instead choosing to remain in his scooter. The caregiver stated the was independent turning side-to-side when in bed. The caregiver stated the resident did at times refuses cares such as showers.

Further concerns were reported regarding the conditions of the resident's apartment at the assisted living. The resident was informed upon admission that the responsibility of pets, such as his cat, would rest with him and the facility. Regarding housekeeping, the facility was only responsible to provide once a week light housekeeping which included vacuuming, laundry, and cleaning the bathroom. The resident did receive services from on outside provider to assist in cleaning services. Other personal items such as food or personal items within his apartment were his responsibility or, if an appliance was not working such as a refrigerator, it was his responsibility to inform the facility for repairs.

In conclusion, the Minnesota Department of Health determined neglect was not substantiated.

“Not Substantiated” means:

An investigatory conclusion indicating the preponderance of evidence shows that an act meeting the definition of maltreatment did not occur.

Neglect: Minnesota Statutes, section 626.5572, subdivision 17

“Neglect” means neglect by a caregiver or self-neglect.

(a) "Caregiver neglect" means the failure or omission by a caregiver to supply a vulnerable adult with care or services, including but not limited to, food, clothing, shelter, health care, or supervision which is:

- (1) reasonable and necessary to obtain or maintain the vulnerable adult's physical or mental health or safety, considering the physical and mental capacity or dysfunction of the vulnerable adult; and
- (2) which is not the result of an accident or therapeutic conduct.

Vulnerable Adult interviewed: Yes

Family/Responsible Party interviewed: Yes

Action taken by facility: The resident's cat was rehomed, the facility repaired the refrigerator, and hospice provided additional housekeeping services.

Action taken by the Minnesota Department of Health:

No further action taken at this time.

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The Office of Ombudsman for Long Term Care

The Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

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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>HL349463480C/#HL349467802M, HL349469661C/HL349466406M, and HL349463540C/HL349467842M</p> <p>On January 7, 2025, 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 42 residents receiving services under the provider's Assisted Living license.</p> <p>The following correction orders are issued for #HL349463540C/HL349467842M, tag identification 0730, 2310, and 2360.</p> | 0 000 | <p>Minnesota Department of Health is documenting the State Correction Orders using federal software. Tag numbers have been assigned to Minnesota State Statutes for Assisted Living Facilities. 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 evaluators' findings is the Time Period for Correction.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA STATE STATUTES.</p> <p>THE LETTER IN THE LEFT COLUMN IS USED FOR TRACKING PURPOSES AND REFLECTS THE SCOPE AND LEVEL ISSUED PURSUANT TO 144G.31 SUBDIVISION 1-3.</p> | |
| 0 730 SS=D | <p>144G.43 Subd. 3 Contents of resident record</p> <p>Contents of a resident record include the</p> | 0 730 | | |

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| 0 730 | <p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>following for each resident:</p> <p>(1) identifying information, including the resident's name, date of birth, address, and telephone number;</p> <p>(2) the name, address, and telephone number of the resident's emergency contact, legal representatives, and designated representative;</p> <p>(3) names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the resident's health and medical service providers, if known;</p> <p>(4) health information, including medical history, allergies, and when the provider is managing medications, treatments or therapies that require documentation, and other relevant health records;</p> <p>(5) the resident's advance directives, if any;</p> <p>(6) copies of any health care directives, guardianships, powers of attorney, or conservatorships;</p> <p>(7) the facility's current and previous assessments and service plans;</p> <p>(8) all records of communications pertinent to the resident's services;</p> <p>(9) documentation of significant changes in the resident's status and actions taken in response to the needs of the resident, including reporting to the appropriate supervisor or health care professional;</p> <p>(10) documentation of incidents involving the resident and actions taken in response to the needs of the resident, including reporting to the appropriate supervisor or health care professional;</p> <p>(11) documentation that services have been provided as identified in the service plan;</p> <p>(12) documentation that the resident has received and reviewed the assisted living bill of rights;</p> <p>(13) documentation of complaints received and any resolution;</p> | 0 730 | | |

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| 0 730 | <p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>(14) a discharge summary, including service termination notice and related documentation, when applicable; and</p> <p>(15) other documentation required under this chapter and relevant to the resident's services or status.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review the licensee failed to ensure documentation of incidents involving the resident and actions taken in response to the needs of the resident were completed for one of one resident (R1) with records reviewed.</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) 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>R1 admitted to the facility on January 20, 2023, with diagnoses of morbid obesity, below the knee amputation, depression, diabetes mellitus type 2, and congestive heart failure.</p> <p>Review of R1's service plan dated, October 9, 2024, indicated effective February 1, 2024, the resident was transfers with assistance of two staff and a Hoyer lift. The assessment indicated if unable to safely transfer staff are then to use the EZ stand.</p> <p>Review of R1's progress notes failed to show</p> | 0 730 | | |

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| 0 730 | <p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>documentation of an incident that occurred where resident remained in his electric scooter over the weekend and facility staff were not able to locate the battery for the Hoyer lift in the resident's room. The progress notes also failed to indicate action taken to resolve the issue of the battery for the Hoyer.</p> <p>During an interview on January 7, 2025, at 10:42 a.m., R1 stated he requires his electric scooter for mobility and a Hoyer lift for transfers.</p> <p>During an interview on January 7, 2025, at 1:42 p.m., licensed practical nurse (LPN-E) stated R1 was on hospice and being treated for open wounds on back of his leg, below the knee amputee wound, and wounds to remaining lower extremity and foot. LPN- E stated the resident has a history of remaining in his chair for long periods of time, however, resident's care plan indicated caregivers are to encourage him to lay down and get out of his chair every four hours for a one-hour period. LPN-E stated a caregiver transferred the resident to his scooter on the afternoon of December 6th, 2024. LPN-E stated battery was removed from the resident room for charging. Over the weekend staff did not document services provided to the resident as care planned. LPN-E stated it was reported the resident had been in his electric scooter from an undetermined time on December 6, 2024, until December 9, 2024. LPN-E stated this was not abnormal behavior for R1 as he frequently refused cares.</p> <p>During an interview on January 22, 2025, at 4:27 p.m., social worker (SW-H) stated prior to the order for the Hoyer lift the resident was being transferred with an EZ stand which was no longer safe. SW-H stated the Hoyer lift was provided by</p> | 0 730 | | |

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| 0 730 | <p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>hospice. SW-H stated a member of the hospice team arrived at the facility on December 9, 2024, and was informed by R-1 he had been sitting in his electric scooter since December 6, 2024, as staff was unable to find charger for battery and battery was taken out of his room to an undetermined location to charge. When hospice arrived on December 9, 2024, hospice staff was unable to find the battery for the Hoyer lift. R-1 stated to hospice staff that he had requested one time over the weekend to be transferred, but the staff did not have a means to transfer him with the battery missing.</p> <p>During an interview on January 23, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., management (Mgt-A) stated the resident directs his own care and can decline. Mgt-A stated he was aware of hospice having had conversations about the importance of being out of his chair due to his wounds. Mgt-A stated the facility staff would be the ones to reinforce hospice orders. Mgt-A stated he chose to be in his scooter the entire weekend and was able to use his call pendant to request assistance. During an interview on February 11, 2025, at 8:41 a.m., Mgt-A stated the leadership team met regarding the report of R1 remaining in his scooter for a three-day period and determined a incident report was not needed as the facility was not negligent. Mgt-A stated the meeting was not documented.</p> <p>Further review of R1's record did not identify an incident occurred December 6, 2024, through December 9, 2024, or documentation that services had been provided as identified in the service plan.</p> <p>The licensee's Reporting, Documenting and Reviewing Incidents Involving Residents dated</p> | 0 730 | | |

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| 0 730 | Continued From page 5 July 30, 2024, indicated incidents involving residents will have a corresponding incident report and follow-up will be completed as appropriate. The RN will document in the resident's chart the details of any incident involving the resident and their assessment including the follow-up actions that were taken. The RN will review the incident report with quality management team and document the review. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days | 0 730 | | |
| 02310 SS=D | 144G.91 Subd. 4 (a) Appropriate care and services (a) Residents have the right to care and assisted living services that are appropriate based on the resident's needs and according to an up-to-date service plan subject to accepted health care standards. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to ensure facility services were provided using a service plan subject to accepted health care standards for one of one resident (R1). The facility was provided with an order to use a Hoyer lift (electrical device with a sling to transfer resident with limited mobility) for all transfers of R1 along with offering every four hours to lay down in bed. The facility failed to provide the service as listed on the care plan and failed to document the service as offered and document refusals. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or | 02310 | | |

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| 02310 | <p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>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 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>R1 admitted to the facility on January 20, 2023, with diagnoses of morbid obesity, below the knee amputation, depression, diabetes mellitus type 2, and congestive heart failure.</p> <p>R1's change of condition assessment dated October 9, 2024, indicated R1 required adaptive equipment for transfers and a wheelchair/electric scooter for mobility. This assessment indicated no devices were used for transfers and was independent with transfers.</p> <p>Review of R1's service plan dated, October 9, 2024, indicated effective February 1, 2024, the resident was transfers with assistance of two staff and a Hoyer lift. The assessment indicated if unable to safely transfer staff are then to use the EZ stand.</p> <p>Review of the resident's progress note dated November 20, 2024, indicated new orders from hospice to discontinue use of the EZ Stand (sit to stand lift with use of a machine) and to start using Hoyer lift for all transfers. This same note indicated this transition can only occur once the facility has the correct Hoyer sling to be provided by hospice.</p> <p>Further review of the resident's progress notes did not indicate the actual date the new Hoyer</p> | 02310 | | |

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| 02310 | <p>Continued From page 7</p> <p>slings were delivered to the facility and the date the Hoyer lift was initiated.</p> <p>R1's hospice note dated, December 4, 2024, indicated the resident was to be Hoyer lifted into his bed every 4 hours for 1 hour to off load off his bottom.</p> <p>R1's service agreement indicated effective December 5, 2024; staff were to encourage the resident to lay down in bed every 4 hours for one hour to off load. The equipment to be used for the transfer included the Hoyer Lift Sling and Hoyer lift.</p> <p>Review of services received indicated no transfer with physical assist of two was offered or completed on December 6, 2024. On December 7th, the overnight staff signed off there was a transfer. The service received report was missing any type of documentation the resident was offered to lay down December 6th through December 9th. This same documented did not indicate refusals from the resident.</p> <p>During an interview on January 7, 2025, at 10:42 a.m., R1 stated he requires his electric scooter for mobility and a Hoyer lift for transfers.</p> <p>During an interview on January 7, 2025, at 1:42 p.m., licensed practical nurse (LPN-E) stated R1 was on hospice and being treated for open wounds on back of his leg, below the knee amputee wound, and wounds to remaining lower extremity and foot. LPN- E stated the resident has a history of remaining in his chair for long periods of time, however, resident's care plan indicated caregivers are to encourage him to lay down and get out of his chair every four hours for a one-hour period. LPN-E stated a caregiver</p> | 02310 | | |

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| 02310 | <p>Continued From page 8</p> <p>transferred the resident to his scooter on the afternoon of December 6th, 2024. LPN-E stated battery was removed from the resident room for charging. Over the weekend staff did not document services provided to the resident as care planned. LPN-E stated it was reported the resident had been in his electric scooter from an undetermined time on December 6, 2024, until December 9, 2024. LPN-E stated this was not abnormal behavior for R1 as he frequently refused cares.</p> <p>During an interview on January 22, 2025, at 4:27 p.m., social worker (SW-H) stated prior to the order for the Hoyer lift the resident was being transferred with an EZ stand which was no longer safe. SW-H stated the Hoyer lift was provided by hospice. SW-H stated a member of the hospice team arrived at the facility on December 9, 2024, and was informed by R-1 he had been sitting in his electric scooter since December 6, 2024, as staff was unable to find charger for battery and battery was taken out of his room to an undetermined location to charge. When hospice arrived on December 9, 2024, hospice staff was unable to find the battery for the Hoyer lift. R-1 stated to hospice staff that he had requested one time over the weekend to be transferred, but the staff did not have a means to transfer him with the battery missing.</p> <p>During an interview on January 23, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., management (Mgt-A) stated the resident directs his own care and can decline. Mgt-A stated he was aware of hospice having had conversations about the importance of being out of his chair due to his wounds. Mgt-A stated the facility staff would be the ones to reinforce hospice orders. Mgt-A stated he chose to be in his scooter the entire weekend and was able to</p> | 02310 | | |

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| (X4) ID PREFIX TAG | SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (EACH DEFICIENCY MUST BE PRECEDED BY FULL REGULATORY OR LSC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION) | ID PREFIX TAG | PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION (EACH CORRECTIVE ACTION SHOULD BE CROSS-REFERENCED TO THE APPROPRIATE DEFICIENCY) | (X5) COMPLETE DATE |
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| 02310 | Continued From page 9 use his call pendant to request assistance. The licensee Contents of Service Plans, dated July 30, 2024, indicated the facility will have a contingency plan that includes action taken if the scheduled service cannot be provided. The facility will implement and provide all services required by the current service plan unless unable for reasons such as, but not including resident refusal. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days. | 02310 | | |
| 02360 | 144G.91 Subd. 8 Freedom from maltreatment 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. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: The facility failed to ensure one of one resident reviewed (R1) was free from maltreatment. Findings include: The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) issued a determination maltreatment occurred, and the facility was responsible for the maltreatment, in connection with incidents which occurred at the facility. Please refer to the public maltreatment report for details. | 02360 | | |