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State Rapid Response Investigative Public Report

Office of Health Facility Complaints

Maltreatment Report #: HL355618467M
Compliance #: HL355615689C

Date Concluded: April 1, 2024

Name, Address, and County of Licensee

Investigated:

Prairie Bluffs Senior Living
10300 Hennepin Town Rd
Eden Prairie, MN 55347
Hennepin County

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

Evaluator's Name: Lena Gangestad, 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 alleged perpetrator (AP) neglected the resident when she failed to perform scheduled care, resulting in the resident developing pressure ulcers.

Investigative Findings and Conclusion:

The Minnesota Department of Health determined neglect was not substantiated. Although the AP did not provide "check and change" cares as scheduled one time, it was an isolated event. Several days later the facility identified two pressure wounds on his skin, but it was not clear these events were related. The facility provided the resident treatment and the wounds healed.

The investigator conducted interviews with facility staff members, including administrative staff and unlicensed staff. The investigation included review of the resident's records, internal investigation documentation, incident reports, personnel files, staff schedules, policies, and procedures.

The resident's diagnoses include lung cancer and type 2 diabetes. The resident's service plan included assistance with all activities of daily living which included hygiene, dressing, toileting, medications, meals, and housekeeping. The service plan also included two-hour safety checks throughout the day and night.

The facility received a report from a staff member a few days after the incident asserting the AP did not perform a scheduled check and change for the resident. The day after receiving the report, the facility assessed the resident's skin and identified two open areas near the resident's right gluteal fold. The facility notified the resident's family and medical provider. A wound care consult was arranged, and treatment orders were obtained.

The wound tracking form indicated the resident's wound resolved in less than 10 days from the time it was identified.

The AP's employee file indicated the facility provided the AP with re-education regarding check and change cares.

During an interview, the manager stated the AP did not perform a check and change only one time, due to a misunderstanding of staff duties. Upon learning about the incident days later, a nurse did an assessment and noted two open areas. She then consulted a wound specialist, wound care was provided, and the wound healed. She said education and training sessions were provided for the AP, emphasizing that staff were supposed to check and change every two hours. Additionally, she updated hospice, provider, and the family about the incident.

During an interview, the AP stated the resident needed to be changed and repositioned every two hours. At that time there was a lot of confusion regarding repositioning the resident, which led her to not perform the scheduled check and change for him. The AP said the facility followed up with her with re-education.

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: No, resident no longer at the facility.

Family/Responsible Party interviewed: No, attempts not successful.

Alleged Perpetrator interviewed: Yes.

Action taken by facility:

The facility provided the AP with corrective action and re-education along with a supervisory review with the AP.

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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01760	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>Unfortunately, she returned to the hospital again on November 12, 2023, for slurred speech.</p> <p>On March 6, 2024, at 3:20 p.m., RN-B stated prior to R2's fall, she was self-administering medication. Upon R2's return, LPN-E did not realize the medications already in the system were set for self-administration and added new medications. The missed medications were the ones R2 used to take independently. When LPN-E processed the order, she failed to lift the button orders for the med passers to see. It was brought to RN-B's attention by a family member, and a registered nurse reviewed the situation. RN-B stated LPN-E had been working there for approximately a month when the incident occurred. After the incident, the provider was notified, and an ultrasound was ordered due to R1's red and swollen right leg. Unfortunately, R2 developed slurred speech and was promptly hospitalized before the ultrasound could be conducted.</p> <p>The licensee's Uniform Assessment Tool policy dated August 1, 2021, indicated for each resident who requests medication management services, the facility shall, prior to providing medication management services, have a registered nurse, licensed health professional, or authorized prescriber conduct an assessment to determine what medication management services will be provided and how the services will be provided. This assessment must be conducted face-to-face with the resident. The assessment must include an identification and review of all medications the resident is known to be taking. The review and identification must include indications for medications, side effects, contraindications, allergic or adverse reactions, and actions to address these issues.</p>	01760		

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01760	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>matter with LPN-D, who did not remember or know anything about it. LPN-D did not return to work as she had already submitted her notice.</p> <p>On March 6, 2024, at 3:02 p.m., (RN)-B stated LPN-D could have confused and discontinued the medication when the pharmacy continued sending confirmations through the system despite the orders already being in place. Following the incident, she contacted the pharmacy to find a solution to simplify the process and reduce confusion. She said even though the medications were discontinued on their system, The pharmacy's system still had those medication in R1's medical records. Therefore, the pharmacy kept sending the medication over, instead of verifying, the staff destroyed it. (RN)-B said it was the nurse's responsibility to check, and LPN-D failed to do so. She said they did not have any staff training session after this incident.</p> <p>On March 14, 2024, at 4:08 p.m., the pharmacy technician stated according to the records, the pharmacy delivered R1's Losartan and Atorvastatin every thirty days.</p> <p>R2</p> <p>R2's face sheet indicated R2 admitted to the facility on June 6, 2022, with current diagnoses of atrial fibrillation, and hypertension.</p> <p>R2's service plan effective dated November 6, 2023, indicated R2 required assistance with medication management three times daily.</p> <p>R2's medication sheet indicated the following medications were missed on November 6, 2023, through November 9, 2023:</p>	01760		

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01760	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>Unfortunately, she returned to the hospital again on November 12, 2023, for slurred speech.</p> <p>On March 6, 2024, at 3:20 p.m., RN-B stated prior to R2's fall, she was self-administering medication. Upon R2's return, LPN-E did not realize the medications already in the system were set for self-administration and added new medications. The missed medications were the ones R2 used to take independently. When LPN-E processed the order, she failed to lift the button orders for the med passers to see. It was brought to RN-B's attention by a family member, and a registered nurse reviewed the situation. RN-B stated LPN-E had been working there for approximately a month when the incident occurred. After the incident, the provider was notified, and an ultrasound was ordered due to R1's red and swollen right leg. Unfortunately, R2 developed slurred speech and was promptly hospitalized before the ultrasound could be conducted.</p> <p>The licensee's Uniform Assessment Tool policy dated August 1, 2021, indicated for each resident who requests medication management services, the facility shall, prior to providing medication management services, have a registered nurse, licensed health professional, or authorized prescriber conduct an assessment to determine what medication management services will be provided and how the services will be provided. This assessment must be conducted face-to-face with the resident. The assessment must include an identification and review of all medications the resident is known to be taking. The review and identification must include indications for medications, side effects, contraindications, allergic or adverse reactions, and actions to address these issues.</p>	01760		

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01760	<p>Continued From page 7</p> <p>TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days</p> <p>02360 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 residents reviewed (R1, R2) was free from maltreatment.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Regarding HL355619950M involving R1 and HL355619485M involving R2 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.</p>	01760 02360	No Plan of Correction (POC) required. Please refer to the public maltreatment report (report sent separately) for details of this tag.	