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State Rapid Response Investigative Public Report

Office of Health Facility Complaints

Maltreatment Report #: HL207128722M
Compliance #: HL207126258C

Date Concluded: June 4, 2025

Name, Address, and County of Licensee

Investigated:

Maplewood Assisted Living
1890 Sherren Avenue East
Maplewood, MN 55109
Ramsey County

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

Evaluator's Name: Lissa Lin, 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 they failed to provide her with wound cares after she cut her hand. The resident was hospitalized with sepsis.

Investigative Findings and Conclusion:

The Minnesota Department of Health determined neglect was not substantiated. The nurses documented daily assessment of the resident's wound, dressing checks and dressing changes. When the resident developed nausea, diarrhea and vomiting, the nurse sent the resident to the hospital for assessment. She admitted to the hospital and treated for acute pancreatitis and an infected hand wound.

The investigator conducted interviews with facility staff members, including administrative staff and nursing staff. The investigator contacted the resident's family. The investigation included review of the resident record(s), hospital records, facility incident reports, and related facility

policy and procedures. Also, the investigator observed the resident resting in her room. She declined to talk to the investigator or show her hands.

The resident resided in an assisted living memory care unit. The resident's diagnoses included Alzheimer's disease and chronic kidney disease. The resident's service plan included assistance with bathing, safety checks, medications and other activities of daily living.

Review of resident records indicated an overnight staff member went to assist the resident with toileting. The resident grabbed at the staff members hand and when the staff member moved the resident's hand away, she saw a skin abrasion on the resident's left hand. She reported it to the on-call nurse and administrator. The nurse had the resident sent to the emergency room (ER) for assessment and treatment. She returned to the facility several hours later. The resident's post-ER assessment indicated she was seen in the ER for a hand laceration. The wound was sutured; staff could remove the sutures in 7-10 days. Wound care orders included keeping the area covered and dry for 24 hours and apply Bacitracin (ointment).

The resident progress notes indicated during the next few days the nurses assessed the wound, cleaned the resident's hand and provided dressing changes. The wound appeared to improve. The resident was prescribed an oral antibiotic and displayed no signs or symptoms of reaction to the antibiotic. About a week later, the resident developed a change in condition with diarrhea and vomiting. The nurse sent the resident to the hospital and contacted her family.

The resident's hospital records indicated she was diagnosed with acute pancreatitis and a worsening hand wound infection. A flap of skin was torn away and there was purulence (pus) but no red streaks or fever. The resident did not appear ill. One hospital record indicated "original dressing" was in place but there was no further information. The resident was given intravenous antibiotics and the sutures were removed. She discharged the next day with two new antibiotic prescriptions.

The resident's progress notes indicated her wound improved over the next few days.

During an interview, the administrator said the resident could communicate her needs and was typically calm with cares. However, around the time of her hand wound, the resident had been more agitated and difficult to toilet. The resident habitually picked at her hands or scabs until they bled. The resident's family representative was updated about the hand wound and need for an ER visit. The administrator said facility nurses provided simple, or general wound cares like cleaning and dressing changes, but more complex wound cares were handled by outside services. The administrator said staff monitored the resident's wound and provided proper cares.

The resident was not interviewed due to her cognition.

The former family representative did not respond to an interview request. The resident's new family representative also declined an interview.

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: Attempted but not able due to cognition.

Family/Responsible Party interviewed: Declined interview.

Alleged Perpetrator interviewed: Not Applicable.

Action taken by facility:

Facility nurses provided wound cares and sent resident to hospital when her condition changed.

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	Initial Comments *****ATTENTION***** ASSISTED LIVING PROVIDER CORRECTION ORDER In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 144G.08 to 144G.95, these correction orders are issued pursuant to a complaint investigation. 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. INITIAL COMMENTS: HL207126258C/HL207128722M HL207125546C/HL207128503M HL207124112C On May 6, 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 51 residents receiving services under the provider's Assisted Living with Dementia Care license. The following correction order is issued for HL207125546C/HL207128503M, tag identification 2360. The following correction order is issued for HL207124112C, tag identification 880. No correction orders are issued for HL20712258C/HL207128722M.	0 000	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. PLEASE DISREGARD THE HEADING OF THE FOURTH COLUMN WHICH STATES,"PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION." THIS APPLIES TO FEDERAL DEFICIENCIES ONLY. THIS WILL APPEAR ON EACH PAGE. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA STATE STATUTES. THE LETTER IN THE LEFT COLUMN IS USED FOR TRACKING PURPOSES AND REFLECTS THE SCOPE AND LEVEL ISSUED PURSUANT TO 144G.31 SUBDIVISION 1-3.		

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

TITLE

(X6) DATE

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0 800 SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2 (a) (4) Fire protection and physical environment (4) keep the physical environment, including walls, floors, ceiling, all furnishings, grounds, systems, and equipment in a continuous state of good repair and operation with regard to the health, safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents in accordance with a maintenance and repair program. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review, observation and interviews, the licensee failed to keep the physical environment in a continuous state of good repair and operation with regard to the health, safety, comfort and well-being of the residents. The facility had an on-going mouse and ant infestation in the building; the third floor memory care unit was particularly active. The memory care unit was dirty with debris, staining and odor. This had the potential to affect all residents, staff members, visitors and volunteers. 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 was 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, staff members and visitors. The findings include:	0 800			

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0 800	Continued From page 2 PEST CONTROL During a building tour on May 6, 2025 at 10:20 a.m., the investigator observed renovation construction on the first floor. Licensed assistant living director LALD-A, said the first and second floors were undergoing renovation first and the third floor memory care would be last. The decor and flooring were about 15 years old and showing its age, especially in memory care. On the memory care unit, the investigator observed areas of stained carpet in the TV gathering space. There was also the smell of garbage or spoilt food in the same area. Several residents and a staff member were watching TV. During an interview on May 6, 2025, at 11:25 a.m., unlicensed personnel (ULP)-C said the building had a mouse and ant infestation when she was hired back in January 2025. The infestation was especially bad in memory care where she was regularly scheduled. She found a dead mouse on a resident's bed recently and an "army" ant, the large black ants, in a resident's food bowl during a meal. ULP-C said a visiting hospice nurse reported she saw a mouse running along one memory care hallway recently. During an interview on May 6, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., ULP-D said there was only one housekeeping staff for the entire building. An activities staff person helped clean common areas a few days each week. She said the mice and ants were all over the building but worst on the third floor memory care unit. She was not sure how often pest control came to treat the building. ULP-D said the ongoing construction added to the mouse problem. Maintenance staff did not do any pest control. ULP-D said "The mice access the third floor from the registers. Everyone knows it's a problem." ULP-D stated the red stained areas	0 800			

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0 800	Continued From page 3 in the unit tried to be cleaned but were permanent. ULP-D said the ULP's are supposed to clean the dining room after meals but do not or clean very little. During an observation on May 6, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., the investigator observed on the third floor memory care unit the following: TV Room -AC (air conditioner)/heating register screens encrusted with dirt and food debris. -Red liquid stained on top of an AC/heating register and was splashed along the wall, baseboards and carpet. -Underneath the AC/heating register there was one rodent bait station, a plastic spoon and food debris. -Another register in the TV area also had food debris and dirt clogged screens. Dining Room -Odor, strongly smelled of garbage or spoilt food. -The floor was stained and sticky; the investigator's and ULP-D's shoes stuck to the floor. -Observed a dozen large black ants on the floor and walls in the dining room. -There was a dead black ant on the counter by the stove and a live black ant crawled the counter. -A mouse run behind the countertop toaster next to the stove, and then run behind the stove. -There was food debris and mouse feces behind the toaster. -Several empty drawers and cupboards contained mouse feces, food debris and dried stains. -One drawer stocked with paper placemats and napkins had mouse feces. During an interview on May 6, 2025, at 3:20 p.m., LALD-A said the facility used a pest control	0 800			

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0 800	Continued From page 4 company but did not recall when they were last out to service the building. LALD-A said they started weekly treatments last October after they were cited by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) surveyors, then went to bi-weekly, then monthly treatments as mouse problems improved. She said there were plans to install new mesh grates or screens over the AC units later this summer or fall. LALD-A said the third floor memory care dining room cupboards were not used for anything and mice and ants were more active in spring. Review of a Service Summary Report from the pest control, dated November 14, 2024, indicated licensee staff reported mice on third and second floors running from heat registers. Required licensee actions included hole in exterior wall and AC grate needs to be re-attached and hole in wall sealed. Review of a Service Summary Report from the pest control, dated November 20, 2024, indicated the technician reviewed with LALD-A and maintenance staff the concern that AC unit vents needed 1/4 inch screening to exclude rodents from the building. Review of a Service Summary Report from the pest control, dated December 10, 2024, indicated the technician spoke with maintenance staff about open AC grates on the lower level of building. Required licensee actions included hole in exterior wall and AC grate needs to be re-attached and hole in wall sealed. Review of a Service Summary Report from the pest control, dated January 7, 2025, indicated multiple reports of mice sightings. The technician indicated he found a lot of food and	0 800			

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0 800	Continued From page 5 wrappers/tissues, shoved inside heat registers in third floor common area, which would contribute to the amount of mice activity seen. Required licensee actions included cleaning as needed to remove food residue under appliances, machinery and equipment (third floor heat registers). Review of a Service Summary Report from the pest control, dated May 2, 2025, indicated maintenance staff and log book entries reported activity in third floor memory care TV room. The technician found large holes in corners of a heat register in memory care TV room. He also found many pieces of food on the TV room floor, including an almost full granola bar sitting on window sill. Recommended to nursing staff to clean food debris when found. STAINED CARPET AND WALLS During an observation on May 6, 2025, at 1:15, the investigator found birdseed spilled on the floor next to the aviary on third floor. During an observation on May 6, 2025, at 1:19 p.m., the investigator observed in room 301 a dark red irregular-shaped stain on the carpet by the bathroom door. A family member said the stain was blood left from when the resident fell a few days earlier. No staff had come to deep clean the the carpet and LALD-A was aware of the stain. On May 6, 2025, at 1:34 p.m., the investigator observed a thick, dark brown stain on the carpet by a memory care medication cart. During an interview on May 6, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., ULP-D said third floor cleaning was neglected. ULPs do not help clean stains or spills and they	0 800			

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0 800	Continued From page 6 were supposed to clean biohazard body fluids or feces stains, but they leave them for the housekeeper to clean. ULP-D said she had found dried feces stains. The housekeeping cleaning schedule was: Monday, clean first floor Tuesday, clean 1/2 of second floor Wednesday, clean other 1/2 of second floor Thursday, clean 1/2 of third floor Friday, clean other 1/2 of third floor. During an interview on May 6, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., activity staff (AS)-E said she cleans the common areas on Mondays and Wednesdays in addition to her resident activities job. She and the housekeeper have asked LALD-A to hire another housekeeper, even part-time, but that has not happened. During an interview on May 6, 2025, at 3:20 p.m., LALD-A said the sticky floor in the dining room maybe from cleaning chemicals and they are considering using other products. The ULPs were supposed to clean the dining rooms and any body fluid spills or stains, not housekeeping. Maintenance cleans deep spills. The stained carpet in room 301 would have been cleaned today, but the maintenance staff member had a pre-planned day off. LALD-A said the shampoo machine was large and loud so they would have to move the resident to a different room for a few hours and the family did not want that. The licensee's Mission Statement indicated they strive to put the residents, tenants and families first with the intent to fulfill the community's need for health and housing in comfortable, well-equipped, pleasant home-like surroundings.	0 800			

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0 800	Continued From page 7 The Employee Handbook, undated indicated staff were to keep their work area neat, clean and organized. Report anything needing repair or replacement to your supervisor. TIME PERIOD TO CORRECT: SEVEN (7) DAYS	0 800			
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(s) reviewed (R1) was free from maltreatment. Findings include: The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) issued a determination maltreatment occurred, and an individual person was responsible for the maltreatment, in connection with incidents which occurred at the facility. Please refer to the public maltreatment report for details.	02360			