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AITKIN COUNTY ADULT PROTECTION PRIORITIZATION GUIDELINES

As directed by MN Statutes 626.557

Aitkin County Health and Human Services developed the following Adult Protection Prioritization Guidelines as required per MN Statute 626.557 Subd. 10b for use when Aitkin County Health and Human Services is the Lead Investigative Agency for Adult Protective Services and/or Emergency Protective Services in adult maltreatment reports received by Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC). The response will be with the intent to prevent further maltreatment and for safeguarding the welfare of the maltreated vulnerable adult, per MN Statute 626.557 Subd. 10a.

Reports will be screened using the current Department of Human Services Structured Decision Making Manual, and the SSIS Adult Protection Intake Assessment and Response Priority, and Adult Protection EPS Intake Assessment Screening decision tools. The Vulnerable Adult in the report must meet the criteria of a Vulnerable Adult per MN Statute 626.5572, Subd. 21, and at least one allegation must meet criteria per MN Statute 626.5572, Subd. 2, 9, and 17 for a report to be screened in for investigation. The Lead Agency will respond to MAARC reports received per the outcome of the SSIS Adult Protection Intake Assessment and Response Priority decision tool, and/or the Adult Protection EPS Intake Assessment Screening decision tool with the exceptions of the following screening override options:

1. Self-neglect can be resolved through case management or other current formal/informal services.
2. Abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation has stopped; risk of maltreatment reoccurrence is reduced and the adult's needs, health, and safety are met through services or supports.
3. Vulnerable Adult is no longer in the State of Minnesota at the time of the report.
4. Reports involving Neglect of one Vulnerable Adult to another Vulnerable Adult may be screened out if there is no benefit to the Vulnerable Adult for adult protective services. If the Vulnerable Adult(s) have case managers, this will be referred to case management to address through risk mitigation, education, and case planning.
5. Reports involving financial exploitation allegations may be screened out if the Vulnerable Adult is deceased at the time of the report, as the victim is no longer impacted.
6. If the Vulnerable Adult is incarcerated at the time of the incident/report. Jails are licensed by the Department of Corrections and reports received by the adult protection team for alleged victims who are incarcerated will be forwarded to the Sheriff's Department.
7. When the allegation is significantly similar in nature to one investigated within the past year, and the Vulnerable Adult meets categorical criteria and not functional criteria, and that investigation determined the Vulnerable Adult is making an informed decision, the report may be screened out.

References

Minnesota Statutes 626.557- <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/626.557>

Minnesota Adult Protection Policy and Procedure Manual- <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-6917-ENG>

Minnesota Adult Protection Structured Decision Making and Standardized Tools Guidelines and Procedures Manual- <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-6762A-ENG>

Department of Human Services Adult Protection Website- [Adult protection / Minnesota Department of Human Services \(mn.gov\)](https://www.dhs.gov/adult-protection)

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