



## Health and Human Services

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### **Beltrami County Health and Human Services Guidelines for Prioritizing Reports for Investigation As Directed by MN Statutes 626.557 Subd. 9b and Subd. 10b**

Beltrami County Health and Human Services developed the following Adult Protection Prioritization Guidelines as required per MN Statute 626.557 Subd. 10b for use when Beltrami County Health and Human Services is the Lead Investigative Agency for Adult Protection Services and/or Emergency Protective Services in adult maltreatment reports received by the 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 524.557 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 definition and 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 Investigative 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:

- An allegation of self-neglect can be resolved through case management or current services.
- Pursuant to Red Lake Nation Non-P.L. 280, Beltrami County Health and Human Services has no jurisdiction of persons who reside on and are members of the Red Lake Nation. Reports involving vulnerable adults who reside on the Red Lake Reservation will be referred to Red Lake Adult Protection.
- Vulnerable adult is deceased at the time the report is received.
- An investigation can be closed if the vulnerable adult dies through the course of an investigation shall criminal charges not be pursued and the maltreatment of other vulnerable adults or children is not likely to occur.
- Vulnerable adult is no longer in the state of Minnesota at the time of the report.
- Vulnerable adult is incarcerated at the time of the report.
- When there is no benefit to the vulnerable adult from adult protective services or investigation.
- Beltrami County may not investigate reports that involve maltreatment of one vulnerable adult towards another vulnerable adult.

- Beltrami County may not investigate reports in which the alleged perpetrator is a minor.
- Reports involving financial exploitation that do not result in deprivation of necessary food, clothing, shelter, or healthcare for the vulnerable adult, or involves financial loss less than \$500, may be screened out.
- When the vulnerable adult is in a safe environment at the time of the report being screened, and the vulnerable adult will likely remain there for the next 48-72 hours, the screening override may be applied to modify the response from 24 hours to 72 hours.
- Beltrami County Health and Human Services values a person's right to self-determination of medical care and treatment. Therefore, reports may not be investigated where the adult, who is not impaired in judgement or capacity by mental or emotional dysfunction, or undue influence, has clearly expressed their desires and decision for refusing medical treatment/medication and is able to articulate the potential consequences of their decision.
- Reports under Minnesota Department of Education investigative jurisdiction when adult protective services would not benefit the vulnerable adult student, or the determination will not protect other vulnerable children and adults through background study disqualification.
- Beltrami County Health and Human Services Adult Protection reserves the right to open adult protection reports to determine the vulnerability status of an individual alleged to be a vulnerable adult.

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