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CARVER COUNTY ADULT PROTECTION PRIORITIZATION GUIDELINES

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ADULT PROTECTION ETHICS AND GUIDING VALUES

- Actions taken by Adult Protective Services balance the duty to protect the safety and honor self-determination rights for a person who is vulnerable.
- Respect cultural values and treat people with care, honesty, equity, and respect while promoting safety, independence, and quality of life.
- Carver County utilizes a team approach in reviewing all MAARC reports.

MINNESOTA ADULT ABUSE REPORTING CENTER (MAARC)

Adult protection reports are made through the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC). To make an Adult Abuse report, call the toll-free number, **1-844-880-1574**. MAARC serves as the central entry point for all adult abuse reports in the state.

ADULT PROTECTION POLICY

As outlined in the Vulnerable Adult Act, adults who are vulnerable are defined as:

- **Categorical:** An adult who is a resident or inpatient of a facility, or who receives home and community-based services licensed by the MDH or DHS, or who receives personal care assistance (PCA) / community first services and supports (CFSS) from a person or organization that exclusively offers, provides, or arranges for PCA/ CFSS services under the medical assistance program (MN Statute 626.5572, Subd. 21[a] [1–3]).
- **Functional:** An adult who has impaired ability (mental, physical, or emotional) to provide adequately for his/her own necessary food, shelter, health care or supervision without assistance AND because of this condition has an impaired ability to protect themselves from maltreatment (MN Statute 626.5572, Subd. 21[a][4]).

Maltreatment allegations may be in one or more of the following areas:

- 1) Physical, emotional, or sexual abuse
- 2) Caregiver and/or self-neglect
- 3) Financial exploitation

To support statewide consistency, a standardized tool is utilized and required to determine which adults are accepted for Adult Protective Services.

CARVER COUNTY SPECIFIC AGENCY PRIORITIZATION GUIDELINES:

Reports may result in no Adult Protection assessment based on the agency specific prioritization reasons below.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- Self-neglect can be resolved, and the adult's health and safety addressed through case management.
- Abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation has stopped; risk of maltreatment reoccurrence is reduced, and the adult's needs, health, and safety are met independently or through services or supports.
- Adult is deceased at time of report.
- Adult is no longer in Minnesota.
- Adult is incarcerated.
- APS is unable to engage in assessment or service intervention at time of report.
- Alleged maltreatment will not be addressed by APS based on informed choice.
- APS lacks resources for assessment and other reports have a higher level of need/priority.
- APS receives duplicate report referencing the same alleged maltreatment and vulnerable adult.
- Existing agency prioritization guideline that does not match any above rationale and based on individualized reports received.

Legal Authority Document References:

MN Rule 9555

Vulnerable Adult Act (MN Statutes 626.557 - 626.5572)

MN DHS Adult Protection Manual