

APS Statement

I have been a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator for the past 5 years and have been employed by Americare Systems for those 5 years. As the administrator of Moran Manor in Moran, KS I had a family member that stopped paying her Aunt's resident liability. After many, many attempts to collect the money due to Moran Manor for her Aunt's care, which amounted to her social security check less \$62.00 each month, we contacted Adult Protective Services and reported suspected fiduciary abuse. While APS did investigate, no charges were ever filed and Moran Manor was left with approximately \$8,000 that had to be written off.

Most recently, as the administrator of North Point Skilled Nursing, I have had two separate families that have failed to use their loved ones funds to pay for their care. Adult Protective Services were called in on both occasions with reports of suspected fiduciary abuse and no action was taken in either case. The uncollected funds amount to \$45,000 and in one instance our only option is to file a lawsuit against the elder in attempt to collect at least a portion of the amount due. In all of these instances we are talking about elders that were admitted under the Medicaid program and the main source of income is their social security check. On the last occasion I had to call the APS hotline, I had to leave a voicemail message which was not promptly returned. After waiting 24 hours I was finally able to file my report on-line.

Long-term care providers and the elders we serve need better protections than they are afforded under the current APS system.

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