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Two Families Settle Lawsuits with ManorCare at South Holland for a Total of \$1.75M
Residents suffered bed sores as a result of understaffing and nursing home neglect

CHICAGO, September 27, 2011 – [Chicago nursing home attorneys](#) with Levin & Perconti announced two large nursing home negligence settlements with ManorCare Health Services - South Holland (2145 East 170th Street South Holland, IL). The first settlement for \$1 million was approved earlier this month. The second settlement was approved last week for \$750,000. Steven M. Levin, Margaret P. Battersby Black, and Tina Dave represented the victims' families in the settlements.

"In both cases, our elderly clients developed terrible [pressure sores](#) because staff at the facility failed to provide adequate care," said Steve Levin. "This negligence caused our clients' conditions to deteriorate and forced them to endure significant pain in their final years."

"The victims' families filed lawsuits to draw attention to the problems at ManorCare South Holland, with the hopes of preventing this from happening to future residents," said Levin. "Our clients' cases illustrate that there were serious systemic issues at the facility."

"During our investigation, a former wound care nurse testified that during the time of our client's admission, the facility was understaffed and unable to provide adequate care to residents. If staff complained or raised concerns with the Illinois Department of Public Health, they were reprimanded by their superiors," noted Levin. "Due to insufficient staffing, the nursing staff could not deliver proper care to residents. The wound care nurse testified to witnessing many residents lying in their own urine or feces, and residents with pressure sores not being turned or repositioned."

The [\\$1 million nursing home neglect settlement](#) was obtained by the family of an 80-year-old resident who entered the facility on January 2, 2007. During her five month stay, she developed multiple infected stage IV bed sores which contributed to cause her death on December 31, 2008, nearly two years after she was first admitted to the facility. The victim's family filed a lawsuit in November 2008 in the Circuit Court of Cook County, alleging that in addition to failing to prevent or properly treat the decedent's bed sores, the staff caring for her engaged in false charting, drug abuse and negligent hiring.

The \$750,000 settlement was reached for the family of an 82-year-old woman who resided at ManorCare at South Holland for six weeks in the fall of 2007. She entered the nursing home for rehabilitation purposes and was expected to return home. However, during her admission, she developed a deep bed sore that required surgery and took over two years to heal. She also

became malnourished and immobile. After six weeks, the victim's family moved her out of the facility, but she was unable to ever fully recover from her injuries caused by neglect at the South Holland facility. Her family filed the lawsuit in March 2009 in the Circuit Court of Cook County, alleging that the victim's rapid deterioration was a result of the insufficient care and treatment rendered by ManorCare staff.

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