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Rosewood Care Center of Alton named in Madison County suit

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A mother accuses the staff at an Alton long term care facility of causing serious injuries to her disabled daughter.

Barbara Morrissey McGrew, as next friend of Therese Morrissey, filed the complaint Oct. 5 in Madison County Circuit Court against Michael Brady, Claims Administration Services LLC and Midwest Administrative Services Inc. Larry Vandermaten, Darrell Hoefling, Alton Real Estate Inc. and Rosewood Care Center Holding Company Inc. are also named as defendants.

McGrew says her daughter is physically disabled with short-term memory loss and cognitive deficiencies that kept her from being able to care for herself. She says Morrissey lived at Rosewood Care Center, an Alton long-term care facility.

McGrew says Rosewood Care Center received Medicaid payments to cover the care provided by employees of the Humbert Road convalescent center. In October 2009, while in Rosewood's care, McGrew says Morrissey was severely injured when a nurse allegedly improperly inserted the patient's feeding tube.

McGrew says the improper insertion of the feeding tube caused Morrissey to develop a serious infection that was not immediately recognized or treated. She says her daughter eventually had to be moved to a hospital for treatment, some of which needed to be performed in an intensive care unit because of the severity. McGrew says Morrissey required substantial medical treatment and prolonged hospital stays.

McGrew accuses all seven defendants of violating the Illinois Nursing Home Care Act for failing to provide proper care to her daughter, failing to adequately monitor the patient and diagnose any potential medical problems. She says Rosewood Care Center, its owners and managers are each liable for failing to properly train staff and ensure that patients are receiving necessary care. She says the facility and staff is also liable for failing to inform her of changes in her daughter's health after the infection developed.

McGrew is asking to be paid more than \$50,000 by each defendant in damages to compensate for medical expenses, emotional distress, pain and suffering.

Michael F. Bonamarte of Levin & Perconti in Chicago is representing McGrew. They demand a trial by jury.

Madison County Circuit Court Case No. 11-L-1020



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