Home Health: MS Patient's Care Plan Not Adequate.

A fifty-one year-old home health client had been disabled by MS and confined to a wheelchair since twenty-one years of age.

She developed pressure sores, with MRSA involvement, apparently because she stayed in her wheelchair all day long and her care plan did not call for her home health worker to get her out of her chair on a regular basis to assess her skin integrity.

Her lawsuit, filed in the Superior Court, King County, Washington, settled for \$600,000. <u>Leonard v. City of Seattle &</u> <u>Millennia Healthcare, Inc.</u>, 2008 WL 5573244 (Sup. Ct. King Co., Washington, October 28, 2008).

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