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From: Lisa Kotz <kittiewompus@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 11:48 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
Subject: Re: Customer number: 203586 Bill # 1640446

Thank you Mai. Can you also please add this below?

Here is further information regarding occupancy at her home that the hearing officer may find helpful:

My mom is going to be 80 years old next month. I believe she contracted Covid in early March of 2020 prior to the ability to test for it. Her employer is Hudson Group at Minneapolis St. Paul Airport and she is a retail sales associate. She, along with most all retail associates, was put on a leave of absence. In October 2020, because she had the most longevity there at almost 20 years, she was called back to work however her role functions changed to include providing breaks to employees in other stores. This required significantly more walking between their many stores. This exacerbated her back and hip conditions. She tried treating the painful conditions through doctors with cortisone shots and attempted to get rides in the carts at the airport to minimize walking. The airport decided that cart rides would not be allowed for store employees, only airline customers. We worked to find her a personal electric cart to use but the timing was not in our favor as her conditions worsened. Her primary doctor retired and she was lost in our healthcare system.

I took up assisting her with appointments in mid-January 2021. She went from walking with assistance from cane periodically to requiring a walker by the end of February after an aggressive physical therapy appointment. The hip doctor then believed that her back took priority now over her hip to be treated first. Vaccines for Covid were just becoming available in early March 2021. She was not informed that taking the vaccine would delay cortisone treatment methods as a first course of action for her back pain. The back doctor she was referred to was new to the field and a physician's assistant. The PA ordered incorrect medical codes for my mom's MRI (did you know that they bill the back in four sections for insurance purposes?). Her condition was so painful she could not take a closed MRI. In mid-March we were at St. Paul Radiology for an open MRI and it was so painful she could not straighten her leg. She was able to get a CRT scan with the assistance of an angel at St. Paul Radiology as she was able to get us the order changed. In the meantime, due to the delays and concerns regarding that medical provider for her back, we moved to Midwest Spine and Brain to consult with a surgeon there.

Upon seeing Dr. Jackman, he suggested we try cortisone shots for her back; however we had to delay until after her 2nd dose of the Covid vaccine in early April.

After getting the cortisone shots there was a waiting period of a few weeks however it didn't alleviate the pain she was experiencing. It was determined that she was a good candidate for back surgery and planning began to schedule out her surgery. We were unable to get a surgical date for her surgery until July 2, 2021.

After surgery she went to transitional care for 20 days and then stayed with my brother for her recovery. As she healed from the surgery, it became more and more apparent that her hip surgery would need to be next for her care plan to improve her ability to walk independently. Covid again delayed her care. We were told late October/early November that all elective surgeries were being canceled and she would have to fall and break her hip to get it repaired. So, we waited.

Finally on February 22, 2022 we were able to get her in for hip surgery. She has been recovering at my house and attending physical therapy 2x week. She attended the Horse Expo at the Fairgrounds last Saturday and stood for a hymn at church on Sunday holding her own book. She has been able to be in the house for short periods of time and plans to be fully moved in upon completion of her physical therapy. We realized that grab bars and other accommodations may need to be made for her safety. My mom works hard and is still currently on a leave of absence from work. She would very much like to be back in her home full time but for now we are there for short periods. For now we take care of her biggest asset that took her a lifetime to build while she heals. During this time, she/we have kept the house secure, heat and water on, phone service, and checked up on it multiple times a week.

While written from my point of view, I reviewed this submission with my mom and she agrees with the facts and timeline.

Thank you,
Lisa Anderson

On Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 10:50 AM *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings <LegislativeHearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Thanks. it will be attached to file for tomorrow's hearing.

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Good morning,

I am following up with you on the letter sent to my mother regarding a Vacant Building registration notice for her home located at 1425 7th Street East and am providing documentation for her appeal.

Here are pictures of the home and property from December 26, 2021. At that time we identified that there are fence posts that have rotted at the base and are broken. Since these photos the fence has fallen in the front area west of the house and continues to tip over with the wind when we prop it back up.

The ground is frozen and our spring continues to be a challenge as the frost has still not come out of the ground for us to repair the fence. We have eight new panels and posts in the garage and are waiting on the weather to complete repair. We also plan to do some painting and removal of the front porch to convert it to steps.

Thank you,

Lisa Anderson