



Risk Factors for Elder Abuse and Neglect

Risk Factors	Member	Caregiver
	Check if Present	Check if Present
Individual Level		
Current diagnosis of mental illness		
Current abuse of alcohol		
High levels of hostility		
Poor or inadequate preparation or training for caregiving responsibilities		
Inadequate coping skills		
Exposure to abuse as a child		
Relationship Level		
High financial and emotional dependence upon a vulnerable elder		
Past experience of disruptive behavior		
Lack of social support		
Lack of formal support		
Community Level		
Formal services, such as respite care for those providing care to elders, are limited, inaccessible or unavailable		
Societal Level		
There is a high tolerance and acceptance of aggressive behavior		
Health care personnel, guardians and other agents are given greater freedom in routine care provision and decision making		
Family members are expected to care for elders without seeking help from others		
Persons are encouraged to endure suffering or remain silent regarding their pains		
There are negative beliefs about aging and elders		

If a WellCare member or caregiver has any of these risk factors, it would be prudent to investigate further. Please call WellCare at **1-888-453-2534** and ask for the Care Management department to coordinate efforts with a care manager. (See also: WellCare Policy and Procedure for Abuse and Neglect in the Aged).

Reference: CDC, 5/1/2015, www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/elderabuse/riskprotectivefactors.html

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