

Hospital, nursing home face \$6M suit

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JOHNSTOWN - A Gloversville woman last week filed a \$6 million medical malpractice lawsuit against the Nathan Littauer Hospital Association and the Fulton Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare.

Court papers filed in state Supreme Court in Johnstown on Sept. 15 indicated Sharon Young - as power of attorney on behalf of her acquaintance, Richard D. Boyd - is suing the hospital and nursing home.

Attorney Sean J. Doolan of Windham, Greene County -representing the plaintiffs - said Wednesday that Boyd had a right hip pressure sore, or bedsore, that required surgery. Bedsores are injuries to skin and underlying tissue resulting from prolonged pressure from lying in the same position.

"We do believe the source was the hospital," Doolan said.

According to the lawsuit, both Nathan Littauer Hospital at 99 E. Fulton St., Gloversville, and the Fulton Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare, at 847 County Highway 122, town of Johnstown, had an obligation to take care of its patients in a safe manner. Court papers said Boyd was a patient of the facilities between April 20, 2012, and July 18, 2013, at which time he "was caused to sustain serious and permanent injuries."

"Richard D. Boyd has sustained great pain, agony, injury, suffering, disability and hospitalization as well as mental and emotional anguish and distress," the lawsuit stated.

The lawsuit adds the patient suffered "serious injury" due to the negligence of the health care facilities, and Boyd was left with permanent injuries.

The total amount sought through state Supreme Court action is \$6 million. The first cause of action seeks \$2 million for alleged negligence. The second cause of action seeks \$2 million for alleged violation of state Public Health Law. The third cause of action seeks \$2 million for alleged medical malpractice.

The now-private Fulton Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare was formerly run for decades by county government until the county sold the nursing home to Bronx-based Centers for Specialty Care in March 2012.

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