

Vignette

Mr. G is 64-years-old; he lives with his wife Mrs. G, 59-years-old. They've lived in the same house for 30 years; and raised their only son there. He is now an adult and lives out of state. The G's retired on disability. Besides a disability check, they receive Medicaid and home delivered meals.

Last week the meal delivery person noticed that their home was extremely dirty—empty liquor bottles and bills mixed littered the rooms. Most visits the delivery person found Mr. G. in front of the TV with an open bottle of scotch on the table next to him.

Mrs. G recently fell while showering and is receiving a home health aid twice a week. The home health aid told the meal delivery person, “every time I come to see the G's, they smell like a distillery.” The home delivery worker talked with her supervisor about the G's situation. The supervisor made a referral to PSA.

1. Analyze and outline the issues in this case?
2. How would you conduct your first visit?
3. Would you feel comfortable making an evaluation/assessment?
4. If you were you assigned this case, what other helping profession might you involve?