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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 035095	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 11/19/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Desert Cove Nursing Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1750 West Frye Road Chandler, AZ 85224	
For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.			
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F 0600 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on clinical record review, facility documents, staff interviews and facility policy, the facility failed to ensure that 2 residents (#6, 66) were not abused. Findings include:--Regarding the incident between resident #100 and resident #66 -Resident #100 was admitted on [DATE], with diagnoses of Major Depressive Disorder, and Hemiplegia and Hemiparesis following cerebral infarction affecting the right dominant side. A quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE], included that this resident had moderately impaired cognition and that the resident used a wheelchair. A care plan dated January 4, 2024, included that resident #100 has impaired cognitive ability with impaired insight and poor recall. Interventions included to cue, reorient, and supervise. A Health Status Note dated March 19, 2024, included that resident #100 was witnessed by a CNA to be pulling on another resident's shirt as the other resident was propelling herself in her wheelchair by this resident. This note included that the other resident yelled, and the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) intervened, and this resident let go of the other resident's shirt. A Health Status Note dated April 1, 2024, included that resident #100 was in the dining room and was witnessed propelling herself towards another resident in an aggressive manner staff stopped her and redirected her back to where her lunch was. A Health Status Note dated April 10, 2024, included that at 1210pm, resident #100 was being pushed in her wheelchair by a kitchen aide, and she stated that resident #100 reached to her left and grabbed the left upper arm of another resident in the middle of the 100 hallway and pinched the other resident's arm. This note included that the Kitchen staff member said it was completely unprovoked and that the other resident was not even looking in this resident's direction prior to this occurring. The Kitchen aide stated that resident #100 quickly pinched her arm and let go, and the other resident touched her own upper arm discoloration with scratch marks noted immediately after the incident. This note included that the Kitchen aide asked in Spanish why she grabbed the other resident's arm, and resident #100 said because she is telling lies and saying they are a couple. Resident #100 took herself to her room, and resident #66 went into the dayroom. This note included that a complete body assessment was done for both residents and that family, staff, the physician, and the police were notified. -Resident #66 was admitted on [DATE], with diagnoses of Major Depressive Disorder and dementia. A quarterly MDS dated [DATE], included that this resident was severely cognitively impaired and had episodes of inattention and wandering. This document included that this resident used a wheelchair. A care plan dated June 17, 2023, included that this resident has impaired cognitive ability and/or impaired thought processes related to Alzheimer's dementia. This document included an intervention to cue, reorient, and supervise as needed. An event note dated April 10, 2024 included that at approximately 12:10 PM a dietary aide reported to the nurse that as she was pushing resident #100 in her wheelchair in the hallway toward the nurse's station, when resident #66 was propelling herself the opposite way, and the resident she was pushing reached out and grabbed the left upper arm of resident #66 but immediately let go. This note included that resident #66's left upper arm was checked by the nurse and that she is noted to have 3 discolored purple and red areas on her left upper arm. This note included that resident #66's family and physician were called. A skin check dated April 10, 2024, (continued on next page)		

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	(X6) DATE
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