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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Desert Peak Care Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 8825 South 7th Street Phoenix, AZ 85042	
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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 documentation, and staff interviews, the facility failed to ensure that residents are free from abuse from another resident (Residents #3 and #5). The universe was 144, and the sample size was 3. The deficient practice could lead to further instances of resident-to-resident altercations, thereby promoting an unsafe environment. Findings include: -Regarding Resident #3: Resident #3 was admitted on [DATE], with diagnosis that included bipolar disorder, current episode mixed, moderate; depression, unspecified; post-traumatic stress disorder, unspecified; unspecified convulsions; borderline personality disorder; and antiphospholipid syndrome. An MDS (Minimum Data Set) assessment dated [DATE], revealed a BIMS (Brief Interview for Mental Status) score of 15, indicating intact cognition at the time of the assessment. A skin assessment conducted on September 18, 2025, revealed no evidence of skin issues or injuries. A review of a progress note dated September 19, 2025, revealed that at 9:49 AM, an Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON/Staff #23) was notified of a resident-to-resident altercation. The progress note revealed that there were no alterations to Resident #3's skin, and the resident remained alert and oriented times 4, indicating they are alert and can accurately state their person (name), place (current location), time (date and time), and situation (reason for being there). The progress note also indicated that Resident #3 felt safe with no further concerns at that time. The progress note revealed that Resident #3 had followed up with the psychiatric provider, and the Nurse Practitioner (NP) was notified. A subsequent progress note dated September 19, 2025, revealed that at 10:15 AM, Resident #3 met with their psychiatric provider. Resident #3 denied any psychological or psychosocial disturbances from the alleged altercation, and the provider determined that there were no recommendations to change Resident #3's care. A review of another progress note, dated September 22, 2025, revealed that at 3:02 PM, an ADON (Staff #34) documented an incident investigation was conducted between Residents #3 and #5 on September 18, 2025. The progress note revealed that Resident #3 returned to the unit from the business office with a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) escort. The CNA escort returned with three pieces of candy for Resident #5 and then proceeded to chat with them. Resident #3 interrupted the conversation, and Resident #5 threw the three pieces of candy at Resident #3. Resident #3 had positioned herself in front of Resident #5, which led Resident #5 to slap Resident #3; Resident #3 then returned the slap to Resident #5. The progress note also revealed that Residents #3 and #5 were separated immediately. Resident #3 had been provided education regarding confrontations when met with aggression from other residents, and a skin assessment had been completed following the incident, with no evidence of injuries. -Regarding Resident #5: Resident #5 was admitted on [DATE], with the diagnosis that included type 2 diabetes with mellitus with unspecific complications; personality disorder, unspecific; cerebrovascular disease, unspecific; anxiety disorder due to known physiological condition; and chronic kidney disease. An MDS (Minimum Data Set) assessment on August 5, 2025, revealed a BIMS score of 6, indicating that the resident had severe cognitive impairment, further noting that Resident #5 had significant problems with thinking and memory. A review of a progress note dated September 18, 2025, revealed that Resident #5 transferred to a new unit. A review of a room change form dated (continued on next page)		

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F 0607 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Develop and implement policies and procedures to prevent abuse, neglect, and theft. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on staff interviews, facility documentation, and a policy review, the facility failed to implement its abuse policy by not reporting an allegation of abuse involving two residents (#5 and #10) to the State Agency. The deficient practice could result in further incidents of abuse. Findings include: Regarding resident #5 Resident #5 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with diagnoses of bipolar disorder, current episode mixed, moderate, depression, unspecified, post-traumatic stress disorder, unspecified, borderline personality disorder, anxiety disorder, unspecified, nicotine dependence, cigarettes, uncomplicated, panic disorder [episodic paroxysmal anxiety]. Review of the care plan, date-initiated August 20, 2024, revealed a focus for PTSD and behavior problems related to bipolar disorder, depression, PTSD and borderline personality disorder. Interventions included administration of medication as ordered, care in pairs, and intervene as necessary to protect the rights and safety of others. Review of Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE], revealed a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 13, indicating the resident's cognition is intact. Further review of the MDS revealed no indicators for mood or behaviors. Review of the behavior charting dated October 13, 2025, for detailed behaviors revealed the following documentation: Patient is getting increasingly annoyed with another patient's vulgar language. The patient states she is nearing the point of 'doing something.' Review of the progress note documentation dated October 24, 2025, states, Patient switched rooms and unit. Patient was on Sunset, but moved to [NAME]. Patient was comfortable with the switch and is looking forward to making new friends and having a fresh start on the new unit. Patient is alert and oriented x4, received her 1400 medications, and medications were sent over to the nurse on [NAME]. Narcotic sheets were given to [NAME] nurse. Regarding resident #10 Resident #10 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with a diagnosis including bipolar disorder, unspecified, anxiety disorder, unspecified, other chronic osteomyelitis, unspecified site. A review of the MDS dated [DATE], revealed a BIMS score of 13, indicating that the resident's cognition is intact. Further review of the MDS revealed no indicators for mood, verbal behavioral symptoms directed towards others, e.g., threatening others, screaming at others, cursing at others, and rejection of care. Review of the care plan, date-initiated September 27, 2025, revealed a focus on behavior problems related to bipolar disorder with aggressive behaviors. Interventions include care in pairs, intervening as necessary to protect the rights and safety of others. Review of the behavior care plan dated September 30, 2025, revealed past behaviors for physical aggression, threatening, leaving facilities against medical advice (AMA), mood swings, and false accusations. Current behaviors include anxiety, agitation, intrusiveness, cursing, and abrasive tone. An interview was conducted on October 28, 2025, at 9:34 am with resident #5. The resident was interviewed alone and in private in her room. Resident #5 stated she has resided at the facility for over a year. Resident #5 stated she had previously resided in another unit for approximately 5-6 months and that they have a smoking patio on the unit. Resident #5 stated she had been harassed by resident #10 numerous times. Resident #5 stated on October 15, 2025, he got into it with me during smoke break; he called me a w**** and that I have two p***** one in my mouth and one in my private parts and I should have pe***** put in them to shut me up. Resident #5 stated Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN/staff #16) and a certified nursing assistant (CNA/staff # 20) were both on the patio. Resident #5 stated that staff #16 called the assistant director of nursing Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON/staff #34) to the unit to get the situation under control and then spoke to resident #10 about it. Resident #10 stated that Resident #5 sexually harasses the female staff. Resident #5 stated that was the only time he called me those nasty names, but that he does call her a psych patient and makes fun of her blindness. Resident #5 stated, They did not take me seriously until I filed a report with the police for sexual harassment for them to move me. I spoke to the police, and they said it did not meet the criteria for an injunction for harassment, but I was granted an order for protection. Resident #5 stated she asked the staff to move her out of the (continued on next page)		

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F 0609 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Timely report suspected abuse, neglect, or theft and report the results of the investigation to proper authorities. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on clinical record review, interviews, and policy and procedures, the facility failed to ensure that an allegation of verbal abuse, for one resident (#5), was reported to the State Survey Agency within the required timeframe. Findings include: Regarding resident #5 Resident #5 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with diagnoses of bipolar disorder, current episode mixed, moderate, depression, unspecified, post-traumatic stress disorder, unspecified, borderline personality disorder, anxiety disorder, unspecified, nicotine dependence, cigarettes, uncomplicated, panic disorder [episodic paroxysmal anxiety]. Review of the care plan, date-initiated August 20, 2024, revealed a focus for PTSD and behavior problems related to bipolar disorder, depression, PTSD and borderline personality disorder. Interventions included administration of medication as ordered, care in pairs, and intervene as necessary to protect the rights and safety of others. Review of Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE], revealed a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 13, indicating the resident's cognition is intact. Further review of the MDS revealed no indicators for mood or behaviors. Review of the behavior charting dated October 13, 2025, for detailed behaviors revealed the following documentation: Patient is getting increasingly annoyed with another patient's vulgar language. The patient states she is nearing the point of 'doing something.' Review of the progress note documentation dated October 24, 2025, states, Patient switched rooms and unit. Patient was on Sunset, but moved to [NAME]. Patient was comfortable with the switch and is looking forward to making new friends and having a fresh start on the new unit. Patient is alert and oriented x4, received her 1400 medications, and medications were sent over to the nurse on [NAME]. Narcotic sheets were given to [NAME] nurse. Regarding resident #10 Resident #10 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with a diagnosis including bipolar disorder, unspecified, anxiety disorder, unspecified, other chronic osteomyelitis, unspecified site. A review of the MDS dated [DATE], revealed a BIMS score of 13, indicating that the resident's cognition is intact. Further review of the MDS revealed no indicators for mood, verbal behavioral symptoms directed towards others, e.g., threatening others, screaming at others, cursing at others, and rejection of care. Review of the care plan, date-initiated September 27, 2025, revealed a focus on behavior problems related to bipolar disorder with aggressive behaviors. Interventions include care in pairs, intervening as necessary to protect the rights and safety of others. Review of the behavior care plan dated September 30, 2025, revealed past behaviors for physical aggression, threatening, leaving facilities against medical advice (AMA), mood swings, and false accusations. Current behaviors include anxiety, agitation, intrusiveness, cursing, and abrasive tone. An interview was conducted on October 28, 2025, at 9:34 am with resident #5. The resident was interviewed alone and in private in her room. Resident #5 stated she has resided at the facility for over a year. Resident #5 stated she had previously resided in another unit for approximately 5-6 months and that they have a smoking patio on the unit. Resident #5 stated she had been harassed by resident #10 numerous times. Resident #5 stated on October 15, 2025, he got into it with me during smoke break; he called me a w**** and that I have two p***** one in my mouth and one in my private parts and I should have pe***** put in them to shut me up. Resident #5 stated Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN/staff #16) and a certified nursing assistant (CNA/staff # 20) were both on the patio. Resident #5 stated that staff #16 called the assistant director of nursing Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON/staff #34) to the unit to get the situation under control and then spoke to resident #10 about it. Resident #10 stated that Resident #5 sexually harasses the female staff. Resident #5 stated that was the only time he called me those nasty names, but that he does call her a psych patient and makes fun of her blindness. Resident #5 stated, They did not take me seriously until I filed a report with the police for sexual harassment for them to move me. I spoke to the police, and they said it did not meet the criteria for an injunction for harassment, but I was granted an order for protection. (continued on next page)		

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Staff #20 stated that they have worked for the facility for over a year and have been working in the behavior unit since March 2025. They provided details regarding their job responsibilities, which include: responding to call lights, watching for all types of behaviors, making sure there are no resident-on-resident altercations, and looking out for resident safety. Staff #20 stated they were working on the evening shift on the date of the alleged altercation between residents #5 and #10. Staff #20 stated resident #20 has good moods and moods that can be off- and easily agitated with noises and screaming, she can get bothered, but has never had any issues with her. Staff #20 stated that resident #10 has been on the behavior unit for approximately one month. Staff #20 stated resident #10 can be boisterous, very demanding, strong with his words, and a little scary with his words that have me a little afraid. he [resident #10] likes to put fear into the CNAs with threats of calling the state on them; he speaks very aggressively. Regarding the alleged incident, Staff #20 stated residents #5 and #10 were passing words back and forth. Staff #20 stated resident #10 was using curse words directed at resident #5 about the other receiving deliveries of food and from Amazon. Staff #20 stated they kept arguing about packages. Staff #20 stated she asked them to stop, but they kept accusing each other about resident #10 having food delivered and resident #10 accusing resident #5 of having Amazon deliveries. Staff #20 stated that resident #10 was using the curse words m^****f*****, a**h***, and words used regarding resident #5 vagina, but did not hear any threats of sexual abuse or insertion of male genitalia. Staff #20 stated once they came back in from the patio, both residents #5 and #10 were sent to their rooms, but they continued to argue with each other, refusing to go into their rooms and separate from out in the hallway. Staff #2 stated that resident #5 finally agreed to go into her room. Staff #20 stated later that evening, there were no further disagreements. Resident #5 stayed in her room until the smoke break at 7:00p. Nothing was reported during that smoke break between them. An interview was conducted on October 28, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. with a social services assistant (Staff #22). Staff #22 stated they have worked for the facility since December 2023 and are responsible for two behavior units. Staff #22 stated their job responsibilities include: shopping for the residents, applying for ALTCS, attending care conferences, and assisting with any resources that the residents may need. Staff #22 stated that resident #10 is young, likes to order a lot of things, has made accusations about other residents, has pseudo seizures, and exhibits attention-seeking behaviors. Staff #22 stated that resident #10 has been with the facility for approximately 2 months. Staff #22 stated his behaviors include accusing staff of not caring for him, and will pick and choose who he wants to pick on, will call the state agency and make accusations, and requires a lot of redirection. Staff #22 stated his behavior towards other residents can be aggressive, by yelling at them in a high tone, speaking to them very aggressively. Staff #22 stated his use of inappropriate language is directed towards staff, but has not been observed, nor has it been reported that he has used any inappropriate language towards other residents. Staff #22 stated she was informed that there was an incident between residents #5 and #10 during the smoke break, and the inability to place orders. Staff #22 further stated that resident #5 made an accusation regarding resident #10 and was moved to another unit after she had filed a protective order for resident #10. Staff #22 stated there were no prior concerns and that they appeared to be friendly with one another. An interview was conducted on October 28, 2025, at 11:53 a.m. with the Social Services Director (Staff #24). Staff #24 stated he has been with the facility for one year and that his job responsibilities include advocating for the resident, (continued on next page)		

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