

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 065100	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/03/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Rock Canyon Respiratory and Rehabilitation Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 2515 Pitman Pl Pueblo, CO 81004	

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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 47536</p> <p>Based on record review and interviews, the facility failed to ensure one (#1) of one resident was free from mental anguish out of three sample residents.</p> <p>Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] for long term care with a diagnosis of diagnoses included developmental disabilities, dementia, depression, anxiety, schizophrenia (mental illness), myocardial infarction (heart attack), nicotine dependence, hypertension (high blood pressure), coronary heart disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary (lung) disease (COPD).</p> <p>On 12/7/24, the facility staff noticed Resident #1 had a pipe used to smoke methamphetamines. The nursing home administrator (NHA) approached Resident #1 in order to find out where the resident was purchasing the drugs. The NHA asked Resident #1 if he could observe the resident purchase drugs to determine who was selling the drugs within the facility. Resident #1 told the NHA that he did not have any money. The NHA provided Resident #1 with \$20 to purchase methamphetamines, so he could determine who was selling the drugs.</p> <p>The NHA watched Resident #1 approach Resident #2 and purchase methamphetamines. The NHA confiscated the drugs and the pipe from Resident #1. The NHA notified the police of the incident. Resident #1 suffered mental anguish from the drug buying incident the NHA arranged. Resident #1 reported he felt he needed to purchase the drugs to prove to the NHA that he was not a drug dealer. Resident #1 said he was afraid and the incident made him feel uncomfortable. Resident #1 said he was staying in his room longer as he was afraid he was going to get kicked out of the facility or arrested.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>I. Facility policy and procedure</p> <p>The Abuse Prevention and Reporting policy, revised August 2024, was provided by the director of nursing (DON) on 4/3/25 at 4:57 p.m. It read in pertinent part,</p> <p>Residents will be free from verbal abuse, physical abuse, mental abuse, neglect, and exploitation.</p> <p>Residents will not be subjected to abuse by anyone, including but not limited to, facility staff, other residents, or other individuals.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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.

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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>All allegations of abuse are investigated.</p> <p>All reported incidents of alleged abuse are immediately investigated and reported per state law and in accordance with the Elder Justice Act.</p> <p>Any staff member who has reasonable cause to believe or reason to suspect abuse will immediately report to the charge nurse. The staff member will intervene to ensure the resident is safe during the investigation.</p> <p>The staff member will notify the administrator or designee immediately. The staff member will report suspicion of a crime against a resident.</p> <p>Social services will provide ongoing support and counseling to the resident and other residents as needed.</p> <p>The administrator will complete the investigation and implement corrective action based on the investigation findings.</p> <p>II. Resident #1</p> <p>A. Resident status</p> <p>Resident #1, age less than 65, was admitted on [DATE]. According to the April 2025 computerized physician's orders (CPO), diagnoses included developmental disabilities, dementia, depression, anxiety, schizophrenia , myocardial infarction , nicotine dependence, hypertension , coronary heart disease and COPD.</p> <p>The 1/3/25 minimum data set (MDS) assessment revealed the resident had moderate cognitive impairments with a brief interview for mental status (BIMS) score of 12 out of 15. The resident was independent with activities of daily living.</p> <p>B. Resident interview</p> <p>Resident #1 was interviewed on 4/3/25 at 2:15 p.m. Resident #1 said the nursing home administrator (NHA) approached him and said a staff member saw him outside the facility with a pipe used for drugs. Resident #1 said he told the NHA the pipe was not his. Resident #1 said he told the NHA that another resident, Resident #2, sold drugs from inside the facility. Resident #1 said the NHA wanted to know which resident sold the drugs. Resident #1 said when he told the NHA, the NHA asked him if he would return and buy drugs from Resident #2. Resident #1 said he told the NHA that he did not have any money to buy drugs. Resident #1 said the NHA called him a drug user and drug dealer. Resident #1 said the NHA said he would provide him with money to purchase the drugs from Resident #2. Resident #1 said the NHA wanted to watch Resident #2 purchase drugs. Resident #1 said he agreed to the deal to prove to the NHA he was not a drug dealer.</p> <p>Resident #1 said the NHA gave him two ten-dollar bills and they went to Resident 2's room. Resident #1 said he entered Resident #2's room and purchased the drugs. Resident #1 said he was unaware when the NHA entered the room and said the NHA took the drugs.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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