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Reflection #2

Mrs. Monica Morgan, an 82-year-old woman, and mother of 6 who lived independently in Alabama, health started to decline. She has high blood pressure, along with other physical complications. Mrs. Morgan spends copious hours lying in bed. Her children could not figure out why her behavior changed. A friend of the family visited Mrs. Morgan, and she told her friend that she was feeling sorry for herself. The problem was ongoing, so Mrs. Morgan's oldest son visited her and got her out of bed shortly after she passed out. Mrs. Morgan got to the hospital, and it was discovered that she was bleeding from the stomach. The doctors believe that it is because Mrs. Morgan was not correctly taking one of her medications, which started the bleeding in her stomach. After the emergency hospitalization, Mrs. Morgan's daughter "insisted that she come and live with her because she could not properly manage her medications." This move caused Mrs. Morgan to become resentful. Mrs. Morgan became abusive and verbally attacked her daughter and son-in-law for moving her from her home. The three models that I choose are The medical model, the crisis model, and the deviance model. The medical model is being applied to this situation because Mrs. Morgan is at the point where she might be viewed as helpless because of her age and the mistakes made when she administered her medications. Physically she is unable to care for herself without the help of others. The crisis model is applied because if Mrs. Morgan's son did not visit his mom, she would have bled out and died. This trauma is the reason why Mrs. Morgan was moved out of her home and into her daughters. If

Mrs. Morgan were placed in a nursing home, her family would have to pay for going there, so I believe that her daughter should be compensated for taking care of her mom. The deviance model applies to Mrs. Morgan because of the behavior; she needs to be psychologically evaluated to understand her behavior's nature better.

The ideology of the approach is to show Mrs. Morgan that there is still hope. By placing her into a caregiving atmosphere. Mrs. Morgan might be blaming her children for her unhappiness but that is not the case. Mrs. Morgan's health was declining and moving in with her daughter could help her psychically, however her mental health must not be ignored.

The helper in the case is the hospital that Mrs. Morgan's son brought her. After evaluating Mrs. Morgan, the doctors were able to detect what caused Mrs. Morgan to pass out. For the crisis model, the crisis manager is the helper. Mrs. Morgan's daughter may be classified as the helper because she is the one who is caring for Mrs. Morgan. The deviance model helper is the correctional agent. With the recent change in Mrs. Morgan's behavior, she may need to speak to someone other than her daughter at this point. I would recommend that she talks to a social worker, a counselor, or a psychiatrist to see why Mrs. Morgan is verbally abusing her family.

The recipient of the medical model will be Mrs. Morgan. She is the one who went through traumatic producers that could have taken her life if it was not caught. Also, because Mrs. Morgan was uprooted from her familiar environment to her daughter's home, she might believe that she should be given sympathy because of all that she has been through. The crisis model recipient is the crisis victim. In this case, it is the daughter and her family. Mrs. Morgan is verbally abusing the family. Mrs. Morgan's behavior has become troublesome for the family, and they only want to care for her the best way they know. The deviance model recipient is the

deviant. The deviant will be Mrs. Morgan because of her behavior and attitude towards her family.

The profession or discipline that needs to occur is Mrs. Morgan needs to have a chat with a social worker or psychiatry to get to the root cause of Mrs. Morgan's behaviors. Mrs. Morgan needs to make some adjustments to the environment to which she knows lives. Getting involved in some senior activities might benefit her because she will meet people in her age group. Not only that, but it might help her to talk more about why she has become verbally abusive to her loved ones.