

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION (DDSD)

DIRECTOR'S RELEASE (DR)

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2009

Signature Date:	December 29, 2008
FROM:	Signature on File <hr/> Mikki Rogers, DDSD Director
TO:	All Developmental Disability Waiver Service Providers, including Case Management Agencies
SUBJECT:	A new surveillance system to track the use and causation of hospitalizations in the developmental disability (DD) community

I. SUMMARY:

This Director's Release describes procedures for a new surveillance system to track the use and causation of hospitalizations for individuals on the Developmental Disabilities Waiver.

II. SPECIFIC SECTION OF THE REQUIREMENT AFFECTED BY THIS RELEASE:

N/A

III. Requirement Amendment(s) or Clarifications

The DDSD has teamed up with Department of Health/Epidemiology to conduct surveillance of the use and causation of hospitalizations in the DD community. The process described below will be effective on January 1, 2009.

The purpose of the surveillance system is to describe and track aspiration pneumonia hospitalizations and deaths among the New Mexico Department of Health's (NMDOH) developmentally disabled service population. These surveillance data will be utilized to insure that this population is receiving optimal care and that aspiration pneumonia morbidity and mortality are tracked and reduced to the lowest possible level.

In an effort to accomplish the surveillance activities, the DDSD is requesting the following information:

- ⇒ All hospitalizations of DD consumers shall be reported to the appropriate regional office within 24 hours of admission.
- ⇒ Upon discharge from the hospital, the DDSD regional office shall be provided discharge summaries. These summaries are the summaries that include the ICD codes (billing diagnosis codes) within 24 hours of discharge.

For answers to any questions, please contact the DDSD Director's office.