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Date:	September 27, 2022
To:	Konnie Kanmore, DSP / SC / Executive Director / CEO
Provider: Address: State/Zip:	Absolutely You, LLC. 1400 S. Avenue D Suite B Portales, New Mexico 88130
E-mail Address:	kkanmore@absolutelyyoullc.com
Region: Survey Date:	Southeast September 2 – 15, 2022
Program Surveyed:	Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed:	Family Living, Customized In-Home Supports, Customized Community Supports, and Community Integrated Employment Services
Survey Type:	Routine
Team Leader:	Lei Lani Nava, MPH, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau
Team Members:	Verna Newman-Skies, AA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Jorge Sanchez-Enriquez, BS, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau, Sally Rel, MS, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau, Elizabeth Vigil, Healthcare Surveyor,

Dear Ms. Konnie Kanmore,

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Department of Health

**Division of Health Improvement** 

The Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau has completed a compliance survey of the services identified above. The purpose of the survey was to determine compliance with federal and state standards; to assure the health, safety, and welfare of individuals receiving services through the Developmental Disabilities Waiver; and to identify opportunities for improvement. This Report of Findings will be shared with the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division for their use in determining your current and future provider agreements. Upon receipt of this letter and Report of Findings your agency must immediately correct all deficiencies which place Individuals served at risk of harm.

Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

#### **Determination of Compliance:**

The Division of Health Improvement, Quality Management Bureau has determined your agency is in:

**Partial Compliance with Standard Level Tags and Conditions of Participation Level Tags:** This determination is based on noncompliance with one to five (1 - 5) Condition of Participation Level Tags (refer to Attachment D for details). The attached QMB Report of Findings indicates Standard Level and Condition of Participation Level deficiencies identified and requires completion and implementation of a Plan of Correction.

The following tags are identified as Condition of Participation Level:

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- Tag # LS14 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements
- Tag # 1A15.2 Administrative Case File: Healthcare Documentation (Therap and Required Plans)

The following tags are identified as Standard Level:

- Tag # 1A08.1 Administrative and Residential Case File: Progress Notes
- Tag # 1A08.3 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan / ISP Components
- Tag # 1A38 LCA / CI Reporting Requirements
- Tag # LS14.1 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (Other Required Documentation)
- Tag # 1A20 Direct Support Personnel Training
- Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency
- Tag # LS25 Residential Health & Safety (Supported Living & Family Living)
- Tag # IS30 Customized Community Supports Reimbursement
- Tag # LS27 Family Living Reimbursement

# Plan of Correction:

The attached Report of Findings identifies the deficiencies found during your agency's on-site compliance review. You are required to complete and implement a Plan of Correction. Your agency has a total of 45 business days (10 business days to submit your POC for approval and 35 days to implement your *approved* Plan of Correction) from the receipt of this letter.

You were provided information during the exit meeting portion of your on-site survey. Please refer to this information (Attachment A) for specific instruction on completing your Plan of Correction. At a minimum your Plan of Correction should address the following for each Tag cited:

# **Corrective Action for Current Citation:**

• How is the deficiency going to be corrected? (i.e. obtained documents, retrain staff, individuals and/or staff no longer in service, void/adjusts completed, etc.) This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction, i.e. all documents will be requested and filed as appropriate.

# **On-going Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Processes:**

- What is going to be done on an ongoing basis? (i.e. file reviews, etc.)
- How many individuals is this going to effect? (i.e. percentage of individuals reviewed, number of files reviewed, etc.)
- How often will this be completed? (i.e. weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc.)
- Who is responsible? (responsible position within your agency)
- What steps will be taken if issues are found? (i.e. retraining, requesting documents, filing RORA, etc.)
- How is this integrated in your agency's QIS, QI Committee reviews and annual report?

# Submission of your Plan of Correction:

Please submit your agency's Plan of Correction in the available space on the two right-hand columns of the Report of Findings. (See attachment "A" for additional guidance in completing the Plan of Correction).

Within 10 business days of receipt of this letter your agency Plan of Correction must be submitted to the parties below:

1. Quality Management Bureau, Monica Valdez, Plan of Correction Coordinator at MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us

# 2. Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Regional Office for region of service surveyed

Upon notification from QMB that your *Plan of Correction has been approved*, you must implement all remedies and corrective actions to come into compliance. If your Plan of Correction is denied, you must resubmit a revised plan as soon as possible for approval, as your POC approval and all remedies must be completed within 45 business days of the receipt of this letter.

Failure to submit your POC within the allotted 10 business days or complete and implement your Plan of Correction within the total 45 business days allowed may result in the imposition of a \$200 per day Civil Monetary Penalty until it is received, completed and/or implemented.

#### **Billing Deficiencies:**

If you have deficiencies noted in this report of findings under the *Service Domain: Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement*, you must complete a "Void/Adjust" claim or remit the identified overpayment via a check within 30 calendar days of the date of this letter to HSD/OIG/PIU, *though this is not the preferred method of payment*. If you choose to pay via check, please include a copy of this letter with the payment. Make the check payable to the New Mexico Human Services Department and mail to:

Attention: *Lisa Medina-Lujan* HSD/OIG/Program Integrity Unit 1474 Rodeo Road Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

If you have questions and would like to speak with someone at HSD/OIG/PIU, please contact:

# Lisa Medina-Lujan (Lisa.medina-lujan@state.nm.us)

Please be advised that there is a one-week lag period for applying payments received by check to Void/Adjust claims. During this lag period, your other claim payments may be applied to the amount you owe even though you have sent a refund, reducing your payment amount. For this reason, we recommend that you allow the system to recover the overpayment instead of sending in a check.

# Request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings (IRF):

If you disagree with a finding of deficient practice, you have 10 business days upon receipt of this notice to request an IRF. Submit your request for an IRF in writing to:

ATTN: QMB Bureau Chief Request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings 5301 Central Ave NE Suite #400 Albuquerque, NM 87108 Attention: IRF request/QMB

See Attachment "C" for additional guidance in completing the request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings. The request for an IRF will not delay the implementation of your Plan of Correction which must be completed within 45 total business days (10 business days to submit your POC for approval and 35 days to implement your *approved* Plan of Correction). Providers may not appeal the nature or interpretation of the standard or regulation, the team composition or sampling methodology. If the IRF approves the modification or removal of a finding, you will be advised of any changes.

Please contact the Plan of Correction Coordinator, <u>Monica Valdez at 505-273-1930 or email at:</u> <u>MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us</u> if you have questions about the Report of Findings or Plan of Correction. Thank you for your cooperation and for the work you perform.

Sincerely,

Lei Lani Nava, MPH

Lei Lani Nava, MPH Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Division of Health Improvement Quality Management Bureau

Administrative	Review Start Date:	September 2, 2022
Contact:		<u>Absolutely You, LLC.</u> Konnie Kanmore, DSP / SC / Executive Director / CEO
		DOH/DHI/QMB Lei Lani Nava, MPH, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
On-site Entran	ce Conference Date:	Entrance Conference was waived by provider.
Exit Conference	ce Date:	September 15, 2022
Present:		Absolutely You, LLC. Konnie Kanmore, DSP / SC / Executive Director / CEO Charlotte Gonzales, DSP / SC / Program Manager Cristin Stewart, DSP / Executive Assistant / QA/QI Rene Clark, DSP / Office Manager Jeremy White, DSP / SC Susie Gutierrez, DSP / SC / Program Manager Iris Garcia, DSP / SC Arlem Fierro, DSP / SC / Nurse Patti Valle, Payroll & Billing Coordinator
		DOH/DHI/QMB Lei Lani Nava, MPH, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Verna Newman Sikes, AA, Healthcare Surveyor Jorge Sanchez-Enriquez, BS, Healthcare Surveyor Elizabeth Vigil, Healthcare Surveyor Amanda Castaneda-Holguin, MPA, Healthcare Surveyor Supervisor DDSD - SE Regional Office Cindy Hoefs, Social Community Services Coordinator
Administrative	Locations Visited:	0 (Note: Administrative portion of survey completed remotely)
Total Sample S	Size:	17
		0 – Former Jackson Class Members 17 – Non-Jackson Class Members 11 - Family Living 4 - Customized In-Home Supports 11 - Customized Community Supports 4 - Community Integrated Employment
Total Homes V	/isited In-Person	7
Total Homes C	Dbserved by Video	4 (Note: No home visits conducted due to COVID- 19 Public Health Emergency, however, Video Observations were conducted)
*	Family Living Homes Visited	7

*	Family Living Observed by Video	4
Persons Serve	ed Records Reviewed	17
Persons Serve	ed Interviewed	6
Persons Serve	ed Observed	3 (Note: One individual chose not to participate in the interview process, two Individuals were asleep / napping at the time of the visit)
Persons Serve	ed Not Seen and/or Not Available	8 (Note: One individual choose not to participate in interviews or observation; and seven Individuals were not in service at the time of the survey.)
Direct Support	Professional Records Reviewed	82 (Note: Seven DSP perform dual roles as Service Coordinators and other administrative roles)
Direct Support	Professional Interviewed	22
Service Coord	inator Records Reviewed	7 (Note: Seven Service Coordinators perform dual roles as DSPs and other administrative roles)
Nurse Intervie	w	1

Administrative Processes and Records Reviewed:

- Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement Records for all Services Provided
- Accreditation Records
- Oversight of Individual Funds
- Individual Medical and Program Case Files, including, but not limited to:
  - °Individual Service Plans
  - °Progress on Identified Outcomes
  - °Healthcare Plans
  - °Medical Emergency Response Plans
  - <sup>o</sup>Medication Administration Records
  - °Physician Orders
  - °Therapy Evaluations and Plans
  - $^\circ\mbox{Healthcare}$  Documentation Regarding Appointments and Required Follow-Up
  - °Other Required Health Information
- Internal Incident Management Reports and System Process / General Events Reports
- Personnel Files, including nursing and subcontracted staff
- Staff Training Records, Including Competency Interviews with Staff
- Agency Policy and Procedure Manual
- Caregiver Criminal History Screening Records
- Consolidated Online Registry/Employee Abuse Registry
- Human Rights Committee Notes and Meeting Minutes
- Quality Assurance / Improvement Plan
- CC: Distribution List: DOH Division of Health Improvement DOH - Developmental Disabilities Supports Division DOH - Office of Internal Audit HSD - Medical Assistance Division NM Attorney General's Office

# Attachment A

# Provider Instructions for Completing the QMB Plan of Correction (POC) Process

#### Introduction:

After a QMB Compliance Survey, your QMB Report of Findings will be sent to you via e-mail.

Each provider must develop and implement a Plan of Correction (POC) that identifies specific quality assurance and quality improvement activities the agency will implement to correct deficiencies and prevent continued deficiencies and non-compliance.

Agencies must submit their Plan of Correction within ten (10) business days from the date you receive the QMB Report of Findings. (Providers who do not submit a POC within 10 business days may be referred to the DDSD Regional Office for purposes of contract management or the Internal Review Committee [IRC] for possible actions or sanctions).

Agencies must fully implement their approved Plan of Correction within 45 business days (10 business days to submit your POC for approval and 35 days to implement your approved Plan of Correction) from the date they receive the QMB Report of Findings. Providers who fail to complete a POC within the 45-business days allowed will be referred to the IRC for possible actions or sanctions.

If you have questions about the Plan of Correction process, call the Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-273-1930 or email at <u>MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us</u>. Requests for technical assistance must be requested through your Regional DDSD Office.

The POC process cannot resolve disputes regarding findings. If you wish to dispute a finding on the official Report of Findings, you must file an Informal Reconsideration of Findings (IRF) request within ten (10) business days of receiving your report. Please note that you must still submit a POC for findings that are in question (see Attachment C).

#### Instructions for Completing Agency POC:

#### Required Content

Your Plan of Correction should provide a step-by-step description of the methods to correct each deficient practice cited to prevent recurrence and information that ensures the regulation cited comes into and remains in compliance. The remedies noted in your POC are expected to be added to your Agency's required, annual Quality Assurance (QA) Plan.

If a deficiency has already been corrected since the on-site survey, the plan should state how it was corrected, the completion date (date the correction was accomplished), and how possible recurrence of the deficiency will be prevented.

The following details should be considered when developing your Plan of Correction:

# The Plan of Correction must address each deficiency cited in the Report of Findings unless otherwise noted with a "No Plan of Correction Required statement." The Plan of Correction must address the five (5) areas listed below:

- 1. How the specific and realistic corrective action will be accomplished for individuals found to have been affected by the deficient practice.
- 2. How the agency will identify other individuals who have the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice, and how the agency will act to protect those individuals in similar situations.
- 3. What Quality Assurance measures will be put into place and what systemic changes made to ensure the deficient practice will not recur.
- 4. Indicate how the agency plans to monitor its performance to make certain solutions are sustained. The agency must develop a QA plan for ensuring correction is achieved and sustained. This QA plan must be implemented, and the corrective action is evaluated for its effectiveness. The plan of correction is integrated into the agency quality assurance system; and

5. Include dates when corrective actions will be completed. The corrective action completion dates must be acceptable to the State.

The following details should be considered when developing your Plan of Correction:

- Details about how and when Individual Served, agency personnel and administrative and service delivery site files are audited by agency personnel to ensure they contain required documents;
- Information about how medication administration records are reviewed to verify they contain all required information before they are distributed to service sites, as they are being used, and after they are completed;
- Your processes for ensuring that all required agency personnel are trained on required DDSD required trainings;
- How accuracy in billing/reimbursement documentation is assured;
- How health, safety is assured;
- For Case Management providers, how Individual Service Plans are reviewed to verify they meet requirements, how the timeliness of level of care (LOC) packet submissions and consumer visits are tracked;
- Your process for gathering, analyzing and responding to quality data indicators; and,
- Details about Quality Targets in various areas, current status, analyses about why targets were not met, and remedies implemented.

*Note:* Instruction or in-service of staff alone may not be a sufficient plan of correction. This is a good first step toward correction, but additional steps must be taken to ensure the deficiency is corrected and will not recur.

# **Completion Dates**

- The plan of correction must include a **completion date** (entered in the far right-hand column) for each finding. Be sure the date is **realistic** in the amount of time your Agency will need to correct the deficiency; not to exceed 45 total business days.
- Direct care issues should be corrected immediately and monitored appropriately.
- Some deficiencies may require a staged plan to accomplish total correction.
- Deficiencies requiring replacement of equipment, etc., may require more time to accomplish correction but should show reasonable time frames.

# Initial Submission of the Plan of Correction Requirements

- 1. The Plan of Correction must be completed on the official QMB Survey Report of Findings/Plan of Correction Form and received by QMB within ten (10) business days from the date you received the report of findings.
- 2. For questions about the POC process, call the POC Coordinator, Monica Valdez at 505-273-1930 or email at <u>MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us</u> for assistance.
- 3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your Regional DDSD Office.
- Submit your POC to Monica Valdez, POC Coordinator via email at <u>MonicaE.valdez@state.nm.us</u>. Please also submit your POC to your Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Regional Office for region of service surveyed.
- 5. <u>Do not submit supporting documentation</u> (evidence of compliance) to QMB <u>until after your POC</u> has been approved by the QMB.
- 6. QMB will notify you when your POC has been "approved" or "denied."
  - a. During this time, whether your POC is "approved," or "denied," you will have a maximum of 45-business days from the date of receipt of your Report of Findings to correct all survey deficiencies.
  - b. If your POC is denied, it must be revised and resubmitted as soon as possible, as the 45-business day limit is in effect.
  - c. If your POC is denied a second time your agency may be referred to the Internal Review Committee.
  - d. You will receive written confirmation when your POC has been approved by QMB and a final deadline for completion of your POC.
  - e. Please note that all POC correspondence will be sent electronically unless otherwise requested.
- 7. Failure to submit your POC within 10 business days without prior approval of an extension by QMB will result in a referral to the Internal Review Committee and the possible implementation of monetary penalties and/or sanctions.

# POC Document Submission Requirements

<u>Once your POC has been approved</u> by the QMB Plan of Correction Coordinator, you must submit copies of documents as evidence that all deficiencies have been corrected. You must also submit evidence of the ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes.

- 1. Your internal documents are due within a *maximum* of 45-business days of receipt of your Report of Findings.
- 2. Please submit your documents electronically according to the following: If documents <u>do not</u> contain protected Health information (PHI) then you may submit your documents electronically scanned and attached to the State email account. <u>If documents contain PHI **do not** submit PHI directly to the State email account</u>. <u>You may submit PHI only when replying to a secure email received from the State email account</u>. When possible, please submit requested documentation using a "zipped/compressed" file to reduce file size. You may also submit documents via S-Comm (Therap), or another electronic format, i.e., flash drive.
- 3. All submitted documents <u>must be annotated</u>; please be sure the tag numbers and Identification numbers are indicated on each document submitted. Documents which are not annotated with the Tag number and Identification number may not be accepted.
- 4. Do not submit original documents; Please provide copies or scanned electronic files for evidence. Originals must be maintained in the agency file(s) per DDSD Standards.
- 5. In lieu of some documents, you may submit copies of file or home audit forms that clearly indicate cited deficiencies have been corrected, other attestations of correction must be approved by the Plan of Correction Coordinator prior to their submission.
- 6. When billing deficiencies are cited, you must provide documentation to justify billing and/or void and adjust forms submitted to Xerox State Healthcare, LLC for the deficiencies cited in the Report of Findings.

Revisions, Modifications or Extensions to your Plan of Correction (post QMB approval) must be made in writing and submitted to the Plan of Correction Coordinator, prior to the due date and are approved on a case-by-case basis. No changes may be made to your POC or the timeframes for implementation without written approval of the POC Coordinator.

# Department of Health, Division of Health Improvement QMB Determination of Compliance Process

The Division of Health Improvement, Quality Management Bureau (QMB) surveys compliance of the Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) standards and other state and federal regulations. For the purpose of the LCA / CI survey the CMS waiver assurances have been grouped into four (4) Service Domains: Plan of Care (ISP Implementation); Qualified Providers; Health, Welfare and Safety; and Administrative Oversight (note that Administrative Oversight listed in this document is not the same as the CMS assurance of Administrative Authority. Used in this context it is related to the agency's operational policies and procedures, Quality Assurance system and Medicaid billing and reimbursement processes.)

The QMB Determination of Compliance process is based on provider compliance or non-compliance with standards and regulations identified during the on-site survey process and as reported in the QMB Report of Findings. All areas reviewed by QMB have been agreed to by DDSD and DHI/QMB and are reflective of CMS requirements. All deficiencies (non-compliance with standards and regulations) are identified and cited as either a Standard level deficiency or a Condition of Participation level deficiency in the QMB Reports of Findings. All deficiencies require corrective action when non-compliance is identified.

Each deficiency in your Report of Findings has been predetermined to be a Standard Level Deficiency, a Condition of Participation Level Deficiency, if below 85% compliance or a non-negotiable Condition of Participation Level Deficiency. Your Agency's overall Compliance Determination is based on a Scope and Severity Scale which takes into account the number of Standard and Condition Level Tags cited as well as the percentage of Individuals affected in the sample.

# **Conditions of Participation (CoPs)**

CoPs are based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Home and Community-Based Waiver required assurances, in addition to the New Mexico Developmental Disability Waiver (DDW) Service Standards. The Division of Health Improvement (DHI), in conjunction with the Developmental Disability Support Division (DDSD), has identified certain deficiencies that have the potential to be a Condition of Participation Level, if the tag falls below 85% compliance based on the number of people affected. Additionally, there are what are called non-negotiable Conditions of Participation, regardless if one person or multiple people are affected. In this context, a CoP is defined as an essential / fundamental regulation or standard, which when out of compliance directly affects the health and welfare of the Individuals served. If no deficiencies within a Tag are at the level of a CoP, it is cited as a Standard Level Deficiency.

# Service Domains and CoPs for Living Care Arrangements and Community Inclusion are as follows:

<u>Service Domain: Service Plan: ISP Implementation -</u> Services are delivered in accordance with the service plan, including type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the service plan.

#### Potential Condition of Participation Level Tags, if compliance is below 85%:

- 1A08.3 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan / ISP Components
- 1A32 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan Implementation
- LS14 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)
- IS14 CCS / CIES Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)

<u>Service Domain: Qualified Providers -</u> The State monitors non-licensed/non-certified providers to assure adherence to waiver requirements. The State implements its policies and procedures for verifying that provider training is conducted in accordance with State requirements and the approved waiver.

#### Potential Condition of Participation Level Tags, if compliance is below 85%:

• 1A20 - Direct Support Professional Training

- **1A22** Agency Personnel Competency
- **1A37** Individual Specific Training

# Non-Negotiable Condition of Participation Level Tags (one or more Individuals are cited):

- **1A25.1 –** Caregiver Criminal History Screening
- 1A26.1 Consolidated On-line Registry Employee Abuse Registry

<u>Service Domain: Health, Welfare and Safety -</u> The State, on an ongoing basis, identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent occurrences of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Individuals shall be afforded their basic human rights. The provider supports individuals to access needed healthcare services in a timely manner.

# Potential Condition of Participation Level Tags, if compliance is below 85%:

- 1A08.2 Administrative Case File: Healthcare Requirements & Follow-up
- 1A09 Medication Delivery Routine Medication Administration
- **1A09.1 –** Medication Delivery PRN Medication Administration
- **1A15.2** Administrative Case File: Healthcare Documentation (Therap and Required Plans)

# Non-Negotiable Condition of Participation Level Tags (one or more Individuals are cited):

- 1A05 General Requirements / Agency Policy and Procedure Requirements
- 1A07 Social Security Income (SSI) Payments
- **1A09.2 –** Medication Delivery Nurse Approval for PRN Medication
- 1A15 Healthcare Coordination Nurse Availability / Knowledge
- **1A31 –** Client Rights/Human Rights
- LS25.1 Residential Reqts. (Physical Environment Supported Living / Family Living / Intensive Medical Living)

# Attachment C

#### Guidelines for the Provider Informal Reconsideration of Finding (IRF) Process

#### Introduction:

Throughout the QMB Survey process, surveyors are openly communicating with providers. Open communication means surveyors have clarified issues and/or requested missing information before completing the review through the use of the signed/dated "Document Request," or "Administrative Needs," etc. forms. Regardless, there may still be instances where the provider disagrees with a specific finding. Providers may use the following process to informally dispute a finding.

# Instructions:

- The Informal Reconsideration of the Finding (IRF) request must be received in writing to the QMB Bureau Chief <u>within 10 business days</u> of receipt of the final Report of Findings (*Note: No extensions are granted for the IRF*).
- 2. The written request for an IRF *must* be completed on the QMB Request for Informal Reconsideration of Finding form available on the QMB website: <u>https://nmhealth.org/about/dhi/cbp/irf/</u>
- 3. The written request for an IRF must specify in detail the request for reconsideration and why the finding is inaccurate.
- 4. The IRF request must include all supporting documentation or evidence.
- 5. If you have questions about the IRF process, email the IRF Chairperson, Valerie V. Valdez at <u>valerie.valdez@state.nm.us</u> for assistance.

# The following limitations apply to the IRF process:

- The written request for an IRF and all supporting evidence must be received within 10 business days.
- Findings based on evidence requested during the survey and not provided may not be subject to reconsideration.
- The supporting documentation must be new evidence not previously reviewed or requested by the survey team.
- Providers must continue to complete their Plan of Correction during the IRF process
- Providers may not request an IRF to challenge the sampling methodology.
- Providers may not request an IRF based on disagreement with the nature of the standard or regulation.
- Providers may not request an IRF to challenge the team composition.
- Providers may not request an IRF to challenge the DHI/QMB determination of compliance or the length of their DDSD provider contract.

A Provider forfeits the right to an IRF if the request is not received within 10 business days of receiving the report and/or does not include all supporting documentation or evidence to show compliance with the standards and regulations.

The IRF Committee will review the request; the Provider will be notified in writing of the ruling; no face-to-face meeting will be conducted.

When a Provider requests that a finding be reconsidered, it does not stop or delay the Plan of Correction process. **Providers must continue to complete the Plan of Correction, including the finding in dispute regardless of the IRF status.** If a finding is removed or modified, it will be noted and removed or modified from the Report of Findings. It should be noted that in some cases a Plan of Correction may be completed prior to the IRF process being completed. The provider will be notified in writing on the decisions of the IRF committee.

# **QMB** Determinations of Compliance

### Compliance:

The QMB determination of *Compliance* indicates that a provider has either no deficiencies found during a survey or that no deficiencies at the Condition of Participation Level were found. The agency has obtained a level of compliance such that there is a minimal potential for harm to individuals' health and safety. To qualify for a determination of *Compliance*, the provider must have received no Conditions of Participation Level Deficiencies and have a minimal number of Individuals on the sample affected by the findings indicated in the Standards Level Tags.

#### Partial-Compliance with Standard Level Tags:

The QMB determination of *Partial-Compliance with Standard Level Tags* indicates that a provider is in compliance with all Condition of Participation Level deficiencies but is out of compliance with a certain percentage of Standard Level deficiencies. This partial-compliance, if not corrected, may result in a negative outcome or the potential for more than minimal harm to individuals' health and safety. There are two ways to receive a determination of Partial Compliance with Standard Level Tags:

- 1. Your Report of Findings includes 16 or fewer Standards Level Tags with between 75% and 100% of the survey sample affected in any tag.
- 2. Your Report of Findings includes 17 or more Standard Level Tags with between 50% to 74% of the survey sample affected in any tag.

#### Partial-Compliance with Standard Level Tags and Condition of Participation Level Tags:

The QMB determination of *Partial-Compliance with Standard Level Tags and Condition of Participation Level Tags* indicates that a provider is out of compliance with one to five (1 - 5) Condition of Participation Level Tags. This partial-compliance, if not corrected, may result in a serious negative outcome or the potential for more than minimal harm to individuals' health and safety.

#### Non-Compliance:

The QMB determination of *Non-Compliance* indicates a provider is significantly out of compliance with both Standard Level deficiencies and Conditions of Participation level deficiencies. This non-compliance, if not corrected, may result in a serious negative outcome or the potential for more than minimal harm to individuals' health and safety. There are three ways an agency can receive a determination of Non-Compliance:

- 1. Your Report of Findings includes 17 or more total Tags with 0 to 5 Condition of Participation Level Tags with 75% to 100% of the survey sample affected in any Condition of Participation Level tag.
- 2. Your Report of Findings includes any amount of Standard Level Tags with 6 or more Condition of Participation Level Tags.

Compliance	Weighting							
Determination	LC	W		MEDIUM		HIGH		
				1	1		1	
Total Tags:	up to 16	17 or more	up to 16	17 or more	Any Amount	17 or more	Any Amount	
	and	and	and	and	And/or	and	And/or	
COP Level Tags:	0 COP	0 COP	0 COP	0 COP	1 to 5 COP	0 to 5 CoPs	6 or more COP	
	and	and	and	and		and		
Sample Affected:	0 to 74%	0 to 49%	75 to 100%	50 to 74%		75 to 100%		
"Non- Compliance"						<b>17 or more</b> Total Tags with <b>75 to 100%</b> of the Individuals in the sample cited in any CoP Level tag.	Any Amount of Standard Level Tags and 6 or more Conditions of Participation Level Tags.	
"Partial Compliance with Standard Level tags <u>and</u> Condition of Participation Level Tags"					Any Amount Standard Level Tags, plus <b>1 to 5</b> Conditions of Participation Level tags.			
"Partial Compliance with Standard Level tags"			up to 16 Standard Level Tags with 75 to 100% of the individuals in the sample cited in any tag.	17 or more Standard Level Tags with 50 to 74% of the individuals in the sample cited any tag.				
"Compliance"	Up to 16 Standard Level Tags with 0 to 74% of the individuals in the sample cited in any tag.	<b>17 or more</b> Standard Level Tags with <b>0 to</b> <b>49%</b> of the individuals in the sample cited in any tag.						

Agency:Absolutely You, LLC. - Southeast RegionProgram:Developmental Disabilities WaiverService:Family Living, Customized In-Home Supports, Customized Community Supports, and Community Integrated Employment<br/>ServicesSurvey Type:RoutineSurvey Date:September 2 – 15, 2022

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Completion Date
•	ntation – Services are delivered in accordance w	ith the service plan, including type, scope, amount,	duration and
frequency specified in the service plan.			
Tag # 1A08.1 Administrative and	Standard Level Deficiency		
Residential Case File: Progress Notes		Deschlas	
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service	Based on record review, the Agency did not	Provider:	
Standards Eff 11/1/2021	maintain progress notes and other service	State your Plan of Correction for the	
Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and	delivery documentation for 3 of 17 Individuals.	deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is	
Client Records: 20.2 Client Records		the deficiency going to be corrected? This can	
Requirements: All DD Waiver Provider	Review of the Agency individual case files	be specific to each deficiency cited or if	
Agencies are required to create and maintain	revealed the following items were not found:	possible an overall correction?): $\rightarrow$	
individual client records. The contents of client			
records vary depending on the unique needs of	Administrative Case File:		
the person receiving services and the resultant			
information produced. The extent of	Family Living Progress Notes/Daily Contact		
documentation required for individual client	Logs:		
records per service type depends on the	• Individual #5 - None found for 5/16, 6/4, 17,		
location of the file, the type of service being	26, 2022.		
provided, and the information necessary.		Provider:	
DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to	<ul> <li>Individual #9 - None found on 5/22/2022</li> </ul>	Enter your ongoing Quality	
adhere to the following:		Assurance/Quality Improvement	
1. Client records must contain all documents	Residential Case File:	processes as it related to this tag number	
essential to the service being provided and		here (What is going to be done? How many	
essential to ensuring the health and safety	Family Living Progress Notes/Daily Contact	individuals is this going to affect? How often	
of the person during the provision of the	Logs:	will this be completed? Who is responsible?	
service.	<ul> <li>Individual #1 - None found for 9/1 - 6, 2022.</li> </ul>	What steps will be taken if issues are found?):	
2. Provider Agencies must have readily	(Date of home visit: 9/7/2022). (Note: FLP	$\rightarrow$	
accessible records in home and community	#511 indicated her daughter completes the		
settings in paper or electronic form. Secure	notes daily as she does not know how to		
access to electronic records through the	sign into Therap to enter daily notes. The		
Therap web-based system using	daughter was not home at the time of the		
computers or mobile devices are	visit to verify notes were completed).		
acceptable.			
3. Provider Agencies are responsible for			
ensuring that all plans created by nurses,			

RDs, therapists or BSCs are present in all		
settings.		
4. Provider Agencies must maintain records		
of all documents produced by agency		
personnel or contractors on behalf of each		
person, including any routine notes or data,		
annual assessments, semi-annual reports,		
evidence of training provided/received,		
progress notes, and any other interactions		
for which billing is generated.		
5. Each Provider Agency is responsible for		
maintaining the daily or other contact notes		
documenting the nature and frequency of		
service delivery, as well as data tracking		
only for the services provided by their		
agency.		
6. The current Client File Matrix found in		
Appendix A: Client File Matrix details the		
minimum requirements for records to be		
stored in agency office files, the delivery		
site, or with DSP while providing services in		
the community.		
<ol> <li>All records pertaining to JCMs must be</li> </ol>		
retained permanently and must be made		
available to DDSD upon request, upon the		
termination or expiration of a provider		
agreement, or upon provider withdrawal		
from services.		
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Tag # 1A08.3 Administrative Case File:	Standard Level Deficiency	
Individual Service Plan / ISP Components NMAC 7.26.5 SERVICE PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY. NMAC 7.26.5.12 DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PLAN (ISP) -	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file at the administrative office for 1 of 17 individuals. Review of the Agency administrative individual	Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?): →
PARTICIPATION IN AND SCHEDULING OF INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM MEETINGS. NMAC 7.26.5.14 DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PLAN (ISP) -	<ul> <li>case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:</li> <li>Addendum A:</li> <li>Not Found (#12)</li> </ul>	
CONTENT OF INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PLANS. Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2021 Chapter 6 Individual Service Plan (ISP) The		Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number
<ul> <li>CMS requires a person-centered service plan for every person receiving HCBS. The DD</li> <li>Waiver's person-centered service plan is the ISP.</li> <li>6.6 DDSD ISP Template: The ISP must be</li> </ul>		here (What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): →
written according to templates provided by the DDSD. Both children and adults have designated ISP templates. The ISP template includes Vision Statements, Desired Outcomes, a meeting participant signature		
page, an Addendum A (i.e., an acknowledgement of receipt of specific information) and other elements depending on the age and status of the individual. The ISP templates may be revised and reissued by DDSD to incorporate initiatives that improve		
person - centered planning practices. Companion documents may also be issued by DDSD and be required for use to better demonstrate required elements of the PCP process and ISP development.		
6.6.1 Vision Statements: The long-term vision statement describes the person's major long-term (e.g., within one to three		

veere) life dreams and contrations in the	
years) life dreams and aspirations in the	
following areas:	
1. Live,	
2. Work/Education/Volunteer,	
3. Develop Relationships/Have Fun, and	
4. Health and/or Other (Optional).	
6.6.2 Desired Outcomes: A Desired Outcome	
is required for each life area (Live, Work, Fun)	
for which the person receives paid supports	
through the DD Waiver. Each service does not	
need its own, separate outcome, but should be	
connected to at least one Desired Outcome.	
6.6.3.1 Action Plan: Each Desired Outcome	
requires an Action Plan. The Action Plan	
addresses individual strengths and capabilities	
in reaching Desired Outcomes.	
6.6.3.2 Teaching and Supports Strategies	
(TSS) and Written Direct Support	
Instructions (WDSI): After the ISP meeting,	
IDT members conduct a task analysis and	
assessments necessary to create effective	
TSS and WDSI to support those Action Plans	
that require this extra detail.	
6.6.3.3 Individual Specific Training in the	
<b>ISP:</b> The CM, with input from each DD Waiver	
Provider Agency at the annual ISP meeting,	
completes the IST requirements section of the	
ISP form listing all training needs specific to	
the individual.	
Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and	
Client Records: 20.2 Client Records	
Requirements: All DD Waiver Provider	
Agencies are required to create and maintain	
individual client records. The contents of client	
records vary depending on the unique needs of	
the person receiving services and the resultant	
information produced. The extent of	
documentation required for individual client	
records per service type depends on the	
location of the file, the type of service being	
provided, and the information necessary.	

Tag # 1A38 Living Care Arrangement /	Standard Level Deficiency		
Community Inclusion Reporting			
Requirements			
7.26.5.17 DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PLAN (ISP) - DISSEMINATION OF THE ISP, DOCUMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE: C. Objective quantifiable data reporting progress or lack of progress towards stated outcomes, and action plans shall be maintained in the individual's records at each provider agency implementing the ISP. Provider agencies shall use this data to evaluate the effectiveness of services provided. Provider agencies shall submit to the case manager data reports and individual progress summaries quarterly, or more frequently, as decided by the IDT. These reports shall be included in the individual's case management record and used by the team to determine the ongoing effectiveness of the supports and services being provided. Determination of effectiveness shall result in timely modification of supports and services as needed.	<ul> <li>Based on record review, the Agency did not complete written status reports as required for 1 of 17 individuals receiving Living Care Arrangements and Community Inclusion.</li> <li>Family Living Semi- Annual Reports: <ul> <li>Individual #4 - None found for 11/2021 – 5/2022. (Term of ISP 11/2021 – 11/2022).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Customized Community Supports Semi-Annual Reports: <ul> <li>Individual #4 - None found for 11/2021 – 5/2022. (Term of ISP 11/2021 – 11/2022).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?): → Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here (What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): →	
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2021 <b>Chapter 19 Provider Reporting</b> <b>Requirements: 19.5 Se</b> mi-Annual Reporting: The semi-annual report provides status updates to life circumstances, health, and progress toward ISP goals and/or goals related to professional and clinical services provided through the DD Waiver. This report is submitted to the CM for review and may guide actions taken by the person's IDT if necessary. Semi-annual reports may be requested by DDSD for QA activities. Semi-annual reports are required as follows: 1. DD Waiver Provider Agencies, except AT, EMSP, PRSC, SSE and Crisis Supports, must complete semi-annual.			

2. The first semi-annual report will cover the	
time from the start of the person's ISP year	
until the end of the subsequent six-month	
period (180 calendar days) and is due ten	
calendar days after the period ends (190	
calendar days).	
3. The second semi-annual report is	
integrated into the annual report or	
professional assessment/annual re-	
evaluation when applicable and is due 14	
calendar days prior to the annual ISP	
meeting.	
4. Semi-annual reports must contain at a	
minimum written documentation of:	
a. the name of the person and date on	
each page;	
b. the timeframe that the report covers;	
c. timely completion of relevant activities	
from ISP Action Plans or clinical service	
goals during timeframe the report is	
covering;	
d. a description of progress towards	
Desired Outcomes in the ISP related to	
the service provided;	
e. a description of progress toward any	
service specific or treatment goals when	
applicable (e.g. health related goals for	
nursing);	
f. significant changes in routine or staffing	
if applicable;	
g. unusual or significant life events,	
including significant change of health or	
behavioral health condition;	
h. the signature of the agency staff	
responsible for preparing the report; and	
i. any other required elements by service	
type that are detailed in these	
standards.	
5. Semi-annual reports must be distributed to	
the IDT members when due by SComm.	
6. Semi-annual reports can be stored in	
individual document storage.	

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Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and Client Records: 20.2 Client Records			
Requirements: All DD Waiver Provider			
Agencies are required to create and maintain individual client records. The contents of client			
records vary depending on the unique needs of			
the person receiving services and the resultant			
information produced. The extent of			
documentation required for individual client			
records per service type depends on the			
location of the file, the type of service being			
provided, and the information necessary.			
DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to			
adhere to the following: 1. Client records must contain all documents			
essential to the service being provided and			
essential to ensuring the health and safety of the person during the provision of the			
service.			
2. Provider Agencies must have readily			
accessible records in home and community			
settings in paper or electronic form. Secure			
access to electronic records through the			
Therap web-based system using			
computers or mobile devices are			
acceptable.			
3. Provider Agencies are responsible for			
ensuring that all plans created by nurses,			
RDs, therapists or BSCs are present in all			
settings.			
4. Provider Agencies must maintain records			
of all documents produced by agency			
personnel or contractors on behalf of each			
person, including any routine notes or data,			
annual assessments, semi-annual reports,			
evidence of training provided/received,			
progress notes, and any other interactions			
for which billing is generated.			
5. Each Provider Agency is responsible for			
maintaining the daily or other contact notes			
documenting the nature and frequency of			
service delivery, as well as data tracking			
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<ul> <li>only for the services proviagency.</li> <li>6. The current Client File Ma Appendix A Client File de requirements for records agency office files, the de DSP while providing servicommunity.</li> <li>7. All records pertaining to J retained permanently and available to DDSD upon r termination or expiration of agreement, or upon provifrom services.</li> </ul>	atrix found in tails the minimum to be stored in livery site, or with ices in the ICMs must be I must be made request, upon the of a provider		

Tag # LS14 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Requirements)			
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2021 <b>Chapter 6 Individual Service Plan (ISP)</b> The CMS requires a person-centered service plan for every person receiving HCBS. The DD Waiver's person-centered service plan is the ISP.	determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur. Based on record review, the Agency did not	Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?): →	
Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and			
Client Records: 20.2 Client Records Requirements: All DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to create and maintain individual client records. The contents of client	Review of the residential individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:		
records vary depending on the unique needs of	Annual ISP:	Provider:	
the person receiving services and the resultant information produced. The extent of	• Not Current (#8)	Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement	
documentation required for individual client	Healthcare Passport:	processes as it related to this tag number	
records per service type depends on the location of the file, the type of service being	• Not Found (#9, 15)	here (What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often	
provided, and the information necessary.	Health Care Plans:	will this be completed? Who is responsible?	
DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to	<ul> <li>Body Mass Index (#15)</li> </ul>	What steps will be taken if issues are found?):	
<ul><li>adhere to the following:</li><li>1. Client records must contain all documents essential to the service being provided and</li></ul>	Bowel and Bladder Function (#15)		
essential to ensuring the health and safety of the person during the provision of the service.	Constipation Management (#15)		
<ol> <li>Provider Agencies must have readily accessible records in home and community</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>Health issues prevented desired level of participation (#15)</li> </ul>		
settings in paper or electronic form. Secure access to electronic records through the Therep web based system using	Home Health care (#15)		
Therap web-based system using computers or mobile devices are acceptable.	<ul> <li>Neuro (Devices and implants: cerebral shunt, baclofen pump, VNS) (#15)</li> </ul>		
<ol> <li>Provider Agencies are responsible for ensuring that all plans created by nurses,</li> </ol>	• Respiratory (treatment or equipment) (#15)		
<ul><li>RDs, therapists or BSCs are present in all settings.</li><li>4. Provider Agencies must maintain records of</li></ul>	• Skin & Wound (#15)		
all documents produced by agency			

<ul> <li>personnel or contractors on behalf of each person, including any routine notes or data, annual assessments, semi-annual reports, evidence of training provided/received, progress notes, and any other interactions for which billing is generated.</li> <li>5. Each Provider Agency is responsible for maintaining the daily or other contact notes documenting the nature and frequency of service delivery, as well as data tracking only for the services provided by their agency.</li> <li>6. The current Client File Matrix found in Appendix A: Client File Matrix details the minimum requirements for records to be stored in agency office files, the delivery site, or with DSP while providing services in the community.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Spasticity or contractures require interventions (#15)</li> <li>Supports for Hydration or Risk for Dehydration (#15)</li> <li>Tube Feeding (#15)</li> <li>Medical Emergency Response Plans: <ul> <li>Aspiration Risk (#15)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Neuro (Devices and implants: cerebral shunt, baclofen pump, VNS) (#15)</li> <li>Respiratory (treatment or equipment) (#15)</li> <li>Tube Feeding (#15)</li> </ul>	
20.5.4 Health Passport and Physician Consultation Form: All Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies must use the <i>Health Passport</i> and <i>Physician Consultation</i> form generated from an e-CHAT in the Therap system. This standardized document contains individual, physician and emergency contact information, a complete list of current medical diagnoses, health and safety risk factors, allergies, and information regarding insurance, guardianship, and advance directives. The <i>Health Passport</i> also includes a standardized form to use at medical appointments called the <i>Physician Consultation</i> form. The <i>Physician Consultation</i> form contains a list of all current medications.		
Chapter 13 Nursing Services: 13.2.9.1 Health Care Plans (HCP): Health Care Plans are created to provide guidance for the Direct Support Professionals (DSP) to support health related issues. Approaches that are specific to nurses may also be incorporated into the HCP. Healthcare Plans are based upon the eCHAT		

and the nursing assessment of the individual's		
needs.		
13.2.9.2 Medical Emergency Response Plan		
(MERP): 1) The agency nurse is required to		
develop a Medical Emergency Response Plan		
(MERP) for all conditions automatically		
triggered and marked with an "D" in the e		
triggered and marked with an "R" in the e-		
CHAT summary report. The agency nurse		
should use their clinical judgment and input		
from. 2) MERPs are required for persons who		
have one or more conditions or illnesses that		
present a likely potential to become a life-		
threatening situation.		
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Tag # LS14.1 Residential Service Delivery	Standard Level Deficiency		
Site Case File (Other Req. Documentation)			
Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and	Based on record review, the Agency did not	Provider:	
Client Records: 20.2 Client Records	maintain a complete and confidential case file	State your Plan of Correction for the	
Requirements: All DD Waiver Provider	in the residence for 1 of 11 Individuals	deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is	
Agencies are required to create and maintain	receiving Living Care Arrangements.	the deficiency going to be corrected? This can	
individual client records. The contents of client	Deview of the meridential individual accessible	be specific to each deficiency cited or if	
records vary depending on the unique needs of	Review of the residential individual case files	possible an overall correction?): $\rightarrow$	
the person receiving services and the resultant	revealed the following items were not found,		
information produced. The extent of	incomplete, and/or not current:		
documentation required for individual client	Desitive Debenievel Comporte Disc.		
records per service type depends on the	Positive Behavioral Supports Plan:		
location of the file, the type of service being	Not Current (#8)		
provided, and the information necessary.			
DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to		Duravidan	
adhere to the following:		Provider:	
1. Client records must contain all documents		Enter your ongoing Quality	
essential to the service being provided and		Assurance/Quality Improvement	
essential to ensuring the health and safety		processes as it related to this tag number	
of the person during the provision of the		here (What is going to be done? How many	
service.		individuals is this going to affect? How often	
2. Provider Agencies must have readily accessible records in home and community		will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?):	
2		what steps will be taken it issues are found?):	
settings in paper or electronic form. Secure access to electronic records through the		$\rightarrow$	
Therap web-based system using			
computers or mobile devices are			
acceptable.			
3. Provider Agencies are responsible for			
ensuring that all plans created by nurses,			
RDs, therapists or BSCs are present in all			
settings.			
4. Provider Agencies must maintain records of			
all documents produced by agency			
personnel or contractors on behalf of each			
person, including any routine notes or data,			
annual assessments, semi-annual reports,			
evidence of training provided/received,			
progress notes, and any other interactions			
for which billing is generated.			
5. Each Provider Agency is responsible for			
maintaining the daily or other contact notes			
documenting the nature and frequency of			

<ul> <li>service delivery, as well as data tracking only for the services provided by their agency.</li> <li>6. The current Client File Matrix found in Appendix A: Client File Matrix details the minimum requirements for records to be stored in agency office files, the delivery site, or with DSP while providing services in the community.</li> </ul>		

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Completion Date
		to assure adherence to waiver requirements. The	
		nce with State requirements and the approved waiv	/er.
Tag # 1A20 Direct Support Professional Training	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2021 Chapter 17 Training Requirements: 17.1 Training Requirements for Direct Support Professional and Direct Support Supervisors: Direct Support Professional (DSP) and Direct Support Supervisors (DSS) include staff and contractors from agencies providing the following services: Supported Living, Family Living, CIHS, IMLS, CCS, CIE and Crisis Supports. 1. DSP/DSS must successfully complete within 30 calendar days of hire and prior to working alone with a person in service: a. Complete IST requirements in accordance with the specifications	Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure Orientation and Training requirements were met for 1 of 82 Direct Support Professional, Direct Support Supervisory Personnel and / or Service Coordinators. Review of Agency training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings being completed: <b>First Aid:</b> • Expired (#564) <b>CPR:</b> • Expired (#564)	Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?): → Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement	
<ul> <li>described in the ISP of each person supported and as outlined in Chapter 17.9 Individual Specific Training below.</li> <li>b. Complete DDSD training in standards precautions located in the New Mexico Waiver Training Hub.</li> <li>c. Complete and maintain certification in First Aid and CPR. The training materials shall meet OSHA requirements/guidelines.</li> <li>d. Complete relevant training in accordance with OSHA requirements (if job involves exposure to hazardous chemicals).</li> <li>e. Become certified in a DDSD-approved system of crisis prevention and intervention (e.g., MANDT, Handle with Care, Crisis Prevention and Intervention (CPI)) before using Emergency Physical Restraint (EPR). Agency DSP and DSS shall maintain certification in a DDSD-</li> </ul>		processes as it related to this tag number here (What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): →	

approved system if any person they		
support has a BCIP that includes the use		
of EPR.		
f. Complete and maintain certification in a		
DDSD-approved Assistance with		
Medication Delivery (AWMD) course if		
required to assist with medication		
delivery.		
g. Complete DDSD training regarding the		
HIPAA located in the New Mexico Waiver		
Training Hub.		
17.1.13 Training Requirements for Service		
<b>Coordinators (SC):</b> Service Coordinators		
(SCs) refer to staff at agencies providing the		
following services: Supported Living, Family		
Living, Customized In-home Supports,		
Intensive Medical Living, Customized		
Community Supports, Community Integrated		
Employment, and Crisis Supports.		
1. A SC must successfully complete within 30		
calendar days of hire and prior to working		
alone with a person in service:		
a. Complete IST requirements in		
accordance with the specifications		
described in the ISP of each person		
supported, and as outlined in the		
Chapter 17.10 Individual-Specific		
Training below.		
b. Complete DDSD training in standard		
precautions located in the New Mexico		
Waiver Training Hub.		
c. Complete and maintain certification in		
First Aid and CPR. The training materials		
shall meet OSHA		
requirements/guidelines.		
d. Complete relevant training in accordance		
with OSHA requirements (if job involves		
exposure to hazardous chemicals).		
e. Become certified in a DDSD-approved		
system of crisis prevention and		
intervention (e.g., MANDT, Handle with		
Care, CPI) before using emergency		

<ul> <li>physical restraint. Agency SC shall maintain certification in a DDSD- approved system if a person they support has a Behavioral Crisis Intervention Plan that includes the use of emergency physical restraint.</li> <li>f. Complete and maintain certification in AWMD if required to assist with medications.</li> <li>g. Complete DDSD training regarding HIPAA located in the New Mexico Waiver Training Hub.</li> </ul>		

Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2021 Chapter 17 Training Requirements 17.9 Individual-Specific Training Requirements: The following are elements of IST: defined standards of performance, curriculum tailored to teach skills and knowledge necessary to meet those standards of performance, and formal examination or demonstration to verify standards of performance, using the established DDSD training levels of awareness, knowledge, and skill. Reaching an <b>awareness level</b> may be accomplished by reading plans or other information. The trainee is cognizant of information related to a person's specific condition. Verbal or written recall of basic information can verify awareness. Reaching a <b>knowledge level</b> may take the form of observing a plan in action, reading a plan more thoroughly, or having a plan described by the author or their designee. Verbal or written recall or demonstration may verify this level of competence. Reaching a <b>skill level</b> involves being trained by a therapist, nurse, designated or experienced designated trainer. The trainer shall demonstrate the techniques according to the plan. The trainer must observe and provide feedback to the trainee as they implement the techniques. This should be repeated until competence is demonstration of the techniques or strategies verifies skill level competence. Trainees should be observed on more than one occasion to ensure appropriate techniques are maintained and to provide additional coaching/feedback.	<ul> <li>Based on interview, the Agency did not ensure training competencies were met for 1 of 22 Direct Support Professional.</li> <li>When DSP were asked, if the Individual had any food and / or medication allergies that could be potentially life threatening, the following was reported:</li> <li>DSP # 505 stated, "I believe there is a Augmentin and latex allergy." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the individual is also allergic to lodine. (Individual #15)</li> </ul>	Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?): → Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here (What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): →	

Individuals shall receive services from		
competent and qualified Provider Agency		
personnel who must successfully complete IST		
requirements in accordance with the		
specifications described in the ISP of each		
person supported.		
1. IST must be arranged and conducted at		
least annually. IST includes training on the		
ISP Desired Outcomes, Action Plans,		
Teaching and Support Strategies, and		
information about the person's preferences		
regarding privacy, communication style,		
and routines. More frequent training may		
be necessary if the annual ISP changes		
before the year ends.		
2. IST for therapy-related Written Direct		
Support Instructions (WDSI), Healthcare		
Plans (HCPs), Medical Emergency		
Response Plan (MERPs), Comprehensive		
Aspiration Risk Management Plans		
(CARMPs), Positive Behavior Supports		
Assessment (PBSA), Positive Behavior		
Supports Plans (PBSPs), and Behavior		
Crisis Intervention Plans (BCIPs), PRN		
Psychotropic Medication Plans (PPMPs),		
and Risk Management Plans (RMPs) must		
occur at least annually and more often if		
plans change, or if monitoring by the plan		
author or agency finds problems with		
implementation, when new DSP or CM are		
assigned to work with a person, or when an		
existing DSP or CM requires a refresher.		
3. The competency level of the training is		
based on the IST section of the ISP.		
4. The person should be present for and		
involved in IST whenever possible.		
5. Provider Agencies are responsible for		
tracking of IST requirements.		
6. Provider Agencies must arrange and		
ensure that DSP's and CIE's are trained on		
the contents of the plans in accordance		
with timelines indicated in the Individual-		
Specific Training Requirements: Support		

<ul> <li>authors when new DSP are hired to arrange for trainings.</li> <li>7. If a therapist, BSC, nurse, or other author of a plan, healthcare or otherwise, chooses to designate a trainer, that person is still responsible for providing the curriculum to the designated trainer. The author of the plan is also responsible for ensuring the designated trainer is verifying competency in alignment with their curriculum, doing periodic quality assurance checks with their designated trainer, and re-certifying the designated trainer at least annually and/or when there is a change to a person's plan.</li> </ul>			
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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Completion Date
		d seeks to prevent occurrences of abuse, neglect a	
		lals to access needed healthcare services in a time	ely manner.
Tag # 1A15.2 Administrative Case File:	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Healthcare Documentation (Therap and Required Plans)			
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service	After an analysis of the evidence, it has been	Provider:	
Standards Eff 11/1/2021	determined there is a significant potential for a	State your Plan of Correction for the	
Chapter 3: Safeguards: Decisions about	negative outcome to occur.	deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is	
Health Care or Other Treatment: Decision		the deficiency going to be corrected? This can	
Consultation and Team Justification	Based on record review, the Agency did not	be specific to each deficiency cited or if	
<b>Process:</b> There are a variety of approaches	maintain the required documentation in the	possible an overall correction?): $ ightarrow$	
and available resources to support decision	Individuals Agency Record as required by		
making when desired by the person. The	standard for 5 of 17 individuals.		
decision consultation and team justification	Deview of the edministrative individual appe		
processes assist participants and their health care decision makers to document their	Review of the administrative individual case files revealed the following items were not		
decisions. It is important for provider agencies	found, incomplete, and/or not current:		
to communicate with guardians to share with	Tound, incomplete, and/or not current.		
the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) Members any	Healthcare Passport:	Provider:	
medical, behavioral, or psychiatric information	<ul> <li>Did not contain Emergency Contact</li> </ul>	Enter your ongoing Quality	
as part of an individual's routine medical or	Information (#1, 17) (Note: Updated in	Assurance/Quality Improvement	
psychiatric care. For current forms and	Therap during the on-site survey for #1.	processes as it related to this tag number	
resources please refer to the DOH Website:	Provider please complete POC for ongoing	here (What is going to be done? How many	
https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/.	QA/QI.)	individuals is this going to affect? How often	
3.1.1 Decision Consultation Process (DCP):		will this be completed? Who is responsible?	
Health decisions are the sole domain of waiver	• Did not contain Name of Physician (#7, 11,	What steps will be taken if issues are found?):	
participants, their guardians or healthcare	13) (Note: Updated in Therap during the on-	$\rightarrow$	
decision makers. Participants and their	site survey. Provider please complete POC		
healthcare decision makers can confidently	for ongoing QA/QI.)		
make decisions that are compatible with their			
personal and cultural values. Provider			
Agencies and Interdisciplinary Teams (IDTs)			
are required to support the informed decision			
making of waiver participants by supporting			
access to medical consultation, information,			
and other available resources			
1. The Decision Consultation Process (DCP)			
is documented on the Decision Consultation			
and Team Justification Form (DC/TJF) and			
is used for health related issues when a			
person or their guardian/healthcare decision			

maker has concerns, needs more		
information about these types of issues or		
has decided not to follow all or part of a		
healthcare-related order, recommendation,		
or suggestion. This includes, but is not		
limited to:		
a. medical orders or recommendations from		
the Primary Care Practitioner, Specialists		
or other licensed medical or healthcare		
practitioners such as a Nurse Practitioner		
(NP or CNP), Physician Assistant (PA) or		
Dentist;		
b. clinical recommendations made by		
registered/licensed clinicians who are		
either members of the IDT (e.g., nurses,		
therapists, dieticians, BSCs or PRS Risk		
Evaluator) or clinicians who have		
performed evaluations such as a video-		
fluoroscopy;		
c. health related recommendations or		
suggestions from oversight activities such		
as the Individual Quality Review (IQR);		
and		
d. recommendations made by a licensed		
professional through a Healthcare Plan		
(HCP), including a Comprehensive		
Aspiration Risk Management Plan		
(CARMP), a Medical Emergency		
Response Plan (MERP) or another plan		
such as a Risk Management Plan (RMP)		
or a Behavior Crisis Intervention Plan (BCIP).		
(DCIP).		
Chapter 10 Living Care Arrangements:		
Supported Living Requirements: 10.4.1.5.1		
Monitoring and Supervision: Supported		
Living Provider Agencies must: Ensure and		
document the following:		
a. The person has a Primary Care Practitioner.		
b. The person receives an annual physical		
examination and other examinations as		
recommended by a Primary Care		
Practitioner or specialist.		

<ul> <li>c. The person receives annual dental check-ups as recommended by a licensed dentist.</li> <li>d. The person receives a hearing test as recommended by a licensed audiologist.</li> <li>e. The person receives eye examinations as recommended by a licensed optimetrist or ophthalmologist.</li> <li>Agency activities occur as required for follow-up activities to medical appointments (e.g., treatment, visits to specialists, and changes in medication or daily routine).</li> <li>Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and Client Records</li> <li>Requirements: All DD Waiver Provider</li> <li>Agencies are required to create and maintain individual client records vary depending on the unique needs of the person receiving services and the resultant information produced. The extent of documentation required for individual client records up of service being provided, and the information necessary.</li> </ul>
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provided, and the information necessary.
DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to
adhere to the following:
1. Client records must contain all documents
essential to the service being provided and
essential to ensuring the health and safety
of the person during the provision of the
service.
2. Provider Agencies must have readily
accessible records in home and community
settings in paper or electronic form. Secure
access to electronic records through the
Therap web-based system using
computers or mobile devices are
acceptable.
3. Provider Agencies are responsible for
ensuring that all plans created by nurses,
RDs, therapists or BSCs are present in all
settings.

<ol> <li>Provider Agencies must maintain records of all documents produced by agency personnel or contractors on behalf of each person, including any routine notes or data, annual assessments, semi-annual reports, evidence of training provided/received, progress notes, and any other interactions for which billing is generated.</li> <li>Each Provider Agency is responsible for maintaining the daily or other contact notes documenting the nature and frequency of service delivery, as well as data tracking only for the services provided by their</li> </ol>	
<ul> <li>agency.</li> <li>6. The current Client File Matrix found in Appendix A Client File details the minimum requirements for records to be stored in agency office files, the delivery site, or with DSP while providing services in the community.</li> </ul>	
<b>20.5.4 Health Passport and Physician</b> <b>Consultation Form:</b> All Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies must use the <i>Health Passport</i> and <i>Physician Consultation</i> form generated from an e-CHAT in the Therap system. This standardized document contains individual, physician and emergency contact information, a complete list of current medical diagnoses, health and safety risk factors, allergies, and information regarding insurance, guardianship, and advance directives. The <i>Health Passport</i> also includes a standardized form to use at medical appointments called the <i>Physician Consultation</i> form. The <i>Physician</i> <i>Consultation</i> form contains a list of all current medications.	
Chapter 13 Nursing Services: 13.1 Overview of The Nurse's Role in The DD Waiver and Larger Health Care System: Routine medical and healthcare services are accessed through the person's Medicaid State	

Plan benefits and through Medicare and/or		
private insurance for persons who have these		
additional types of insurance coverage. DD		
Waiver health related services are specifically		
designed to support the person in the		
community setting and complement but may		
not duplicate those medical or health related		
services provided by the Medicaid State Plan		
or other insurance systems.		
Nurses play a pivotal role in supporting		
persons and their guardians or legal Health		
Care Decision makers within the DD Waiver		
and are a key link with the larger healthcare		
system in New Mexico. DD Waiver Nurses		
identify and support the person's preferences		
regarding health decisions; support health		
awareness and self-management of		
medications and health conditions; assess,		
plan, monitor and manage health related		
issues; provide education; and share		
information among the IDT members including		
DSP in a variety of settings, and share		
information with natural supports when		
requested by individual or guardian. Nurses		
also respond proactively to chronic and acute		
health changes and concerns, facilitating		
access to appropriate healthcare services. This		
involves communication and coordination both		
within and beyond the DD Waiver. DD Waiver		
nurses must contact and consistently		
collaborate with the person, guardian, IDT		
members, Direct Support Professionals and all		
medical and behavioral providers including		
Medical Providers or Primary Care		
Practitioners (physicians, nurse practitioners or		
physician assistants), Specialists, Dentists,		
and the Medicaid Managed Care Organization		
(MCO) Care Coordinators.		
42.2.7 Decumentation Demuinements for all		
13.2.7 Documentation Requirements for all		
DD Waiver Nurses		

13.2.8 Electronic Nursing Assessment and Planning Process		
13.2.8.1 Medication Administration Assessment Tool (MAAT)		
13.2.8.2 Aspiration Risk Management Screening Tool (ARST)		
13.2.8.3 The Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool (e-CHAT)		
13.2.9.1 Health Care Plans (HCP)		
13.2.9.2 Medical Emergency Response Plan (MERP)		

Tag # LS25 Residential Health & Safety	Standard Level Deficiency		
(Supported Living / Family Living /			
Intensive Medical Living) Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service	Based on record review and / or observation,	Provider:	
Standards Eff 11/1/2021	the Agency did not ensure that each	State your Plan of Correction for the	
Chapter 10 Living Care Arrangement (LCA):	individuals' residence met all requirements	deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is	
10.3.7 Requirements for Each Residence:	within the standard for 7 of 11 Living Care	the deficiency going to be corrected? This can	
Provider Agencies must assure that each	Arrangement residences.	be specific to each deficiency cited or if	
residence is clean, safe, and comfortable, and		possible an overall correction?): $\rightarrow$	
each residence accommodates individual daily	Review of the residential records and		
living, social and leisure activities. In addition,	observation of the residence revealed the		
the Provider Agency must ensure the	following items were not found, not functioning		
residence:	or incomplete:		
1. has basic utilities, i.e., gas, power, water,			
telephone, and internet access;	Family Living Requirements:		
2. supports telehealth, and/ or family/friend		Provider:	
contact on various platforms or using various devices;	Carbon monoxide detectors (#5)	Enter your ongoing Quality	
3. has a battery operated or electric smoke	- Deison Control Dhone Number (#12)	Assurance/Quality Improvement	
detectors or a sprinkler system, carbon	Poison Control Phone Number (#13)	processes as it related to this tag number	
monoxide detectors, and fire extinguisher;	Water temperature in home exceeds safe	here (What is going to be done? How many	
4. has a general-purpose first aid kit;	temperature (110° F):	individuals is this going to affect? How often	
5. has accessible written documentation of	<ul> <li>Water temperature in home measured</li> </ul>	will this be completed? Who is responsible?	
evacuation drills occurring at least three	145.5° F (#7)	What steps will be taken if issues are found?):	
times a year overall, one time a year for		$\rightarrow$	
each shift;	Water temperature in home measured		
6. has water temperature that does not	116.2° F (#8)		
exceed a safe temperature (110° F).			
Anyone with a history of being unsafe in or	<ul> <li>Water temperature in home measured</li> </ul>		
around water while bathing, grooming, etc.	131.0º F (#9)		
or with a history of at least one scalding			
incident will have a regulated temperature control valve or device installed in the	<ul> <li>Water temperature in home measured</li> </ul>		
home.	126.6º F (#13)		
7. has safe storage of all medications with			
dispensing instructions for each person	Water temperature in home measured		
that are consistent with the Assistance	136.2º F (#14)		
with Medication (AWMD) training or each			
person's ISP;	<ul> <li>Water temperature in home measured</li> <li>128.80 E (#15)</li> </ul>		
8. has an emergency placement plan for	128.8º F (#15)		
relocation of people in the event of an			
emergency evacuation that makes the			
residence unsuitable for occupancy;			

9. has emergency evacuation procedures that address, but are not limited to, fire,		
chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding;		
10. supports environmental modifications,		
remote personal support technology		
(RPST), and assistive technology devices,		
including modifications to the bathroom (i.e., shower chairs, grab bars, walk in		
shower, raised toilets, etc.) based on the		
unique needs of the individual in		
consultation with the IDT;		
11. has or arranges for necessary equipment for bathing and transfers to support health		
and safety with consultation from		
therapists as needed;		
12. has the phone number for poison control		
within line of site of the telephone; 13. has general household appliances, and		
kitchen and dining utensils;		
14. has proper food storage and cleaning		
supplies;		
15. has adequate food for three meals a day and individual preferences; and		
16. has at least two bathrooms for residences		
with more than two residents.		
17. Training in and assistance with community integration that include access to and		
participation in preferred activities to		
include providing or arranging for		
transportation needs or training to access public transportation.		
18. Has Personal Protective Equipment		
available, when needed		
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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Completion Date
Service Domain: Medicaid Billing/Reimburse	ment – State financial oversight exists to assure	that claims are coded and paid for in accordance w	vith the
reimbursement methodology specified in the app			
Tag # IS30 Customized Community	Standard Level Deficiency		
Supports Reimbursement			
NMAC 8.302.2	Based on record review, the Agency did not	Provider:	
	provide written or electronic documentation as	State your Plan of Correction for the	
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service	evidence for each unit billed for Customized	deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is	
Standards Eff 11/1/2021	Community Supports services for 2 of 11	the deficiency going to be corrected? This can	
Chapter 21: Billing Requirements; 23.1	individuals.	be specific to each deficiency cited or if	
Recording Keeping and Documentation		possible an overall correction?): $ ightarrow$	
Requirements	Individual #7		
DD Waiver Provider Agencies must maintain	July 2022		
all records necessary to demonstrate proper	The Agency billed 24 units of Customized		
provision of services for Medicaid billing. At a	Community Supports (T2021 HB U7) on		
minimum, Provider Agencies must adhere to	7/19/2022. Documentation received		
the following:	accounted for 23 units. (Note: Void/Adjust		
1. The level and type of service provided must	provided on-site during survey. Provider		
be supported in the ISP and have an	please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)	Provider:	
approved budget prior to service delivery		Enter your ongoing Quality	
and billing.	Individual #12	Assurance/Quality Improvement	
2. Comprehensive documentation of direct	May 2022	processes as it related to this tag number	
service delivery must include, at a minimum:	• The Agency billed 30 units of Customized	here (What is going to be done? How many	
a. the agency name;	Community Supports (H2021 HB U1) on	individuals is this going to affect? How often	
b. the name of the recipient of the service;	5/12/2022. Documentation received	will this be completed? Who is responsible?	
c. the location of the service;	accounted for 26 units. (Note: Void/Adjust	What steps will be taken if issues are found?):	
d. the date of the service;	provided on-site during survey. Provider	$\rightarrow$	
e. the type of service;	please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)		
f. the start and end times of the service;			
g. the signature and title of each staff	June 2022		
member who documents their time; and	<ul> <li>The Agency billed 30 units of Customized</li> </ul>		
3. Details of the services provided. A Provider	Community Supports (H2021 HB U1) on		
Agency that receives payment for treatment,	6/6/2022. Documentation received		
services, or goods must retain all medical	accounted for 26 units. (Note: Void/Adjust		
and business records for a period of at least	provided on-site during survey. Provider		
six years from the last payment date, until	please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)		
ongoing audits are settled, or until			
involvement of the state Attorney General is	The Agency billed 34 units of Customized		
completed regarding settlement of any	Community Supports (H2021 HB U1) on		
claim, whichever is longer.	6/27/2022. Documentation received		
4. A Provider Agency that receives payment			
for treatment, services or goods must retain	accounted for 30 units. (Note: Void/Adjust		

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all medical and business records relating to any of the following for a period of at least	provided on-site during survey. Provider please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)	
six years from the payment date:		
a. treatment or care of any eligible recipient;	July 2022	
b. services or goods provided to any eligible	• The Agency billed 30 units of Customized	
recipient;	Community Supports (H2021 HB U1) on	
<ul> <li>amounts paid by MAD on behalf of any eligible recipient; and</li> </ul>	7/11/2022. Documentation received	
d. any records required by MAD for the	accounted for 26 units. (Note: Void/Adjust provided on-site during survey. Provider	
administration of Medicaid.	please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)	
21.7 Billable Activities:		
Specific billable activities are defined in the scope of work and service requirements for		
each DD Waiver service. In addition, any		
billable activity must also be consistent with the		
person's approved ISP.		
21.9 Billable Units: The unit of billing depends		
on the service type. The unit may be a 15-		
minute interval, a daily unit, a monthly unit, or a		
dollar amount. The unit of billing is identified in		
the current DD Waiver Rate Table. Provider Agencies must correctly report service units.		
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21.9.2 Requirements for Monthly Units: For		
services billed in monthly units, a Provider		
Agency must adhere to the following: 1. A month is considered a period of 30		
calendar days.		
2. Face-to-face billable services shall be		
provided during a month where any portion		
of a monthly unit is billed.		
3. Monthly units can be prorated by a half unit.		
21.9.4 Requirements for 15-minute and		
<b>hourly units:</b> For services billed in 15-minute or hourly intervals, Provider Agencies must		
adhere to the following:		
1. When time spent providing the service is		
not exactly 15 minutes or one hour,		
Provider Agencies are responsible for		

reporting time correctly following NMAC 8.302.2.		
<ol> <li>Services that last in their entirety less than</li> </ol>		
<ol> <li>Services that last in their entirety less than eight minutes cannot be billed.</li> </ol>		

b. services or goods provided to any eligible	was found on 5/22/2022 to justify the 1 unit	
recipient;	billed. (Note: Void/Adjust provided on-site	
c. amounts paid by MAD on behalf of any	during survey. Provider please complete	
eligible recipient; and	POC for ongoing QA/QI.)	
d. any records required by MAD for the		
administration of Medicaid.	Individual #15	
	May 2022	
21.7 Billable Activities:	The Agency billed 1 unit of Family Living	
Specific billable activities are defined in the	(T2033 HB) on 5/12/2022. Documentation	
scope of work and service requirements for	received accounted for .5 units. As	
each DD Waiver service. In addition, any	indicated by the DDW Standards at least 12	
billable activity must also be consistent with the	hours in a 24-hour period must be provided	
person's approved ISP.	in order to bill a complete unit.	
	Documentation received accounted	
21.9 Billable Units: The unit of billing depends		
	for .25 hours, which is less than the	
on the service type. The unit may be a 15- minute interval, a daily unit, a monthly unit, or a	required amount. (Note: Void/Adjust	
	provided on-site during survey. Provider	
dollar amount. The unit of billing is identified in	please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)	
the current DD Waiver Rate Table. Provider		
Agencies must correctly report service units.	The Agency billed 1 unit of Family Living	
	(T2033 HB) on 5/26/2022. Documentation	
21.9.1 Requirements for Daily Units: For	received accounted for .5 units. As	
services billed in daily units, Provider Agencies	indicated by the DDW Standards at least 12	
must adhere to the following:	hours in a 24-hour period must be provided	
1. A day is considered 24 hours from midnight	in order to bill a complete unit.	
to midnight.	Documentation received accounted	
2. If 12 or fewer hours of service are provided,	for .25 hours, which is less than the	
then one-half unit shall be billed. A whole	required amount. (Note: Void/Adjust	
unit can be billed if more than 12 hours of	provided on-site during survey. Provider	
service is provided during a 24-hour period.	please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)	
3. The maximum allowable billable units		
cannot exceed 340 calendar days per ISP	June 2022	
year or 170 calendar days per six months.	The Agency billed 1 unit of Family Living	
	(T2033 HB) on 6/12/2022. Documentation	
	received accounted for .5 units. As	
	indicated by the DDW Standards at least 12	
	hours in a 24-hour period must be provided	
	in order to bill a complete unit.	
	Documentation received accounted	
	for .25 hours, which is less than the	
	required amount. (Note: Void/Adjust	
	provided on-site during survey. Provider	
	please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)	 

	• The Agency billed 1 unit of Family Living (T2033 HB) on 6/14/2022. Documentation received accounted for .5 units. As indicated by the DDW Standards at least 12 hours in a 24-hour period must be provided in order to bill a complete unit. Documentation received accounted for 1 hour, which is less than the required amount. (Note: Void/Adjust provided on-site during survey. Provider please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)		
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DAVID R. SCRASE, M.D. Acting Cabinet Secretary

Date:	December 5, 2022
То:	Konnie Kanmore, DSP / SC / Executive Director / CEO
Provider: Address: State/Zip:	Absolutely You, LLC. 1400 S. Avenue D Suite B Portales, New Mexico 88130
E-mail Address:	kkanmore@absolutelyyoullc.com
Region: Survey Date:	Southeast September 2 – 15, 2022
Program Surveyed:	Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed:	Family Living, Customized In-Home Supports, Customized Community Supports, and Community Integrated Employment Services
Survey Type:	Routine

Dear Ms. Kanmore,

The Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau has received, reviewed and approved the supporting documents you submitted for your Plan of Correction. The documents you provided verified that all previously cited survey Deficiencies have been corrected.

# The Plan of Correction process is now complete.

# Furthermore, your agency is now determined to be in Compliance with all Conditions of Participation.

Consistent use of these Quality Assurance processes will enable you to identify and promptly respond to problems, enhance your service delivery, and result in fewer deficiencies cited in future QMB surveys.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Plan of Correction process, for striving to come into compliance with standards and regulations, and for helping to provide the health, safety, and personal growth of the people you serve.

Sincerely, Monica Valdez, BS

Monica Valdez, BS Healthcare Surveyor Advanced/Plan of Correction Coordinator Quality Management Bureau/DHI

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