

Date: October 5, 2015

To: Connie Kalter
Provider: New Pathways, Inc.
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State/Zip: Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111

E-mail Address: conniekalter@newpathwaysnm.com

Region: Metro and Northeast
Survey Date: August 17 – 19, 2015
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Service Surveyed: **2012:** *Living Supports* (Supported Living, Family Living); *Inclusion Supports* (Customized Community Supports)
2007: *Community Living* (Supported Living) and *Community Inclusion* (Adult Habilitation)

Survey Type: Routine

Team Leader: Deb Russell, BS, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Team Members: Corrina Strain, RN, BSN, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Meg Pell, BA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Richard Reyes, BA, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Florence Mulheron, BA, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Tricia Hart, AAS, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Leslie Peterson, BBA, MA, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Dear Ms. Kalter;

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.

Determination of Compliance:

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

Partial Compliance with Conditions of Participation

The following tags are identified as Condition of Participation Level Deficiencies:

- Tag #1A32 Individual Service Plan Implementation
- Tag # 1A28.1 Incident Mgt. System - Personnel Training

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This determination is based on noncompliance with one or more CMS waiver assurances at the Condition of Participation level as well as Standard level deficiencies identified in the attached QMB Report of Findings and requires implementation of a Plan of Correction.

Plan of Correction:

The attached Report of Findings identifies the Standard Level and/or Condition of Participation deficiencies found during your agency's 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.

Submission of your Plan of Correction:

Please submit your agency's Plan of Correction in the space on the two right 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, Attention: Amanda Castaneda, Plan of Correction Coordinator
1170 North Solano Suite D Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001**
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 claims 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: Julie Ann Hill-Clapp
HSD/OIG
Program Integrity Unit
P.O. Box 2348
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2348

Or if using UPS, FedEx, DHL (courier mail) send to physical address at:

Attention: Julie Ann Hill-Clapp
HSD/OIG
Program Integrity Unit
2025 S. Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Please be advised that there is a one-week lag period for applying payments received by check to Voided/Adjusted 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:

QMB Deputy Bureau Chief
5301 Central Ave NE Suite #400
Albuquerque, NM 87108
Attention: IRF request

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 call the Plan of Correction Coordinator Amanda Castaneda at 575-373-5716 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,

Deb Russell, BS

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Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Division of Health Improvement
Quality Management Bureau

Survey Process Employed:

Entrance Conference Date: August 17, 2015

Present: **New Pathways, Inc.**
Willard Talbot, Service Coordinator

DOH/DHI/QMB

Deb Russell, BS, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Tricia Hart, AAS, Healthcare Surveyor
Corrina Strain, RN, BSN, Healthcare Surveyor
Meg Pell, BA, Healthcare Surveyor
Richard Reyes, BA, Healthcare Surveyor
Leslie Patterson, BBA, MA

Exit Conference Date: August 19, 2015

Present: **New Pathways, Inc.**
Connie Kalter, Executive Director
Melissa Escarida, Service Coordinator

DOH/DHI/QMB

Deb Russell, BS, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
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Administrative Locations Visited Number: 1

Total Sample Size Number: 12

1 - Jackson Class Members
11 - Non-Jackson Class Members

6 - Supported Living
6 - Family Living
7 - Customized Community Supports
1 - Adult Habilitation

Total Homes Visited Number: 9

❖ Supported Living Homes Visited Number: 4

Note: The following Individuals share a SL residence:

- #7, 9
- #11, 12

❖ Family Living Homes Visited Number: 5

Persons Served Records Reviewed Number: 12

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Persons Served Interviewed	Number:	5
Persons Served Observed	Number:	7 (2 Individuals were not available during the on-site survey; 1 Individual chose not to be interviewed; 4 Individuals did not respond to Surveyor questions)
Direct Support Personnel Interviewed	Number:	13
Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed	Number:	57
Substitute Care/Respite Personnel Records Reviewed	Number:	18
Service Coordinator Records Reviewed	Number:	3

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
 - Medication Administration Records
 - Medical Emergency Response Plans
 - Therapy Evaluations and Plans
 - 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
- Evacuation Drills of Residences and Service Locations
- 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
 MFEAD – NM Attorney General

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 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 575-373-5716 or email at AmandaE.Castaneda@state.nm.us. 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 to prevent recurrence and information that ensures the regulation cited is in compliance. The remedies noted in your POC are expected to be added to your Agency's required, annual Quality Assurance Plan.

If a deficiency has already been corrected, 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 Plan of Correction must address the six required Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) core elements to address each deficiency cited in the Report of Findings:

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 individuals in similar situations.
3. What QA measures will be put into place or systemic changes made to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur

4. Indicate how the agency plans to monitor its performance to make sure that solutions are sustained. The agency must develop a QA plan for ensuring that correction is achieved and sustained. This QA plan must be implemented, and the corrective action evaluated for its effectiveness. The plan of correction is integrated into the agency quality assurance system; and
5. Include dates when corrective action will be completed. The corrective action completion dates must be acceptable to the State.
6. The POC must be signed and dated by the agency director or other authorized official.

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

- Details about how and when Consumer, Personnel and Residential 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, as they are being used, and after they are completed;
- Your processes for ensuring that all staff are trained in Core Competencies, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Reporting, and Individual-Specific service requirements, etc.;
- How accuracy in Billing/Reimbursement documentation is assured;
- How health, safety is assured;
- For Case Management Providers, how Individual Specific Plans are reviewed to verify they meet requirements, how the timeliness of 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, Amanda Castaneda at 575-373-5716 or email at AmandaE.Castaneda@state.nm.us for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your Regional DDSD Office.
4. Submit your POC to Amanda Castaneda, POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
 - a. Electronically at AmandaE.Castaneda@state.nm.us (*preferred method*)
 - b. Fax to 575-528-5019, or
 - c. Mail to POC Coordinator, 1170 North Solano Ste D, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

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5. Do not submit supporting documentation (evidence of compliance) to QMB until after your POC 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

Once your POC has been approved by the QMB Plan of Correction Coordinator you must submit copies of documents as evidence that all deficiencies have been corrected, as follows.

1. Your internal documents are due within a maximum of 45 business days of receipt of your Report of Findings.
2. It is preferred that you submit your documents via USPS or other carrier (scanned and saved to CD/DVD disc, flash drive, etc.). If the documents do not contain protected Health information (PHI) the preferred method is that you submit your documents electronically (scanned and attached to e-mails).
3. All submitted documents must be annotated; 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. In addition to this, we ask that you submit:
 - Evidence of an internal audit of billing/reimbursement conducted for a sample of individuals and timeframes of your choosing to verify POC implementation;
 - Copies of “void and adjust” forms submitted to Xerox State Healthcare, LLC to correct all unjustified units identified and submitted for payment during your internal audit.

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.

Attachment B

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 state and federal regulations. QMB has grouped the CMS assurances into five Service Domains: Level of Care; Plan of Care; 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 Management 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 in the QMB Report of Findings. 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.

Within the QMB Service Domains there are fundamental regulations, standards, or policies with which a provider must be in essential compliance in order to ensure the health and welfare of individuals served known as Conditions of Participation (CoPs).

The Determination of Compliance for each service type is based on a provider's compliance with CoPs in three (3) Service Domains.

Case Management Services:

- Level of Care
- Plan of Care
- Qualified Providers

Community Inclusion Supports/ Living Supports:

- Qualified Provider
- Plan of Care
- Health, Welfare and Safety

Conditions of Participation (CoPs)

A CoP is an identified fundamental regulation, standard, or policy with which a provider must be in compliance in order to ensure the health and welfare of individuals served. CoPs are based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Home and Community-Based Waiver required assurances. A provider must be in compliance with CoPs to participate as a waiver provider.

QMB surveyors use professional judgment when reviewing the critical elements of each standard and regulation to determine when non-compliance with a standard level deficiency rises to the level of a CoP out of compliance. Only some deficiencies can rise to the level of a CoP (See the next section for a list of CoPs). The QMB survey team analyzes the relevant finding in terms of scope, actual harm or potential for harm, unique situations, patterns of performance, and other factors to determine if there is the potential for a negative outcome which would rise to the level of a CoP. A Standard level deficiency becomes a CoP out of compliance when the team's analysis establishes that there is an identified potential for

significant harm or actual harm. It is then cited as a CoP out of compliance. If the deficiency does not rise to the level of a CoP out of compliance, it is cited as a Standard Level Deficiency.

The Division of Health Improvement (DHI) and the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) collaborated to revise the current Conditions of Participation (CoPs). There are seven Conditions of Participation in which providers must be in compliance.

CoPs and Service Domains for Case Management Supports are as follows:

Service Domain: Level of Care

Condition of Participation:

1. **Level of Care:** The Case Manager shall complete all required elements of the Long Term Care Assessment Abstract (LTCAA) to ensure ongoing eligibility for waiver services.

Service Domain: Plan of Care

Condition of Participation:

2. **Individual Service Plan (ISP) Creation and Development:** Each individual shall have an ISP. The ISP shall be developed in accordance with DDSD regulations and standards and is updated at least annually or when warranted by changes in the individual's needs.

Condition of Participation:

3. **ISP Monitoring and Evaluation:** The Case Manager shall ensure the health and welfare of the individual through monitoring the implementation of ISP desired outcomes.

CoPs and Service Domain for ALL Service Providers is as follows:

Service Domain: Qualified Providers

Condition of Participation:

4. **Qualified Providers:** Agencies shall ensure support staff has completed criminal background screening and all mandated trainings as required by the DDSD.

CoPs and Service Domains for Living Supports and Inclusion Supports are as follows:

Service Domain: Plan of Care

Condition of Participation:

5. **ISP Implementation:** Services provided shall be consistent with the components of the ISP and implemented to achieve desired outcomes.

Service Domain: Health, Welfare and Safety

Condition of Participation:

6. **Individual Health, Safety and Welfare: (Safety)** Individuals have the right to live and work in a safe environment.

Condition of Participation:

7. **Individual Health, Safety and Welfare (Healthcare Oversight):** The provider shall support individuals to access needed healthcare services in a timely manner. Nursing, healthcare services and healthcare oversight shall be available and provided as needed to address individuals' health, safety and welfare.

QMB Determinations of Compliance

Compliance with Conditions of Participation

The QMB determination of *Compliance with Conditions of Participation* indicates that a provider is in compliance with all Conditions of Participation, (CoP). 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 with Conditions of Participation, the provider must be in compliance with all Conditions of Participation in all relevant Service Domains. The agency may also have Standard level deficiencies (deficiencies which are not at the condition level) out of compliance in any of the Service Domains.

Partial-Compliance with Conditions of Participation

The QMB determination of *Partial-Compliance with Conditions of Participation* indicates that a provider is out of compliance with Conditions of Participation in one (1) to two (2) Service Domains. The agency may have one or more Condition level tags within a Service Domain. 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. The agency may also have Standard level deficiencies (deficiencies which are not at the condition level) in any of the Service Domains.

Providers receiving a repeat determination of Partial-Compliance for repeat deficiencies at the level of a Condition in any Service Domain may be referred by the Quality Management Bureau to the Internal Review Committee (IRC) for consideration of remedies and possible actions or sanctions.

Non-Compliance with Conditions of Participation

The QMB determination of *Non-Compliance with Conditions of Participation* indicates a provider is significantly out of compliance with Conditions of Participation in multiple Service Domains. The agency may have one or more Condition level tags in each of 3 relevant Service Domains. 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. The agency may also have Standard level deficiencies (deficiencies which are not at the condition level) in any of the Service Domains

Providers receiving a repeat determination of Non-Compliance will be referred by Quality Management Bureau to the Internal Review Committee (IRC) for consideration of remedies and possible actions or sanctions.

**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:

1. The Informal Reconsideration of the Finding (IRF) request must be received in writing to the QMB Deputy Bureau Chief **within 10 business days** of receipt of the final Report of Findings.
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: <http://dhi.health.state.nm.us/qmb>
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, Crystal Lopez-Beck at Crystal.Lopez-Beck@state.nm.us 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.

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Program: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service: 2012: Living Supports (Supported Living, Family Living); Inclusion Supports (Customized Community Supports)
Monitoring Type: Routine Survey
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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Date Due
Service Domain: Service Plans: ISP Implementation – Services are delivered in accordance with the service plan, including type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the service plan.			
Tag # 1A08 Agency Case File	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013</p> <p>Chapter 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements</p> <p>H. Consumer Records Policy: All Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Consumer Records Policy. Additional documentation that is required to be maintained at the administrative office includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vocational Assessments that are of quality and contain content acceptable to DVR and DDSD; 2. Career Development Plans as incorporated in the ISP; and 3. Documentation of evidence that services provided under the DDW are not otherwise available under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (DVR). <p>Chapter 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements:</p> <p>G. Consumer Records Policy: All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file at the administrative office for 5 of 12 individuals.</p> <p>Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISP budget forms MAD 046 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Not Found (#2, 11) • ISP Teaching and Support Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Individual #7 - TSS not found for the following Action Steps:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Work Outcome Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ “...will learn a new party planning technique/skills each week.” ➢ “...will shop at a new store of her choice.” ➢ “...will eat at a new restaurant of her choice.” 	<p>Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p>Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	

<p>policy. Additional documentation that is required to be maintained at the administrative office includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vocational Assessments (if applicable) that are of quality and contain content acceptable to DVR and DDS. <p>Chapter 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements: E. Consumer Records Policy: All Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDS Individual Case File Matrix policy.</p> <p>Chapter 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy: All Family Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDS Individual Case File Matrix policy.</p> <p>Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy: All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDS Individual Case File Matrix policy.</p> <p>Chapter 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements: C. Documents to be maintained in the agency administrative office, include: (This is not an all-inclusive list refer to standard as it includes other items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency contact information; • Personal identification; • ISP budget forms and budget prior authorization; • ISP with signature page and all applicable assessments, including teaching and support strategies, Positive Behavior Support Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavior Crisis Intervention Plan (#7) • Speech Therapy Plan (#3, 9) • Documentation of Guardianship/Power of Attorney (#3, 9) • Transition Plan (#9) 		
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<p>(PBSP), Behavior Crisis Intervention Plan (BCIP), or other relevant behavioral plans, Medical Emergency Response Plan (MERP), Healthcare Plan, Comprehensive Aspiration Risk Management Plan (CARMP), and Written Direct Support Instructions (WDSI);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dated and signed evidence that the individual has been informed of agency grievance/complaint procedure at least annually, or upon admission for a short term stay; • Copy of Guardianship or Power of Attorney documents as applicable; • Behavior Support Consultant, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist and Speech-Language Pathology progress reports as applicable, except for short term stays; • Written consent by relevant health decision maker and primary care practitioner for self-administration of medication or assistance with medication from DSP as applicable; • Progress notes written by DSP and nurses; • Signed secondary freedom of choice form; • Transition Plan as applicable for change of provider in past twelve (12) months. <p>DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION (DDSD): Director’s Release: Consumer Record Requirements eff. 11/1/2012</p> <p>III. Requirement Amendments(s) or Clarifications:</p> <p>A. All case management, living supports, customized in-home supports, community integrated employment and customized community supports providers must maintain records for individuals served through DD Waiver in accordance with the Individual Case File Matrix incorporated in this director’s release.</p> <p>H. Readily accessible electronic records are accessible, including those stored through the Therap web-based system.</p>			
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<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: D. Provider Agency Case File for the Individual: All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the receiving agency whenever an individual changes providers. The record must also be made available for review when requested by DOH, HSD or federal government representatives for oversight purposes. The individual's case file shall include the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Emergency contact information, including the individual's address, telephone number, names and telephone numbers of relatives, or guardian or conservator, physician's name(s) and telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address and telephone number, and health plan if appropriate; (2) The individual's complete and current ISP, with all supplemental plans specific to the individual, and the most current completed Health Assessment Tool (HAT); (3) Progress notes and other service delivery documentation; (4) Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plans, if there are any for the individual; (5) A medical history, which shall include at least demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability, psychiatric diagnoses, allergies (food, environmental, medications), immunizations, and most recent physical exam; (6) When applicable, transition plans completed for individuals at the time of discharge from Fort Stanton Hospital or Los Lunas Hospital and Training School; and 			
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<p>(7) Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the individual upon request.</p> <p>(8) The receiving Provider Agency shall be provided at a minimum the following records whenever an individual changes provider agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Complete file for the past 12 months; (b) ISP and quarterly reports from the current and prior ISP year; (c) Intake information from original admission to services; and (d) When applicable, the Individual Transition Plan at the time of discharge from Los Lunas Hospital and Training School or Ft. Stanton Hospital. <p>NMAC 8.302.1.17 RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: A provider must maintain all the records necessary to fully disclose the nature, quality, amount and medical necessity of services furnished to an eligible recipient who is currently receiving or who has received services in the past.</p> <p>B. Documentation of test results: Results of tests and services must be documented, which includes results of laboratory and radiology procedures or progress following therapy or treatment.</p>			
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<p>D. The intent is to provide choice and obtain opportunities for individuals to live, work and play with full participation in their communities. The following principles provide direction and purpose in planning for individuals with developmental disabilities. [05/03/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01]</p>	<p>found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 5/2015 – 6/2015.</p> <p>Individual #4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the Live Outcome; Action Step for “Will learn to use camera and take pictures of things he likes to do in the home and community” is to be completed 1 time per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 6/2015. • None found regarding: Live Outcome/Action Step: “Will learn to use camera and take pictures of things he likes to do in the home and community” for 4/2015. <p>Individual #6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the Live Outcome; Action Step for “Will fold his clothes and put them away” is to be completed 1 time per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 4/2015 – 6/2015. • According to the Live Outcome; Action Step for “Will clean his basic area, sweep and pick up personal belongings” is to be completed 1 time per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 4/2015 – 6/2015. • According to the Fun Outcome; Action Step for “Will increase his endurance through exercise” is to be completed 3 times per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 4/2015 – 6/2015. 		
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	<p>Individual #10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the Live Outcome; Action Step for “Will train at the Jujitsu Club” is to be completed 2 – 3 times per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 5/2015 – 6/2015. <p>Customized Community Supports Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:</p> <p>Individual #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None found regarding: Work/learn Outcome/Action Step: “Will share a movie of his choice with his peers” for 1/2015 – 6/2015. <p>Individual #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None found regarding: Outcome/Action Step: “Will attend the concert” for 6/2014 – 6/2015. <p>Individual #7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None found regarding: Work/learn Outcome/Action Step: “Will attend at least one community outing per month with her peers at work” for 4/2015 – 6/2015. • None found regarding: Work/learn Outcome/Action Step: “Will learn a new party planning technique/skills each week” for 4/2015 – 6/2015. • None found regarding: Work/learn Outcome/Action Step: “Will shop at a new store of her choice once a month during the ISP year” for 4/2015 – 6/2015. 		
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- None found regarding: Work/learn Outcome/Action Step: “Will eat at a new restaurant of her choice once a month” for 4/2015 – 6/2015.

Adult Habilitation Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:

Individual #9

- None found regarding: Fun Outcome/Action Step: “Will practice new games on her IPAD” for 7/2015.

Residential Files Reviewed:

Supported Living Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:

Individual #3

- According to the Live Outcome; Action Step for “Will use his IPad to select what he would like to eat” is to be completed 1 time per week. Evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 8/1 – 14, 2015.
- According to the Live Outcome; Action Step for “Will go to the grocery store to purchase items for his meal while using his IPad” is to be completed 1 time per week. Evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 8/1 – 14, 2015.

Family Living Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:

	<p>Individual #6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None found regarding: Fun Outcome/Action Step: “Will increase his endurance through exercise” for 8/1 – 14, 2015. Action step is to be completed 3 times per week.• None found regarding: Fun Outcome/Action Step: “Will go to the local gyms – LCC and Recreation Center” for 8/1 – 14, 2015. Action step is to be completed 3 times per week.• According to the Live Outcome; Actions Step for “Will fold his clothes and put them away is to be completed 1 time per week. Evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 8/1 – 14, 2015.		
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<p>h. Record of medical and dental appointments for the current year, or during the period of stay for short term stays, including any treatment provided;</p> <p>i. Progress notes written by DSP and nurses;</p> <p>j. Documentation and data collection related to ISP implementation;</p> <p>k. Medicaid card;</p> <p>l. Salud membership card or Medicare card as applicable; and</p> <p>m. A Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) document and/or Advanced Directives as applicable.</p> <p>DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION (DDSD): Director's Release: Consumer Record Requirements eff. 11/1/2012</p> <p>III. Requirement Amendments(s) or Clarifications:</p> <p>A. All case management, living supports, customized in-home supports, community integrated employment and customized community supports providers must maintain records for individuals served through DD Waiver in accordance with the Individual Case File Matrix incorporated in this director's release.</p> <p>H. Readily accessible electronic records are accessible, including those stored through the Therap web-based system.</p> <p><i>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</i></p> <p>CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>A. Residence Case File: For individuals receiving Supported Living or Family Living, the Agency shall maintain in the individual's home a complete and current confidential case file for each individual. For individuals receiving Independent Living Services, rather than maintaining this file at the individual's home, the complete and current</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Therapy Plan (#2) • Special Health Care Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Nutritional Plan (#7) • Health Care Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Body Mass Index (#7) ◦ Bowel & Bladder (#2) • Progress Notes/Daily Contacts Logs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Individual #12 - None found for 8/4/2015. 		
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<p>confidential case file for each individual shall be maintained at the agency's administrative site. Each file shall include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Complete and current ISP and all supplemental plans specific to the individual; (2) Complete and current Health Assessment Tool; (3) Current emergency contact information, which includes the individual's address, telephone number, names and telephone numbers of residential Community Living Support providers, relatives, or guardian or conservator, primary care physician's name(s) and telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address and telephone number and dentist name, address and telephone number, and health plan; (4) Up-to-date progress notes, signed and dated by the person making the note for at least the past month (older notes may be transferred to the agency office); (5) Data collected to document ISP Action Plan implementation (6) Progress notes written by direct care staff and by nurses regarding individual health status and physical conditions including action taken in response to identified changes in condition for at least the past month; (7) Physician's or qualified health care providers written orders; (8) Progress notes documenting implementation of a physician's or qualified health care provider's order(s); (9) Medication Administration Record (MAR) for the past three (3) months which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The name of the individual; (b) A transcription of the healthcare practitioners prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication; (c) Diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed; 			
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<p>(d) Dosage, frequency and method/route of delivery;</p> <p>(e) Times and dates of delivery;</p> <p>(f) Initials of person administering or assisting with medication; and</p> <p>(g) An explanation of any medication irregularity, allergic reaction or adverse effect.</p> <p>(h) For PRN medication an explanation for the use of the PRN must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and (ii) Documentation of the effectiveness/result of the PRN delivered. <p>(i) A MAR is not required for individuals participating in Independent Living Services who self-administer their own medication. However, when medication administration is provided as part of the Independent Living Service a MAR must be maintained at the individual's home and an updated copy must be placed in the agency file on a weekly basis.</p> <p>(10) Record of visits to healthcare practitioners including any treatment provided at the visit and a record of all diagnostic testing for the current ISP year; and</p> <p>(11) Medical History to include: demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability and any psychiatric diagnosis, allergies (food, environmental, medications), status of routine adult health care screenings, immunizations, hospital discharge summaries for past twelve (12) months, past medical history including hospitalizations, surgeries, injuries, family history and current physical exam.</p>			
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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Date Due
<p>Service Domain: Qualified Providers – 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.</p>			
<p>Tag # 1A20 Direct Support Personnel Training</p>	<p>Standard Level Deficiency</p>		
<p>Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy - Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007 - II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</p> <p>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff. B. Staff shall complete individual-specific (formerly known as “Addendum B”) training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the individual service plan (ISP) of each individual served. C. Staff shall complete training on DOH-approved incident reporting procedures in accordance with 7 NMAC 1.13. D. Staff providing direct services shall complete training in universal precautions on an annual basis. The training materials shall meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements. E. Staff providing direct services shall maintain certification in first aid and CPR. The training materials shall meet OSHA requirements/guidelines. F. Staff who may be exposed to hazardous chemicals shall complete relevant training in accordance with OSHA requirements. G. Staff shall be certified in a DDSD-approved behavioral intervention system (e.g., Mandt, CPI) before using physical restraint techniques.</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure Orientation and Training requirements were met for 29 of 57 Direct Support Personnel.</p> <p>Review of Direct Support Personnel training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings and certification being completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre- Service (DSP #208, 219) • Foundation for Health and Wellness (DSP #207, 220, 235, 244, 249, 255) • Person-Centered Planning (1-Day) (DSP #207, 229, 239, 244, 249, 250, 255) • First Aid (DSP #201, 202, 208, 212, 217, 218, 219, 226, 228, 232, 234, 236, 237, 239, 242, 250, 253) • CPR (DSP #201, 202, 208, 212, 218, 219, 224, 226, 228, 232, 234, 236, 237, 239, 242, 250, 253) • Assisting With Medication Delivery (DSP #205, 218, 219, 232, 236, 237, 239, 250) • Participatory Communication and Choice Making (DSP #209, 223, 247) 	<p>Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p>Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	

<p>Staff members providing direct services shall maintain certification in a DDS-approved behavioral intervention system if an individual they support has a behavioral crisis plan that includes the use of physical restraint techniques. H. Staff shall complete and maintain certification in a DDS-approved medication course in accordance with the DDS Medication Delivery Policy M-001.</p> <p>I. Staff providing direct services shall complete safety training within the first thirty (30) days of employment and before working alone with an individual receiving service.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013</p> <p>CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements</p> <p>G. Training Requirements: 1. All Community Inclusion Providers must provide staff training in accordance with the DDS policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy.</p> <p>CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements</p> <p>F. Meet all training requirements as follows:</p> <p>1. All Customized Community Supports Providers shall provide staff training in accordance with the DDS Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy;</p> <p>CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements</p> <p>C. Training Requirements: The Provider Agency must report required personnel training status to the DDS Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDS Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDS Training Requirements Policy. The Provider Agency must ensure that the personnel support staff have completed training as specified in the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy 101 (DSP #207, 235, 247, 249) • Positive Behavior Supports Strategies (DSP #207, 247, 249) • Teaching and Support Strategies (DSP #202, 235, 247, 249) 		
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<p>DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy</p> <p>CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements B. Living Supports- Family Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training: A. All Family Living Provider agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff policy. DSP's or subcontractors delivering substitute care under Family Living must at a minimum comply with the section of the training policy that relates to Respite, Substitute Care, and personal support staff [Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff; Sec. II-J, Items 1-4]. Pursuant to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Family Living Provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements.</p> <p>CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements B. Living Supports- Supported Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training: A. All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff. Pursuant to CMS requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has</p>			
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<p>completed all necessary training required by the state. All Supported Living provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements.</p> <p>CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) R. 2. Service Requirements. Staff Qualifications 2. DSP Qualifications. E. Complete training requirements as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff - effective March 1, 2007. Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy;</p>			
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<p>status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy. The Provider Agency must ensure that the personnel support staff have completed training as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy. 3. Staff shall complete individual specific training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the ISP of each individual served; and 4. Staff that assists the individual with medication (e.g., setting up medication, or reminders) must have completed Assisting with Medication Delivery (AWMD) Training.</p> <p>CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements B. Living Supports- Family Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training: A. All Family Living Provider agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff policy. DSP's or subcontractors delivering substitute care under Family Living must at a minimum comply with the section of the training policy that relates to Respite, Substitute Care, and personal support staff [Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff; Sec. II-J, Items 1-4]. Pursuant to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Family Living Provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and</p>	<p>so, what the plan(s) covered, the following was reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSP #253 stated, "I'm not aware of any." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual requires a Medical Emergency Response Plan for Seizures and Bowel & Bladder. (Individual #6) • DSP #254 stated, "I know he has some but I'm not sure." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual requires Medical Emergency Response Plans for Respiratory. (Individual #5) 		
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<p>Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements.</p> <p>B. Individual specific training must be arranged and conducted, including training on the Individual Service Plan outcomes, actions steps and strategies and associated support plans (e.g. health care plans, MERP, PBSP and BCIP etc), information about the individual's preferences with regard to privacy, communication style, and routines. Individual specific training for therapy related WDSI, Healthcare Plans, MERPs, CARMP, PBSP, and BCIP must occur at least annually and more often if plans change or if monitoring finds incorrect implementation. Family Living providers must notify the relevant support plan author whenever a new DSP is assigned to work with an individual, and therefore needs to receive training, or when an existing DSP requires a refresher. The individual should be present for and involved in individual specific training whenever possible.</p> <p>CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements B. Living Supports- Supported Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training: A. All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff. Pursuant to CMS requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Supported Living provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and</p>			
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<p>Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements.</p> <p>B Individual specific training must be arranged and conducted, including training on the ISP Outcomes, actions steps and strategies, associated support plans (e.g. health care plans, MERP, PBSP and BCIP, etc), and information about the individual's preferences with regard to privacy, communication style, and routines. Individual specific training for therapy related WDSI, Healthcare Plans, MERP, CARMP, PBSP, and BCIP must occur at least annually and more often if plans change or if monitoring finds incorrect implementation. Supported Living providers must notify the relevant support plan author whenever a new DSP is assigned to work with an individual, and therefore needs to receive training, or when an existing DSP requires a refresher. The individual should be present for and involved in individual specific training whenever possible.</p> <p>CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) R. 2. Service Requirements. Staff Qualifications 2. DSP Qualifications. E. Complete training requirements as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff - effective March 1, 2007. Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy;</p>			
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Tag # 1A25 Criminal Caregiver History Screening	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>NMAC 7.1.9.8 CAREGIVER AND HOSPITAL CAREGIVER EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS: F. Timely Submission: Care providers shall submit all fees and pertinent application information for all individuals who meet the definition of an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver as described in Subsections B, D and K of 7.1.9.7 NMAC, no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the first day of employment or effective date of a contractual relationship with the care provider.</p> <p>NMAC 7.1.9.9 CAREGIVERS OR HOSPITAL CAREGIVERS AND APPLICANTS WITH DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS: A. Prohibition on Employment: A care provider shall not hire or continue the employment or contractual services of any applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver for whom the care provider has received notice of a disqualifying conviction, except as provided in Subsection B of this section. (1) In cases where the criminal history record lists an arrest for a crime that would constitute a disqualifying conviction and no final disposition is listed for the arrest, the department will attempt to notify the applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver and request information from the applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver within timelines set forth in the department's notice regarding the final disposition of the arrest. Information requested by the department may be evidence, for example, a certified copy of an acquittal, dismissal or conviction of a lesser included crime. (2) An applicant's, caregiver's or hospital caregiver's failure to respond within the required</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain documentation indicating no "disqualifying convictions" or documentation of the timely submission of pertinent application information to the Caregiver Criminal History Screening Program was on file for 3 of 78 Agency Personnel.</p> <p>The following Agency personnel records contained no evidence of the Caregiver Criminal History Screenings being completed:</p> <p>Direct Support Personnel (DSP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #225 – Date of hire 6/15/2015. <p>The following Agency Personnel Files contained Caregiver Criminal History Screening, which were not specific to the current term of employment with the Agency:</p> <p>Direct Support Personnel (DSP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #204 – Date of hire 6/13/2014. Caregiver Criminal History Screening 1/2006. • #265 – Date of hire 8/14/2014. Caregiver Criminal History Screening 5/12/2006. <p><i>Note: On 8/18/2015, Surveyors asked SC #258 for an explanation of the discrepancies between dates of hire and Caregiver Criminal History Screenings. As of 8/19/2015 none was provided.</i></p>	<p>Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p>Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	

<p>timelines regarding the final disposition of the arrest for a crime that would constitute a disqualifying conviction shall result in the applicant's, caregiver's or hospital caregiver's temporary disqualification from employment as a caregiver or hospital caregiver pending written documentation submitted to the department evidencing the final disposition of the arrest. Information submitted to the department may be evidence, for example, of the certified copy of an acquittal, dismissal or conviction of a lesser included crime. In instances where the applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver has failed to respond within the required timelines the department shall provide notice by certified mail that an employment clearance has not been granted. The Care Provider shall then follow the procedure of Subsection A., of Section 7.1.9.9.</p> <p>(3) The department will not make a final determination for an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver with a pending potentially disqualifying conviction for which no final disposition has been made. In instances of a pending potentially disqualifying conviction for which no final disposition has been made, the department shall notify the care provider, applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver by certified mail that an employment clearance has not been granted. The Care Provider shall then follow the procedure of Subsection A, of Section 7.1.9.9.</p> <p>B. Employment Pending Reconsideration Determination: At the discretion of the care provider, an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver whose nationwide criminal history record reflects a disqualifying conviction and who has requested administrative reconsideration may continue conditional supervised employment pending a determination on reconsideration.</p>			
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<p>NMAC 7.1.9.11 DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS. The following felony convictions disqualify an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver from employment or contractual services with a care provider:</p> <p>A. homicide;</p> <p>B. trafficking, or trafficking in controlled substances;</p> <p>C. kidnapping, false imprisonment, aggravated assault or aggravated battery;</p> <p>D. rape, criminal sexual penetration, criminal sexual contact, incest, indecent exposure, or other related felony sexual offenses;</p> <p>E. crimes involving adult abuse, neglect or financial exploitation;</p> <p>F. crimes involving child abuse or neglect;</p> <p>G. crimes involving robbery, larceny, extortion, burglary, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, credit card fraud, or receiving stolen property; or</p> <p>H. an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy involving any of the felonies in this subsection.</p>			
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<p>an inquiry to the registry concerning that employee prior to employment. Such documentation must include evidence, based on the response to such inquiry received from the custodian by the provider, that the employee was not listed on the registry as having a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation.</p> <p>E. Documentation for other staff. With respect to all employed or contracted individuals providing direct care who are licensed health care professionals or certified nurse aides, the provider shall maintain documentation reflecting the individual's current licensure as a health care professional or current certification as a nurse aide.</p> <p>F. Consequences of noncompliance. The department or other governmental agency having regulatory enforcement authority over a provider may sanction a provider in accordance with applicable law if the provider fails to make an appropriate and timely inquiry of the registry, or fails to maintain evidence of such inquiry, in connection with the hiring or contracting of an employee; or for employing or contracting any person to work as an employee who is listed on the registry. Such sanctions may include a directed plan of correction, civil monetary penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5000) per instance, or termination or non-renewal of any contract with the department or other governmental agency.</p>	<p>specific to the current term of employment with the Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #265 – Date of hire 8/14/2014, completed 9/7/2006. <p><i>Note: On 8/18/2015, Surveyors asked for an explanation of the discrepancy between date of hire and the Employee Abuse Registry check. As of 8/19/2015 none was provided.</i></p>		
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<p>C. Incident management system training curriculum requirements:</p> <p>(1) The community-based service provider shall conduct training or designate a knowledgeable representative to conduct training, in accordance with the written training curriculum provided electronically by the division that includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) an overview of the potential risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation; (b) informational procedures for properly filing the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form; (c) specific instructions of the employees' legal responsibility to report an incident of abuse, neglect and exploitation, suspicious injury, and all deaths; (d) specific instructions on how to respond to abuse, neglect, or exploitation; (e) emergency action procedures to be followed in the event of an alleged incident or knowledge of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or suspicious injury. <p>(2) All current employees and volunteers shall receive training within 90 days of the effective date of this rule.</p> <p>(3) All new employees and volunteers shall receive training prior to providing services to consumers.</p> <p>D. Training documentation: All community-based service providers shall prepare training documentation for each employee and volunteer to include a signed statement indicating the date, time, and place they received their incident management reporting instruction. The community-based service provider shall maintain documentation of an employee or volunteer's training for a period of at least three years, or six months after termination of an employee's employment or the volunteer's work. Training</p>			
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<p>curricula shall be kept on the provider premises and made available upon request by the department. Training documentation shall be made available immediately upon a division representative's request. Failure to provide employee and volunteer training documentation shall subject the community-based service provider to the penalties provided for in this rule.</p> <p>Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007 II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</p> <p>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</p> <p>C. Staff shall complete training on DOH-approved incident reporting procedures in accordance with 7 NMAC 1.13.</p>			
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<p>provisions of the ISP, and shall report to the case manager on ISP implementation and the individual's progress on action plans within their agencies; for persons funded solely by state general funds, the service coordinator shall assume all the duties of the independent case manager described within these regulations; if there are two or more "key" community service provider agencies with two or more service coordinator staff, the IDT shall designate which service coordinator shall assume the duties of the case manager; the criteria to guide the IDTs selection are set forth as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the designated service coordinator shall have the skills necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the case manager as defined in these regulations; (ii) the designated service coordinator shall have the time and interest to fulfill the functions of the case manager as defined in these regulations; (iii) the designated service coordinator shall be familiar with and understand community service delivery and supports; (iv) the designated service coordinator shall know the individual or be willing to become familiar and develop a relationship with the individual being served; 			
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<p>status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy. The Provider Agency must ensure that the personnel support staff have completed training as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy. 3. Staff shall complete individual specific training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the ISP of each individual served; and 4. Staff that assists the individual with medication (e.g., setting up medication, or reminders) must have completed Assisting with Medication Delivery (AWMD) Training.</p> <p>CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements B. Living Supports- Family Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training: A. All Family Living Provider agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff policy. DSP's or subcontractors delivering substitute care under Family Living must at a minimum comply with the section of the training policy that relates to Respite, Substitute Care, and personal support staff [Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff; Sec. II-J, Items 1-4]. Pursuant to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Family Living Provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and</p>			
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<p>Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements.</p> <p>B. Individual specific training must be arranged and conducted, including training on the Individual Service Plan outcomes, actions steps and strategies and associated support plans (e.g. health care plans, MERP, PBSP and BCIP etc), information about the individual's preferences with regard to privacy, communication style, and routines. Individual specific training for therapy related WDSI, Healthcare Plans, MERPs, CARMP, PBSP, and BCIP must occur at least annually and more often if plans change or if monitoring finds incorrect implementation. Family Living providers must notify the relevant support plan author whenever a new DSP is assigned to work with an individual, and therefore needs to receive training, or when an existing DSP requires a refresher. The individual should be present for and involved in individual specific training whenever possible.</p> <p>CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements B. Living Supports- Supported Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training: A. All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff. Pursuant to CMS requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Supported Living provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and</p>			
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<p>Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements.</p> <p>B Individual specific training must be arranged and conducted, including training on the ISP Outcomes, actions steps and strategies, associated support plans (e.g. health care plans, MERP, PBSP and BCIP, etc), and information about the individual's preferences with regard to privacy, communication style, and routines. Individual specific training for therapy related WDSI, Healthcare Plans, MERP, CARMP, PBSP, and BCIP must occur at least annually and more often if plans change or if monitoring finds incorrect implementation. Supported Living providers must notify the relevant support plan author whenever a new DSP is assigned to work with an individual, and therefore needs to receive training, or when an existing DSP requires a refresher. The individual should be present for and involved in individual specific training whenever possible.</p> <p>CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) R. 2. Service Requirements. Staff Qualifications 2. DSP Qualifications. E. Complete training requirements as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff - effective March 1, 2007. Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy;</p>			
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<p>ii. The entities or individuals responsible for conducting the discovery/monitoring processes;</p> <p>iii. The types of information used to measure performance; and,</p> <p>iv. The frequency with which performance is measured.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013 CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements: J. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Program: Agencies must develop and maintain an active QA/QI program in order to assure the provision of quality services. This includes the development of a QA/QI plan, data gathering and analysis, and routine meetings to analyze the results of QA/QI activities.</p> <p>1. Development of a QA/QI plan: The quality management plan is used by an agency to continually determine whether the agency is performing within program requirements, achieving desired outcomes and identifying opportunities for improvement. The quality management plan describes the process the Provider Agency uses in each phase of the process: discovery, remediation and improvement. It describes the frequency, the source and types of information gathered, as well as the methods used to analyze and measure performance. The quality management plan should describe how the data collected will be used to improve the delivery of services and methods to evaluate whether implementation of improvements are working.</p> <p>2. Implementing a QA/QI Committee: The QA/QI committee must convene on at least a quarterly basis and as needed to review service</p>			
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<p>reports, to identify any deficiencies, trends, patterns or concerns as well as opportunities for quality improvement. The QA/QI meeting must be documented. The QA/QI review should address at least the following:</p> <p>a.Implementation of ISPs: extent to which services are delivered in accordance with ISPs and associated support plans with WDSI including the type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the ISP as well as effectiveness of such implementation as indicated by achievement of outcomes;</p> <p>3. The Provider Agency must complete a QA/QI report annually by February 15th of each calendar year or as otherwise requested by DOH. The report must be kept on file at the agency, made available for review by DOH and upon request from DDS; the report must be submitted to the relevant DDS Regional Offices. The report will summarize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Analysis of General Events Reports data in Therap; b. Compliance with Caregivers Criminal History Screening requirements; c. Compliance with Employee Abuse Registry requirements; d. Compliance with DDS training requirements; e. Patterns of reportable incidents; f. Results of improvement actions taken in previous quarters; g. Sufficiency of staff coverage; h. Effectiveness and timeliness of implementation of ISPs, and associated support including trends in achievement of individual desired outcomes; i. Results of General Events Reporting data analysis; j. Action taken regarding individual grievances; 			
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<p>k. Presence and completeness of required documentation;</p> <p>l. A description of how data collected as part of the agency's QA/QI Plan was used; what quality improvement initiatives were undertaken and what were the results of those efforts, including discovery and remediation of any service delivery deficiencies discovered through the QA/QI process; and</p> <p>m. Significant program changes.</p> <p>CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements:</p> <p>I. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Program: Agencies must develop and maintain an active QA/QI program in order to assure the provision of quality services. This includes the development of a QA/QI plan, data gathering and analysis, and routine meetings to analyze the results of QI activities.</p> <p>1. Development of a QI plan: The quality management plan is used by an agency to continually determine whether the agency is performing within program requirements, achieving desired outcomes and identifying opportunities for improvement. The quality management plan describes the process the Provider Agency uses in each phase of the process: discovery, remediation and improvement. It describes the frequency, the source and types of information gathered, as well as the methods used to analyze and measure performance. The quality management plan should describe how the data collected will be used to improve the delivery of services and methods to evaluate whether implementation of improvements are working.</p> <p>2. Implementing a QI Committee: The QA/QI committee shall convene at least quarterly and</p>			
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<p>e. Presence and completeness of required documentation;</p> <p>f. A description of how data collected as part of the agency's QI plan was used; what quality improvement initiatives were undertaken and what were the results of those efforts, including discovery and remediation of any service delivery deficiencies discovered through the QI process; and</p> <p>g. Significant program changes.</p> <p>CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements:</p> <p>G. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Program: Agencies must develop and maintain an active QA/QI program in order to assure the provision of quality services. This includes the development of a QA/QI plan, data gathering and analysis, and routine meetings to analyze the results of QA/QI activities.</p> <p>1. Development of a QA/QI plan: The quality management plan is used by an agency to continually determine whether the agency is performing within program requirements, achieving desired outcomes and identifying opportunities for improvement. The quality management plan describes the process the Provider Agency uses in each phase of the process: discovery, remediation and improvement. It describes the frequency, the source and types of information gathered, as well as the methods used to analyze and measure performance. The quality management plan should describe how the data collected will be used to improve the delivery of services and methods to evaluate whether implementation of improvements are working.</p> <p>2. Implementing a QA/QI Committee: The QA/QI committee shall convene on at least a quarterly basis and as needed to review monthly</p>			
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<p>b. Trends in General Events as defined by DDSD;</p> <p>c. Compliance with Caregivers Criminal History Screening Requirements;</p> <p>d. Compliance with DDSD training requirements;</p> <p>e. Trends in reportable incidents; and</p> <p>f. Results of improvement actions taken in previous quarters.</p> <p>3. The Provider Agency must complete a QA/QI report annually by February 15th of each calendar year, or as otherwise requested by DOH. The report must be kept on file at the agency, made available for review by DOH and upon request from DDSD; the report must be submitted to the relevant DDSD Regional Offices. The report will summarize:</p> <p>a. Sufficiency of staff coverage;</p> <p>b. Effectiveness and timeliness of implementation of ISPs and associated Support plans and/or WDSI including trends in achievement of individual desired outcomes;</p> <p>c. Trends in reportable incidents;</p> <p>d. Trends in medication errors;</p> <p>e. Action taken regarding individual grievances;</p> <p>f. Presence and completeness of required documentation;</p> <p>g. How data collected as part of the agency's QA/QI was used, what quality improvement initiatives were undertaken, and what were the results of those efforts, including discovery and remediation of any service delivery deficiencies discovered through the QI process; and</p> <p>h. Significant program changes.</p> <p>CHAPTER 14 (ANS) 3. Service Requirements: N. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Program: Agencies</p>			
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<p>documentation of corrective actions taken. The community-based service provider shall take all reasonable steps to prevent further incidents. The community-based service provider shall provide the following internal monitoring and facilitating quality improvement program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) community-based service providers shall have current abuse, neglect, and exploitation management policy and procedures in place that comply with the department's requirements; (2) community-based service providers providing intellectual and developmental disabilities services must have a designated incident management coordinator in place; and (3) community-based service providers providing intellectual and developmental disabilities services must have an incident management committee to identify any deficiencies, trends, patterns, or concerns as well as opportunities for quality improvement, address internal and external incident reports for the purpose of examining internal root causes, and to take action on identified issues. 			
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Tag # 1A09 Medication Delivery Routine Medication Administration	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>NMAC 16.19.11.8 MINIMUM STANDARDS: A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, HANDLING AND RECORD KEEPING OF DRUGS: (d) The facility shall have a Medication Administration Record (MAR) documenting medication administered to residents, including over-the-counter medications. This documentation shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Name of resident; (ii) Date given; (iii) Drug product name; (iv) Dosage and form; (v) Strength of drug; (vi) Route of administration; (vii) How often medication is to be taken; (viii) Time taken and staff initials; (ix) Dates when the medication is discontinued or changed; (x) The name and initials of all staff administering medications. <p>Model Custodial Procedure Manual D. Administration of Drugs Unless otherwise stated by practitioner, patients will not be allowed to administer their own medications. Document the practitioner's order authorizing the self-administration of medications.</p> <p>All PRN (As needed) medications shall have complete detail instructions regarding the administering of the medication. This shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ symptoms that indicate the use of the medication, ➢ exact dosage to be used, and ➢ the exact amount to be used in a 24 hour period. <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013</p>	<p>Medication Administration Records (MAR) were reviewed for the months of July and August 2015.</p> <p>Based on record review, 6 of 12 individuals had Medication Administration Records (MAR), which contained missing medications entries and/or other errors:</p> <p>Individual #2 July 2015 Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed: • Lorazepam 0.5mg (3 times daily)</p> <p>August 2015 Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed: • Lorazepam 0.5mg (3 times daily)</p> <p>Individual #4 July 2015 During on-site survey Medication Administration Records were requested for month of July 2015. As of 8/19/2015, Medication Administration Records for July 2015 had not been provided.</p> <p>During on-site survey Physician Orders were requested. As of 8/19/2015, Physician Orders had not been provided.</p> <p>Individual #6 August 2015</p>	<p>Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p>Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	

<p>CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 1. Scope of Service B. Self Employment 8. Providing assistance with medication delivery as outlined in the ISP; C. Individual Community Integrated Employment 3. Providing assistance with medication delivery as outlined in the ISP; D. Group Community Integrated Employment 4. Providing assistance with medication delivery as outlined in the ISP; and</p> <p>B. Community Integrated Employment Agency Staffing Requirements: o. Comply with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures;</p> <p>CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 1. Scope of Services A. Individualized Customized Community Supports 19. Providing assistance or supports with medications in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery policy. C. Small Group Customized Community Supports 19. Providing assistance or supports with medications in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery policy. D. Group Customized Community Supports 19. Providing assistance or supports with medications in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery policy.</p> <p>CHAPTER 11 (FL) 1 SCOPE OF SERVICES A. Living Supports- Family Living Services: The scope of Family Living Services includes, but is not limited to the following as identified by the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT):</p> <p>19. Assisting in medication delivery, and related monitoring, in accordance with the DDSD's Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, New Mexico Nurse Practice Act, and Board of Pharmacy regulations including skill development activities leading to the ability for individuals to self-administer medication as appropriate; and</p> <p>I. Healthcare Requirements for Family Living. 3. B. Adult Nursing Services for medication oversight are required for all surrogate Lining Supports- Family Living direct support personnel if the individual has regularly scheduled medication. Adult Nursing services for medication oversight are required for all</p>	<p>Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prilosec 20mg (1 time daily) <p>Medication Administration Records did not contain the route of administration for the following medication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prilosec 20mg (1 time daily) <p>Individual #9 July 2015</p> <p>Medication Administration Records contained missing entries. No documentation found indicating reason for missing entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citrus Calcium-Vit. D 200mg - 250 (2 times daily) – Blank 7/1, 2, 3, 9 (8:00 PM) • Ammonium Lactate 12% (5 times daily) – Blank 7/28, 29, 30, 31 (6:00 PM); 7/4 (10:00 AM) • Cerovite 9mg/15ml (1 time daily) – Blank 7/26 (8:00 AM) • Chlorhexidine Gluconate 0.12% (1 time daily) – Blank 7/26 (8:00 AM) • Sarna Sensitive 1% (3 times daily) – Blank 7/31 (2:00 PM) <p>Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albuterol Sulfate 2.5mg/3ml (1 time daily) <p>Individual #11 July 2015</p>		
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<p>surrogate Family Living Direct Support Personnel (including substitute care), if the individual has regularly scheduled medication.</p> <p>6. Support Living- Family Living Provider Agencies must have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDS D Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the New Mexico Nurse Practice Act and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.</p> <p>a. All twenty-four (24) hour residential home sites serving two (2) or more unrelated individuals must be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy, per current regulations;</p> <p>b. When required by the DDS D Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) must be maintained and include:</p> <p>i. The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician's or licensed health care provider's prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, and diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;</p> <p>ii. Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration;</p> <p>iii. Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication delivery;</p> <p>iv. Explanation of any medication error;</p> <p>v. Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and</p> <p>vi. For PRN medication, instructions for the use of the PRN medication must include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.</p> <p>c. The Family Living Provider Agency must also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose; and</p>	<p>Medication Administration Records contained missing entries. No documentation found indicating reason for missing entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olanzapine 20mg (1 time daily) – Blank 7/23, 24 (8:00 PM) • Propranolol 10mg (1 time daily) – Blank 7/23, 24 (8:00 PM) • Melatonin 1mg (1 time daily) – Blank 7/23, 24 (8:00 PM) • Levothyroxine 50mcg (1 time daily) – Blank 7/24, 25 (7:00 AM) • Pataday 0.2% 2.5ml (1 time daily) – Blank 7/24, 25 (8:00 AM) • Cerovite Advanced Form Tab (1 time daily) – Blank 7/24, 25 (8:00 AM) • Fexofenadine 180mg (1 time daily) – Blank 7/17, 24, 25 (8:00 AM); 7/23, 24 (12:00 PM) • Olanzapine 10mg (2 times daily) – Blank 7/17, 24, 25 (8:00 AM); 7/22, 23, 24 (12:00 PM) • Propranolol 20mg (2 times daily) – Blank 7/17, 24, 25 (8:00 AM); 7/23, 24 (12:00 PM) • Azelastine 0.15% (2 times daily) – Blank 7/17, 24, 25 (8:00 AM); 7/23, 24 (5:00 PM) • Divalproex 500mg (3 times daily) – Blank 7/17, 24, 25 (8:00 AM); 7/24, 25 (12:00 PM); 7/24 (8:00 PM) 		
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<p>d. Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications must be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and must include the expected desired outcomes of administering the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications.</p> <p>e. Medication Oversight is optional if the individual resides with their biological family (by affinity or consanguinity). If Medication Oversight is not selected as an Ongoing Nursing Service, all elements of medication administration and oversight are the sole responsibility of the individual and their biological family. Therefore, a monthly medication administration record (MAR) is not required unless the family requests it and continually communicates all medication changes to the provider agency in a timely manner to insure accuracy of the MAR.</p> <p>i. The family must communicate at least annually and as needed for significant change of condition with the agency nurse regarding the current medications and the individual's response to medications for purpose of accurately completing required nursing assessments.</p> <p>ii. As per the DDS Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedure, paid DSP who are not related by affinity or consanguinity to the individual may not deliver medications to the individual unless they have completed Assisting with Medication Delivery (AWMD) training. DSP may also be under a delegation relationship with a DDW agency nurse or be a Certified Medication Aide (CMA). Where CMAs are used, the agency is responsible for maintaining compliance with New Mexico Board of Nursing requirements.</p> <p>iii. If the substitute care provider is a surrogate (not related by affinity or consanguinity) Medication Oversight must be selected and provided.</p> <p>CHAPTER 12 (SL) 2. Service Requirements L. Training and Requirements: 3. Medication</p>	<p>Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olanzapine 20mg (2 times daily) • Olanzapine 10mg (2 times daily) • Pataday 0.2% 2.5ml (1 time daily) <p>August 2015</p> <p>Medication Administration Records contained missing entries. No documentation found indicating reason for missing entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olanzapine 20mg (1 time daily) – Blank 8/2, 3, 9 (8:00 PM) • Propranolol 10mg (1 time daily) – Blank 8/2, 3, 9 (8:00 PM) • Melatonin 1mg (1 time daily) – Blank 8/2, 3, 9 (8:00 PM) • Levothyroxine 50mcg (1 time daily) – Blank 8/3, 4, 10, 14 (7:00 AM) • Fexofenadine 180mg (1 time daily) – Blank 8/3, 4, 10 (8:00 AM) • Pataday 0.2% 2.5ml (1 time daily) – Blank 8/3, 4, 10, 12 (8:00 AM) <p>Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olanzapine 20mg (2 times daily) • Olanzapine 10mg (2 times daily) • Pataday 0.2% 2.5ml (1 time daily) 		
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<p>Delivery: Supported Living Provider Agencies must have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSO Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, New Mexico Nurse Practice Act, and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.</p> <p>a. All twenty-four (24) hour residential home sites serving two (2) or more unrelated individuals must be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy, per current regulations;</p> <p>b. When required by the DDSO Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) must be maintained and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician's or licensed health care provider's prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, and diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed; ii. Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration; iii. Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication delivery; iv. Explanation of any medication error; v. Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and vi. For PRN medication, instructions for the use of the PRN medication must include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered. <p>c. The Supported Living Provider Agency must also maintain a signature page that designates the full</p>	<p>Individual #12</p> <p>Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOK 100mg (2 times daily) • Boudreaux 16% Ointment (Use at each change) 		
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<p>name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose; and</p> <p>d. Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications must be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and must include the expected desired outcomes of administering the medication, signs, and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications.</p> <p>CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements. B. There must be compliance with all policy requirements for Intensive Medical Living Service Providers, including written policy and procedures regarding medication delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors consistent with the DDSD Medication Delivery Policy and Procedures, relevant Board of Nursing Rules, and Pharmacy Board standards and regulations.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>E. Medication Delivery: Provider Agencies that provide Community Living, Community Inclusion or Private Duty Nursing services shall have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the Board of Nursing Rules and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.</p> <p>(2) When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) shall be maintained and include:</p> <p>(a) The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician's written or licensed health care provider's prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication,</p>			
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<p>diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;</p> <p>(b) Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration;</p> <p>(c) Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication;</p> <p>(d) Explanation of any medication irregularity;</p> <p>(e) Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and</p> <p>(f) For PRN medication, an explanation for the use of the PRN medication shall include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.</p> <p>(3) The Provider Agency shall also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose;</p> <p>(4) MARs are not required for individuals participating in Independent Living who self-administer their own medications;</p> <p>(5) Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications shall be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and shall include the expected desired outcomes of administering the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications;</p>			
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- the exact amount to be used in a 24 hour period.

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Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy
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F. PRN Medication

3. Prior to self-administration, self-administration with physical assist or assisting with delivery of PRN medications, the direct support staff must contact the agency nurse to describe observed symptoms and thus assure that the PRN medication is being used according to instructions given by the ordering PCP. In cases of fever, respiratory distress (including coughing), severe pain, vomiting, diarrhea, change in responsiveness/level of consciousness, the nurse must strongly consider the need to conduct a face-to-face assessment to assure that the PRN does not mask a condition better treated by seeking medical attention. This does not apply to home based/family living settings where the provider is related by affinity or by consanguinity to the individual.

4. The agency nurse shall review the utilization of PRN medications routinely. Frequent or escalating use of PRN medications must be reported to the PCP and discussed by the Interdisciplinary for changes to the overall support plan (see Section H of this policy).

H. Agency Nurse Monitoring

1. Regardless of the level of assistance with medication delivery that is required by the individual or the route through which the medication is delivered, the agency nurses

<p>must monitor the individual's response to the effects of their routine and PRN medications. The frequency and type of monitoring must be based on the nurse's assessment of the individual and consideration of the individual's diagnoses, health status, stability, utilization of PRN medications and level of support required by the individual's condition and the skill level and needs of the direct care staff. Nursing monitoring should be based on prudent nursing practice and should support the safety and independence of the individual in the community setting. The health care plan shall reflect the planned monitoring of the individual's response to medication.</p> <p>Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) - Procedure Title: Medication Assessment and Delivery Procedure Eff Date: November 1, 2006</p> <p>C. 3. Prior to delivery of the PRN, direct support staff must contact the agency nurse to describe observed symptoms and thus assure that the PRN is being used according to instructions given by the ordering PCP. In cases of fever, respiratory distress (including coughing), severe pain, vomiting, diarrhea, change in responsiveness/level of consciousness, the nurse must strongly consider the need to conduct a face-to-face assessment to assure that the PRN does not mask a condition better treated by seeking medical attention. (References: Psychotropic Medication Use Policy, Section D, page 5 Use of PRN Psychotropic Medications; and, Human Rights Committee Requirements Policy, Section B, page 4 Interventions Requiring Review and Approval – Use of PRN Medications).</p>			
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<p>a. Document conversation with nurse including all reported signs and symptoms, advice given and action taken by staff.</p> <p>4. Document on the MAR each time a PRN medication is used and describe its effect on the individual (e.g., temperature down, vomiting lessened, anxiety increased, the condition is the same, improved, or worsened, etc.).</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013</p> <p>CHAPTER 11 (FL) 1 SCOPE OF SERVICES A. Living Supports- Family Living Services: The scope of Family Living Services includes, but is not limited to the following as identified by the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT): 19. Assisting in medication delivery, and related monitoring, in accordance with the DDSD's Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, New Mexico Nurse Practice Act, and Board of Pharmacy regulations including skill development activities leading to the ability for individuals to self-administer medication as appropriate; and I. Healthcare Requirements for Family Living. 3. B. Adult Nursing Services for medication oversight are required for all surrogate Lining Supports- Family Living direct support personnel if the individual has regularly scheduled medication. Adult Nursing services for medication oversight are required for all surrogate Family Living Direct Support Personnel (including substitute care), if the individual has regularly scheduled medication. 6. Support Living- Family Living Provider Agencies must have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and</p>			
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<p>tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSM Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the New Mexico Nurse Practice Act and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.</p> <p>f. All twenty-four (24) hour residential home sites serving two (2) or more unrelated individuals must be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy, per current regulations;</p> <p>g. When required by the DDSM Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) must be maintained and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician's or licensed health care provider's prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, and diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed; ii. Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration; iii. Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication delivery; iv. Explanation of any medication error; v. Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and vi. For PRN medication, instructions for the use of the PRN medication must include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered. <p>h. The Family Living Provider Agency must also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to</p>			
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<p>used, the agency is responsible for maintaining compliance with New Mexico Board of Nursing requirements.</p> <p>vi. If the substitute care provider is a surrogate (not related by affinity or consanguinity) Medication Oversight must be selected and provided.</p> <p>CHAPTER 12 (SL) 2. Service Requirements L. Training and Requirements: 3. Medication Delivery: Supported Living Provider Agencies must have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, New Mexico Nurse Practice Act, and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.</p> <p>e. All twenty-four (24) hour residential home sites serving two (2) or more unrelated individuals must be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy, per current regulations;</p> <p>f. When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) must be maintained and include:</p> <p>i. The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician’s or licensed health care provider’s prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, and diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;</p> <p>ii. Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration;</p>			
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<p>relevant Board of Nursing Rules, and Pharmacy Board standards and regulations.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: The objective of these standards is to establish Provider Agency policy, procedure and reporting requirements for DD Medicaid Waiver program. These requirements apply to all such Provider Agency staff, whether directly employed or subcontracting with the Provider Agency. Additional Provider Agency requirements and personnel qualifications may be applicable for specific service standards.</p> <p>E. Medication Delivery: Provider Agencies that provide Community Living, Community Inclusion or Private Duty Nursing services shall have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the Board of Nursing Rules and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.</p> <p>(2) When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) shall be maintained and include:</p> <p>(a) The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician's written or licensed health care provider's prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;</p>			
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<p>individuals are required to comply with the DDS Individual Case File Matrix policy.</p> <p>I. Health Care Requirements for Family Living: 5. A nurse employed or contracted by the Family Living Supports provider must complete the e-CHAT, the Aspiration Risk Screening Tool, (ARST), and the Medication Administration Assessment Tool (MAAT) and any other assessments deemed appropriate on at least an annual basis for each individual served, upon significant change of clinical condition and upon return from any hospitalizations. In addition, the MAAT must be updated for any significant change of medication regime, change of route that requires delivery by licensed or certified staff, or when an individual has completed training designed to improve their skills to support self-administration.</p> <p>a. For newly-allocated or admitted individuals, assessments are required to be completed within three (3) business days of admission or two (2) weeks following the initial ISP meeting, whichever comes first.</p> <p>b. For individuals already in services, the required assessments are to be completed no more than forty-five (45) calendar days and at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the annual ISP meeting.</p> <p>c. Assessments must be updated within three (3) business days following any significant change of clinical condition and within three (3) business days following return from hospitalization.</p> <p>d. Other nursing assessments conducted to determine current health status or to evaluate a change in clinical condition must be</p>			
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<p>documented in a signed progress note that includes time and date as well as subjective information including the individual complaints, signs and symptoms noted by staff, family members or other team members; objective information including vital signs, physical examination, weight, and other pertinent data for the given situation (e.g., seizure frequency, method in which temperature taken); assessment of the clinical status, and plan of action addressing relevant aspects of all active health problems and follow up on any recommendations of medical consultants.</p> <p>e. Develop any urgently needed interim Healthcare Plans or MERPs per DDSD policy pending authorization of ongoing Adult Nursing services as indicated by health status and individual/guardian choice.</p> <p>Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy: All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. 2. Service Requirements. L. Training and Requirements. 5. Health Related Documentation: For each individual receiving Living Supports- Supported Living, the provider agency must ensure and document the following:</p> <p>a. That an individual with chronic condition(s) with the potential to exacerbate into a life threatening condition, has a MERP developed by a licensed nurse or other appropriate</p>			
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<p>professional according to the DDSD Medical Emergency Response Plan Policy, that DSP have been trained to implement such plan(s), and ensure that a copy of such plan(s) are readily available to DSP in the home;</p> <p>b. That an average of five (5) hours of documented nutritional counseling is available annually, if recommended by the IDT and clinically indicated;</p> <p>c. That the nurse has completed legible and signed progress notes with date and time indicated that describe all interventions or interactions conducted with individuals served, as well as all interactions with other healthcare providers serving the individual. All interactions must be documented whether they occur by phone or in person; and</p> <p>d. Document for each individual that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The individual has a Primary Care Provider (PCP); ii. The individual receives an annual physical examination and other examinations as specified by a PCP; iii. The individual receives annual dental check-ups and other check-ups as specified by a licensed dentist; iv. The individual receives a hearing test as specified by a licensed audiologist; v. The individual receives eye examinations as specified by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist; and 			
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<p>vi. 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).</p> <p>vii. The agency nurse will provide the individual's team with a semi-annual nursing report that discusses the services provided and the status of the individual in the last six (6) months. This may be provided electronically or in paper format to the team no later than (2) weeks prior to the ISP and semi-annually.</p> <p>f. The Supported Living Provider Agency must ensure that activities conducted by agency nurses comply with the roles and responsibilities identified in these standards.</p> <p>Chapter 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements: C. Documents to be maintained in the agency administrative office, include: A. All assessments completed by the agency nurse, including the Intensive Medical Living Eligibility Parameters tool; for e-CHAT a printed copy of the current e-CHAT summary report shall suffice;</p> <p>F. Annual physical exams and annual dental exams (not applicable for short term stays);</p> <p>G. Tri-annual vision exam (Not applicable for short term stays. See Medicaid policy 8.310.6 for allowable exceptions for more frequent vision exam);</p> <p>H. Audiology/hearing exam as applicable (Not applicable for short term stays; See Medicaid policy 8.324.6 for applicable requirements);</p>			
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<p>I. All other evaluations called for in the ISP for which the Services provider is responsible to arrange;</p> <p>J. Medical screening, tests and lab results (for short term stays, only those which occur during the period of the stay);</p> <p>L. Record of medical and dental appointments, including any treatment provided (for short term stays, only those appointments that occur during the stay);</p> <p>O. Semi-annual ISP progress reports and MERP reviews (not applicable for short term stays);</p> <p>P. Quarterly nursing summary reports (not applicable for short term stays);</p> <p>NMAC 8.302.1.17 RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: A provider must maintain all the records necessary to fully disclose the nature, quality, amount and medical necessity of services furnished to an eligible recipient who is currently receiving or who has received services in the past.</p> <p>B. Documentation of test results: Results of tests and services must be documented, which includes results of laboratory and radiology procedures or progress following therapy or treatment.</p> <p>Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Policy. Medical Emergency Response Plan Policy MERP-001 eff.8/1/2010</p> <p>F. The MERP shall be written in clear, jargon free language and include at a minimum the following information:</p>			
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<p>1. A brief, simple description of the condition or illness.</p> <p>2. A brief description of the most likely life threatening complications that might occur and what those complications may look like to an observer.</p> <p>3. A concise list of the most important measures that may prevent the life threatening complication from occurring (e.g., avoiding allergens that trigger an asthma attack or making sure the person with diabetes has snacks with them to avoid hypoglycemia).</p> <p>4. Clear, jargon free, step-by-step instructions regarding the actions to be taken by direct support personnel (DSP) and/or others to intervene in the emergency, including criteria for when to call 911.</p> <p>5. Emergency contacts with phone numbers.</p> <p>6. Reference to whether the individual has advance directives or not, and if so, where the advance directives are located.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: D. Provider Agency Case File for the Individual: All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the receiving agency whenever an individual changes providers. The record must also be made available for review when requested by DOH, HSD or federal government representatives for oversight purposes. The individual's case file shall include the following requirements... 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, CHAPTER 1. III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY</p>			
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<p>AND LOCATION - Healthcare Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services: Chapter 1. III. E. (1 - 4) (1) Documentation of nursing assessment activities (2) Health related plans and (4) General Nursing Documentation</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 5 IV. COMMUNITY INCLUSION SERVICES PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS B. IDT Coordination</p> <p>(2) Coordinate with the IDT to ensure that each individual participating in Community Inclusion Services who has a score of 4, 5, or 6 on the HAT has a Health Care Plan developed by a licensed nurse, and if applicable, a Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plan.</p>			
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<p>family member, or legal guardian may call the division's hotline to report an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, suspicious injury or death directly, or may report through the community-based service provider who, in addition to calling the hotline, must also utilize the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form. The abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form and instructions for its completion and filing are available at the division's website, http://dhi.health.state.nm.us, or may be obtained from the department by calling the division's toll free hotline number, 1-800-445-6242.</p> <p>(2) Use of abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form and notification by community-based service providers: In addition to calling the division's hotline as required in Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 7.1.14.8 NMAC, the community-based service provider shall also report the incident of abuse, neglect, exploitation, suspicious injury, or death utilizing the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form consistent with the requirements of the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation reporting guide. The community-based service provider shall ensure all abuse, neglect, exploitation or death reports describing the alleged incident are completed on the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form and received by the division within 24 hours of the verbal report. If the provider has internet access, the report form shall be submitted via the division's website at http://dhi.health.state.nm.us; otherwise it may be submitted via fax to 1-800-584-6057. The community-based service provider shall ensure that the reporter with the most direct</p>			
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<p>knowledge of the incident participates in the preparation of the report form.</p> <p>(3) Limited provider investigation: No investigation beyond that necessary in order to be able to report the abuse, neglect, or exploitation and ensure the safety of consumers is permitted until the division has completed its investigation.</p> <p>(4) Immediate action and safety planning: Upon discovery of any alleged incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, the community-based service provider shall:</p> <p>(a) develop and implement an immediate action and safety plan for any potentially endangered consumers, if applicable;</p> <p>(b) be immediately prepared to report that immediate action and safety plan verbally, and revise the plan according to the division's direction, if necessary; and</p> <p>(c) provide the accepted immediate action and safety plan in writing on the immediate action and safety plan form within 24 hours of the verbal report. If the provider has internet access, the report form shall be submitted via the division's website at http://dhi.health.state.nm.us; otherwise it may be submitted by faxing it to the division at 1-800-584-6057.</p> <p>(5) Evidence preservation: The community-based service provider shall preserve evidence related to an alleged incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, including records, and do nothing to disturb the evidence. If physical evidence must be removed or affected, the provider shall take photographs or do whatever is reasonable to document the location and type of evidence found which appears related to the incident.</p> <p>(6) Legal guardian or parental notification: The responsible community-</p>			
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<p>based service provider shall ensure that the consumer's legal guardian or parent is notified of the alleged incident of abuse, neglect and exploitation within 24 hours of notice of the alleged incident unless the parent or legal guardian is suspected of committing the alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation, in which case the community-based service provider shall leave notification to the division's investigative representative.</p> <p>(7) Case manager or consultant notification by community-based service providers: The responsible community-based service provider shall notify the consumer's case manager or consultant within 24 hours that an alleged incident involving abuse, neglect, or exploitation has been reported to the division. Names of other consumers and employees may be redacted before any documentation is forwarded to a case manager or consultant.</p> <p>(8) Non-responsible reporter: Providers who are reporting an incident in which they are not the responsible community-based service provider shall notify the responsible community-based service provider within 24 hours of an incident or allegation of an incident of abuse, neglect, and exploitation</p>			
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<p>death by calling the division's toll-free hotline number 1-800-445-6242. Any consumer, family member, or legal guardian may call the division's hotline to report an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, suspicious injury or death directly, or may report through the community-based service provider who, in addition to calling the hotline, must also utilize the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form. The abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form and instructions for its completion and filing are available at the division's website, http://dhi.health.state.nm.us, or may be obtained from the department by calling the division's toll free hotline number, 1-800-445-6242.</p> <p>(2) Use of abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form and notification by community-based service providers: In addition to calling the division's hotline as required in Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 7.1.14.8 NMAC, the community-based service provider shall also report the incident of abuse, neglect, exploitation, suspicious injury, or death utilizing the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form consistent with the requirements of the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation reporting guide. The community-based service provider shall ensure all abuse, neglect, exploitation or death reports describing the alleged incident are completed on the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form and received by the division within 24 hours of the verbal report. If the provider has internet access, the report form shall be submitted via the division's website at http://dhi.health.state.nm.us; otherwise it may be submitted via fax to 1-800-584-6057. The</p>	<p>Medication Administration Records contained missing entries. No documentation found indicating reason for missing entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olanzapine 20mg (1 time daily) – Blank 7/23, 24 (8:00 PM) • Propranolol 10mg (1 time daily) – Blank 7/23, 24 (8:00 PM) • Melatonin 1mg (1 time daily) – Blank 7/23, 24 (8:00 PM) • Levothyroxine 50mcg (1 time daily) – Blank 7/24, 25 (7:00 AM) • Pataday 0.2% 2.5ml (1 time daily) – Blank 7/24, 25 (8:00 AM) • Cerovite Advanced Form Tab (1 time daily) – Blank 7/24, 25 (8:00 AM) • Fexofenadine 180mg (1 time daily) – Blank 7/17, 24, 25 (8:00 AM); 7/23, 24 (12:00 PM) • Olanzapine 10mg (2 times daily) – Blank 7/17, 24, 25 (8:00 AM); 7/22, 23, 24 (12:00 PM) • Propranolol 20mg (2 times daily) – Blank 7/17, 24, 25 (8:00 AM); 7/23, 24 (12:00 PM) • Azelastine 0.15% (2 times daily) – Blank 7/17, 24, 25 (8:00 AM); 7/23, 24 (5:00 PM) • Divalproex 500mg (3 times daily) – Blank 7/17, 24, 25 (8:00 AM); 7/24, 25 (12:00 PM); 7/24 (8:00 PM) <p>August 2015</p>		
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<p>community-based service provider shall ensure that the reporter with the most direct knowledge of the incident participates in the preparation of the report form.</p> <p>(3) Limited provider investigation: No investigation beyond that necessary in order to be able to report the abuse, neglect, or exploitation and ensure the safety of consumers is permitted until the division has completed its investigation.</p> <p>(4) Immediate action and safety planning: Upon discovery of any alleged incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, the community-based service provider shall:</p> <p>(a) develop and implement an immediate action and safety plan for any potentially endangered consumers, if applicable;</p> <p>(b) be immediately prepared to report that immediate action and safety plan verbally, and revise the plan according to the division's direction, if necessary; and</p> <p>(c) Provide the accepted immediate action and safety plan in writing on the immediate action and safety plan form within 24 hours of the verbal report. If the provider has internet access, the report form shall be submitted via the division's website at http://dhi.health.state.nm.us; otherwise it may be submitted by faxing it to the division at 1-800-584-6057.</p> <p>(5) Evidence preservation: The community-based service provider shall preserve evidence related to an alleged incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, including records, and do nothing to disturb the evidence. If physical evidence must be removed or affected, the provider shall take photographs or do whatever is reasonable to document the location and type of evidence found which appears related to the incident.</p>	<p>Medication Administration Records contained missing entries. No documentation found indicating reason for missing entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olanzapine 20mg (1 time daily) – Blank 8/2, 3, 9 (8:00 PM) • Propranolol 10mg (1 time daily) – Blank 8/2, 3, 9 (8:00 PM) • Melatonin 1mg (1 time daily) – Blank 8/2, 3, 9 (8:00 PM) • Levothyroxine 50mcg (1 time daily) – Blank 8/3, 4, 10, 14 (7:00 AM) • Fexofenadine 180mg (1 time daily) – Blank 8/3, 4, 10 (8:00 AM) • Pataday 0.2% 2.5ml (1 time daily) – Blank 8/3, 4, 10, 12 (8:00 AM) <p>As a result of what was observed the following incidents were reported:</p> <p>Individual #9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A State Incident Report of Neglect was filed on 8/17/2015. Incident report was reported to DHI. <p>Individual #11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A State Incident Report of Neglect was filed on 8/17/2015. Incident report was reported to DHI. 		
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<p>(6) Legal guardian or parental notification: The responsible community-based service provider shall ensure that the consumer's legal guardian or parent is notified of the alleged incident of abuse, neglect and exploitation within 24 hours of notice of the alleged incident unless the parent or legal guardian is suspected of committing the alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation, in which case the community-based service provider shall leave notification to the division's investigative representative.</p> <p>(7) Case manager or consultant notification by community-based service providers: The responsible community-based service provider shall notify the consumer's case manager or consultant within 24 hours that an alleged incident involving abuse, neglect, or exploitation has been reported to the division. Names of other consumers and employees may be redacted before any documentation is forwarded to a case manager or consultant.</p> <p>(8) Non-responsible reporter: Providers who are reporting an incident in which they are not the responsible community-based service provider shall notify the responsible community-based service provider within 24 hours of an incident or allegation of an incident of abuse, neglect, and exploitation</p>			
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<p>Policy Title: Human Rights Committee Requirements Eff Date: March 1, 2003</p> <p>IV. POLICY STATEMENT - Human Rights Committees are required for residential service provider agencies. The purpose of these committees with respect to the provision of Behavior Supports is to review and monitor the implementation of certain Behavior Support Plans.</p> <p>Human Rights Committees may not approve any of the interventions specifically prohibited in the following policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aversive Intervention Prohibitions • Psychotropic Medications Use • Behavioral Support Service Provision. <p>A Human Rights Committee may also serve other agency functions as appropriate, such as the review of internal policies on sexuality and incident management follow-up.</p> <p>A. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE ROLE IN BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS</p> <p>Only those Behavior Support Plans with an aversive intervention included as part of the plan or associated Crisis Intervention Plan need to be reviewed prior to implementation. Plans not containing aversive interventions do not require Human Rights Committee review or approval.</p> <p>2. The Human Rights Committee will determine and adopt a written policy stating the frequency and purpose of meetings. Behavior Support Plans approved by the Human Rights Committee will be reviewed at least quarterly.</p> <p>3. Records, including minutes of all meetings will be retained at the agency with primary</p>			
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<p>responsibility for implementation for at least five years from the completion of each individual's Individual Service Plan.</p> <p>Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) - Procedure Title: Medication Assessment and Delivery Procedure Eff Date: November 1, 2006 B. 1. e. If the PRN medication is to be used in response to psychiatric and/or behavioral symptoms in addition to the above requirements, obtain current written consent from the individual, guardian or surrogate health decision maker and submit for review by the agency's Human Rights Committee (References: Psychotropic Medication Use Policy, Section D, page 5 Use of PRN Psychotropic Medications; and, Human Rights Committee Requirements Policy, Section B, page 4 Interventions Requiring Review and Approval – Use of PRN Medications).</p>			
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<p>indicating the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. dateb. time administeredc. name of patientd. dosee. practitioner's namef. signature of person administering or assisting with the administration the doseg. balance of controlled substance remaining.			
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<p>Comprehensive Aspiration Risk Management Plan (CARMP) plans if applicable;</p> <p>c. Assist with resolution of service or support issues raised by the DSP or observed by the supervisor, service coordinator or other IDT members; and</p> <p>d. Monitor the Assistive Technology Inventory to ensure that needed adaptive equipment, augmentative communication and assistive technology devices are available and functioning properly.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 6. III. REQUIREMENTS UNIQUE TO FAMILY LIVING SERVICES</p> <p>A. Support to Individuals in Family Living: The Family Living Services Provider Agency shall provide and document:</p> <p>(5) Monthly consultation, by agency supervisors or internal service coordinators, with the direct support provider to include:</p> <p>(a) Review, advise, and prompt the implementation of the individual's ISP Action Plans, schedule of activities and appointments; and</p> <p>(b) Assist with service or support issues raised by the direct support provider or observed by supervisor, service coordinator or other IDT members.</p> <p>B. Home Studies. The Family Living Services Provider Agency shall complete all DDSD requirements for approval of each direct support provider, including completion of an approved home study and training prior to placement. After the initial home study, an updated home study shall be completed annually. The home study must also be updated each time there is a change in family composition or when the family moves to a new home. The content and procedures used by the Provider Agency to conduct home studies shall be approved by DDSD.</p>			
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<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1. I. PROVIDER AGENCY ENROLLMENT PROCESS</p> <p>D. Scope of DDSD Agreement</p> <p>(4) Provider Agencies must have prior written approval of the Department of Health to subcontract any service other than Respite;</p> <p>NMAC 8.314.5.10 - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVER</p> <p>ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS:</p> <p>I. Qualifications for community living service providers: There are three types of community living services: Family living, supported living and independent living. Community living providers must meet all qualifications set forth by the DOH/DDSD, DDW definitions and service standards.</p> <p>(1) Family living service providers for adults must meet the qualifications for staff required by the DOH/DDSD, DDW service definitions and standards. The direct care provider employed by or subcontracting with the provider agency must be approved through a home study completed prior to provision of services and conducted at subsequent intervals required of the provider agency. All family living sub-contracts must be approved by the DOH/DDSD.</p>			
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<p>consistent with the Assisting with Medication Delivery training or each individual's ISP; and</p> <p>q. Have accessible written procedures for emergency placement and relocation of individuals in the event of an emergency evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable for occupancy. The emergency evacuation procedures must address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding.</p> <p>CHAPTER 12 (SL) Living Supports – Supported Living Agency Requirements G. Residence Requirements for Living Supports-Supported Living Services: 1. Supported Living Provider Agencies must assure that each individual's residence is maintained to be clean, safe, and comfortable and accommodates the individual's daily living, social, and leisure activities. In addition the residence must:</p> <p>a. Maintain basic utilities, i.e., gas, power, water, and telephone;</p> <p>b. Provide environmental accommodations and assistive technology devices in the residence 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;</p> <p>c. Ensure water temperature in home does not exceed safe temperature (110° F) ;</p> <p>d. Have a battery operated or electric smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguisher, or a sprinkler system;</p> <p>e. Have a general-purpose First Aid kit;</p>			
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<p>f. Allow at a maximum of two (2) individuals to share, with mutual consent, a bedroom and each individual has the right to have his or her own bed;</p> <p>g. Have accessible written documentation of actual evacuation drills occurring at least three (3) times a year. For Supported Living evacuation drills must occur at least once a year during each shift;</p> <p>h. Have accessible written procedures for the safe storage of all medications with dispensing instructions for each individual that are consistent with the Assisting with Medication Delivery training or each individual's ISP; and</p> <p>i. Have accessible written procedures for emergency placement and relocation of individuals in the event of an emergency evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable for occupancy. The emergency evacuation procedures must address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding.</p> <p>CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements R. Staff Qualifications: 3. Supervisor Qualifications And Requirements: S Each residence shall include operable safety equipment, including but not limited to, an operable smoke detector or sprinkler system, a carbon monoxide detector if any natural gas appliance or heating is used, fire extinguisher, general purpose first aid kit, written procedures for emergency evacuation due to fire or other emergency and documentation of evacuation drills occurring at least annually during each shift, phone number for poison control within line of site of the telephone, basic utilities, general household appliances, kitchen and dining utensils, adequate food and drink for</p>			
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<p>three meals per day, proper food storage, and cleaning supplies.</p> <p>T Each residence shall have a blood borne pathogens kit as applicable to the residents' health status, personal protection equipment, and any ordered or required medical supplies shall also be available in the home.</p> <p>U If not medically contraindicated, and with mutual consent, up to two (2) individuals may share a single bedroom. Each individual shall have their own bed. All bedrooms shall have doors that may be closed for privacy. Individuals have the right to decorate their bedroom in a style of their choosing consistent with safe and sanitary living conditions.</p> <p>V For residences with more than two (2) residents, there shall be at least two (2) bathrooms. Toilets, tubs/showers used by the individuals shall provide for privacy and be designed or adapted for the safe provision of personal care. Water temperature shall be maintained at a safe level to prevent injury and ensure comfort and shall not exceed one hundred ten (110) degrees.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS L. Residence Requirements for Family Living Services and Supported Living Services</p>			
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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Date Due
Service Domain: Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement – State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver.			
Tag # 5144 Adult Habilitation Reimbursement	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION</p> <p>A. General: All Provider Agencies shall maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality, quantity and clinical necessity furnished to individuals who are currently receiving services. The Provider Agency records shall be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, individual name, servicing Provider Agency, level of services, and length of a session of service billed.</p> <p>B. Billable Units: The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the HSD. For each unit billed, the record shall contain the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval; (2) A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and (3) The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service. <p>MAD-MR: 03-59 Eff 1/1/2004 8.314.1 BI RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Adult Habilitation Services for 1 of 1 individuals.</p> <p>Individual #9 April 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 95 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021 U1) from 4/1/2015 through 4/7/2015. Documentation received accounted for 21 units. • The Agency billed 97 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021 U1) from 4/8/2015 through 4/14/2015. Documentation received accounted for 72 units. • The Agency billed 107 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021 U1) from 4/15/2015 through 4/21/2015. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 4/21. Documentation received accounted for 85 units. One or more of the required elements was not met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval; <p>May 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 115 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021 U1) from 5/6/2015 	<p>Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p>Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	

<p>Providers must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the extent of the services provided to the Medicaid recipient. Services that have been billed to Medicaid, but are not substantiated in a treatment plan and/or patient records for the recipient are subject to recoupment.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 CHAPTER 5 XVI. REIMBURSEMENT A. Billable Unit. A billable unit for Adult Habilitation Services is in 15-minute increments hour. The rate is based on the individual's level of care.</p> <p>B. Billable Activities (1) The Community Inclusion Provider Agency can bill for those activities listed and described on the ISP and within the Scope of Service. Partial units are allowable. Billable units are face-to-face, except that Adult Habilitation services may be non- face-to-face under the following conditions: (a) Time that is non face-to-face is documented separately and clearly identified as to the nature of the activity; and(b) Non face-to-face hours do not exceed 5% of the monthly billable hours.</p> <p>(2) Adult Habilitation Services can be provided with any other services, insofar as the services are not reported for the same hours on the same day, except that Therapy Services and Case Management may be provided and billed for the same hours</p>	<p>through 5/12/2015. Documentation received accounted for 77 units.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 53 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021 U1) from 5/13/2015 through 5/14/2015. Documentation received accounted for 52 units. • The Agency billed 58 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021 U1) from 5/15/2015 through 5/19/2015. Documentation received accounted for 48 units. • The Agency billed 84 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021 U1) from 5/20/2015 through 5/26/2015. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 5/20, 21, 22. Documentation received accounted for 43 units. One or more of the required elements was not met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval; • The Agency billed 114 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021 U1) from 5/27/2015 through 6/2/2015. Documentation received accounted for 45 units. <p>June 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 112 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021 U1) from 6/3/2015 through 6/9/2015. Documentation received accounted for 42 units. • The Agency billed 110 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021 U1) from 6/10/2015 through 6/16/2015. Documentation received accounted for 55 units. 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 114 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021 U1) from 6/17/2015 through 6/23/2015. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 6/22. Documentation received accounted for 32 units. One or more of the required elements was not met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval; • The Agency billed 116 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021 U1) from 6/24/2015 through 6/30/2015. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 6/29, 30. Documentation received accounted for 32 units. One or more of the required elements was not met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval; 		
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<p>2. The billable unit for Community Inclusion Aide is a fifteen (15) minute unit.</p> <p>3. The billable unit for Group Customized Community Supports is a fifteen (15) minute unit, with the rate category based on the NM DDW group.</p> <p>4. The time at home is intermittent or brief; e.g. one hour time period for lunch and/or change of clothes. The Provider Agency may bill for providing this support under Customized Community Supports without prior approval from DDS.</p> <p>5. The billable unit for Intensive Behavioral Customized Community Supports is a fifteen (15) minute unit. (There is a separate rate established for individuals who require one-to-one (1:1) support either in the community or in a group day setting due to behavioral challenges (NM DDW group G).</p> <p>6. The billable unit for Fiscal Management for Adult Education is dollars charged for each class including a 10% administrative processing fee.</p> <p>C. Billable Activities:</p> <p>1. All DSP activities that are:</p> <p>a. Provided face to face with the individual;</p> <p>b. Described in the individual's approved ISP;</p> <p>c. Provided in accordance with the Scope of Services; and</p> <p>d. Activities included in billable services, activities or situations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 98 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 5/27/2015 through 6/2/2015. Documentation received accounted for 79 units. <p>June 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 98 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 6/3/2015 through 6/9/2015. No documentation was found for 6/3/2015 through 6/9/2015 to justify the 98 units billed. • The Agency billed 104 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 6/10/2015 through 6/16/2015. Documentation received accounted for 24 units. • The Agency billed 121 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2121 HB U7) from 6/17/2015 through 6/23/2015. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 6/23. Documentation received accounted for 0 units. One or more of the required elements was not met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval. • The Agency billed 102 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2121 HB U7) from 6/24/2015 through 6/30/2015. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 6/29, 6/30. Documentation received accounted for 0 units. One or more of the required elements was not met: 		
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<p>2. Purchase of tuition, fees, and/or related materials associated with adult education opportunities as related to the ISP Action Plan and Outcomes, not to exceed \$550 including administrative processing fee.</p> <p>3. Customized Community Supports can be included in ISP and budget with any other services.</p> <p>MAD-MR: 03-59 Eff 1/1/2004 8.314.1 BI RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: Providers must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the extent of the services provided to the Medicaid recipient. Services that have been billed to Medicaid, but are not substantiated in a treatment plan and/or patient records for the recipient are subject to recoupment.</p>	<p>➤ Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval.</p> <p>Individual #2 April 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 116 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U8) from 4/8/2015 through 4/14/2015. Documentation received accounted for 115 units. • The Agency billed 118 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U8) from 4/29/2015 through 5/5/2015. Documentation received accounted for 101 units. <p>May 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 123 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U8) from 5/27/2015 through 6/2/2015. Documentation received accounted for 121 units. <p>Individual #3 April 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 121 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U8) from 4/1/2015 through 4/7/2015. Documentation received accounted for 96 units. • The Agency billed 115 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U8) from 4/8/2015 through 4/14/2015. Documentation received accounted for 88 units. <p>May 2015</p>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 119 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U8) from 5/1/2015 through 5/5/2015. Documentation received accounted for 115 units. • The Agency billed 117 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U8) from 5/13/2015 through 5/19/2015. Documentation received accounted for 72 units. <p>June 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 97 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U8) from 6/3/2015 through 6/9/2015. Documentation received accounted for 78 units. • The Agency billed 119 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U8) from 6/10/2015 through 6/16/2015. Documentation received accounted for 114 units. • The Agency billed 70 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U8) from 6/17/2015 through 6/23/2015. Documentation received accounted for 62units. <p>Individual #8</p> <p>April 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 90 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 4/1/2015 through 4/7/2015. Documentation received accounted for 54 units. 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 70 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 4/8/2015 through 4/14/2015. Documentation received accounted for 44 units. <p>May 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 81 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 5/1/2015 through 5/5/2015. Documentation received accounted for 47 units. • The Agency billed 97 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 5/6/2015 through 5/12/2015. Documentation received accounted for 93 units. • The Agency billed 97 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 5/20/2015 through 5/26/2015. Documentation received accounted for 55 units. • The Agency billed 60 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 5/27/2015 through 6/2/2015. Documentation received accounted for 35 units. <p>June 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 97 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 6/3/2015 through 6/9/2015. Documentation received accounted for 39 units. 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 72 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 6/10/2015 through 6/16/2015. Documentation received accounted for 21 units. • The Agency billed 92 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 6/17/2015 through 6/23/2015. Documentation received accounted for 31 units. • The Agency billed 86 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 6/24/2015 through 6/30/2015. Documentation received accounted for 51 units. <p>Individual #11 April 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 68 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U8) from 4/8/2015 through 4/10/2015. Documentation received accounted for 64 units. <p>May 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 118 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U8) from 5/14/2015 through 5/19/2015. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 5/18, 5/19. Documentation received accounted for 72 units. One or more of the required elements was not met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval. <p>June 2015</p>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 124 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U8) from 6/3/2015 through 6/9/2015. Documentation received accounted for 122 units. <p>Individual #12 May 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 125 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 5/13/2015 through 5/19/2015. Documentation received accounted for 123 units. <p>June 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 41 units of Customized Community Supports (Group) (T2021 HB U7) from 6/24/2015 through 6/30/2015. Documentation received accounted for 21 units. 		
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Date: December 23, 2015

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Survey Date: August 17 – 19, 2015
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Service Surveyed: **2012:** *Living Supports* (Supported Living, Family Living); *Inclusion Supports* (Customized Community Supports)
2007: *Community Living* (Supported Living) and *Community Inclusion* (Adult Habilitation)

Survey Type: Routine

RE: Request for an Informal Reconsideration of Findings

Dear Ms. Kalter,

Your request for a Reconsideration of Findings was received on October 27, 2015. Your request and the supporting evidence provided have been reviewed. Based on the review of applicable standards and regulations, review of the survey process and the evidence you provided, the following determinations have been made:

Regarding Tag # 1A08

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based on documentation reviewed for Individual #7, New Pathways is still listed as a responsible provider for Customized Community Support (CCS) Services, therefore Teaching and Support Strategies would be required. Based on the QMB Document Request Form, items disputed for Individual #9 were requested from and signed by Melissa Escarida on 08/17/2015. Guardianship was on page 1 of 4 for Individual #9. The agency was given the opportunity to reconcile documentation and a final copy of the QMB Document Request Form, still listing these items as not provided or justified, was provided to the agency and signed by Connie Kalter on 08/19/2015 indicating acknowledgement of the findings. No documentation and/or justification was provided to surveyors while on-site to refute the findings. The remaining citations noted in this tag were not disputed.

Regarding Tag # 1A32 and LS14/6L14

Determination: The IRF committee is modifying the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based

on documentation provided and the review of the QMB Documentation Request Form the following determinations have been made:

- Based on information provided, the finding for Individual #7 will be removed as the individual has not attended CCS Services at the agency since January 2015.
- Based on the information provided and the QMB Document Request Form, the findings for Individual #2 and Individual #9 will be upheld. Per Individual #2's ISP, "staff" is responsible for the implementation of the outcome listed. Data Collection/Tracking of this outcome was requested from and signed by Melissa Escarida on 8/17/2015. The agency was given the opportunity to reconcile documentation and a final copy of the QMB Document Request Form, still listing this item as not provided or justified, was provided to the agency and signed by Connie Kalter on 08/19/2015 indicating acknowledgement of the findings. No documentation and/or justification was provided to surveyors while on-site to refute the findings. Per Individual #9's ISP, "NPI DH staff" are responsible for the implementation of the action step in question. This is listed correctly on the report under Adult Habilitation Data Collection/Data Tracking not Customized Community Supports as stated in the IRF.

Regarding Tag # LS14/6L14

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Findings cited in this tag are not requested as part of the Document Request Form used for the Agency Case File. Documentation not found in the home was reviewed with residential staff and the residential staff signed acknowledgement on the QMB Residential Case File Review Tool indicating they were informed of the items not found and were also provided the opportunity and could not locate the items. The remaining citations noted in this tag were not disputed.

Regarding Tag #1A20

Determination: The IRF committee is modifying the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based on documentation provided all citations for DSP #247 listed in this tag will be removed as evidence was provided to verify DSP #247 is not a direct support staff. Based on the QMB Training Documentation Request Form, Person Centered Training for DSP #250, First Aid Training for DSP #212, 226, 234, and 237, CPR Training for DSP #212, 226, 234, and 237, AWMD training for DSP #218, 232, 236 and 250 was requested from and signed by Melissa Escarida, on 08/18/2015. A final copy of the Training Documentation Request form was provided to and signed by Connie Kalter on 08/19/2015 indicating acknowledgment of the findings. No documentation and/or justification was provided at the time of the on-site survey to dispute the finding. The remaining citations noted in this tag were not disputed.

Regarding Tag # 1A22

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Although Individual #7 currently does not have a Speech Therapist, this service is still listed on the IST section of the ISP as required and DSP was unaware of the lack of service or reason thereof. The remaining citations noted in this tag were not disputed.

Regarding Tag # 1A25

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Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Documentation provided for DSP #225 was still not sufficient. A valid clearance letter addressed to the agency was still not provided as part of the IRF documentation submitted. For DSP #204, the hire date provided during the on-site survey was 6/13/2014. No explanation was provided for the discrepancies between the date of hire and the Caregiver Criminal History Screening when requested during the on-site survey. The remaining citations noted in this tag were not disputed.

Regarding Tag #1A26

Determination: The IRF committee is modifying the original finding in the report of findings. Based on documentation provided, the finding for Substitute Care Provider #277 will be removed. The remaining citations noted in this tag were not disputed.

Regarding Tag #1A28.1

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based on the QMB Training Documentation Request Form, Incident Management Training for DSP #218, 240 and 242 was requested from and signed by Melissa Escarida, on 08/18/2015. A final copy of the Training Documentation Request form was provided to and signed by Connie Kalter on 08/19/2015 indicating acknowledgment of the findings. No documentation and/or justification was provided at the time of the on-site survey to dispute the finding. The remaining citations noted in this tag were not disputed.

Regarding Tag #1A37

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based on the QMB Training Documentation Request Form, Individual Specific Training for DSP #217, 220, 232, 248 and SC #259 was requested from and signed by Melissa Escarida, on 08/18/2015. A final copy of the Training Documentation Request form was provided to and signed by Connie Kalter on 08/19/2015 indicating acknowledgment of the findings. No documentation and/or justification was provided at the time of the on-site survey to dispute the finding.

Regarding Tag # 1A27

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. No evidence was provided to show that the determination of late or failure was removed by the Incident Management Bureau.

Regarding Tag # 1A28.2

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based on the QMB Document Request Form, Parent/Guardian Incident Management Training for Individual #5 was requested from and signed by Melissa Escarida on 08/17/2015. The agency was given the opportunity to reconcile documentation and a final copy of the QMB Document Request Form, still listing these items as not provided or justified, was provided to the agency and signed by Connie Kalter on 8/18/2015 indicating acknowledgement of the findings. No documentation and/or justification was provided to surveyors while on-site to refute the findings.

Regarding Tag # 1A29

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based on the QMB Document Request Form, the Grievance/Compliant Procedure Acknowledgement for Individual #5 was requested from and signed by Melissa Escarida on 08/17/2015. The agency was given the opportunity to reconcile documentation and a final copy of the QMB Document Request Form, still listing these items as not provided or justified, was provided to the agency and signed by Connie Kalter on 8/18/2015 indicating acknowledgement of the findings. No documentation and/or justification was provided to surveyors while on-site to refute the findings.

Regarding Tag # LS06/6L06

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based on the QMB Document Request Form, Monthly Consultation with the Direct Support Provider for May 2015 for Individual #5 was requested from and signed by Melissa Escarida on 08/17/2015. The agency was given the opportunity to reconcile documentation and a final copy of the QMB Document Request Form, still listing these items as not provided or justified, was provided to the agency and signed by Connie Kalter on 8/18/2015 indicating acknowledgement of the findings. No documentation and/or justification was provided to surveyors while on-site to refute the findings.

This concludes the Informal Reconsideration of Finding process. The IRF process is separate and apart from the Informal Dispute Resolution process or the Medicaid Fair Hearing process when DOH sanctions are imposed on a provider.

Thank you.
Respectfully,

Crystal Lopez-Beck

Crystal Lopez-Beck
Deputy Bureau Chief/QMB
Informal Reconsideration of Finding Committee Chair

Survey Report #: Q.16.1.DDW.D4455.2&5.RTN.12.15.357

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Survey Type: Routine

Dear Ms. Kalter;

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.

To maintain ongoing compliance with standards and regulations, continue to use the Quality Assurance (self-auditing) processes you described in your Plan of Correction.

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,

Amanda Castañeda

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Quality Management Bureau/DHI

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