

Date: June 6, 2017

To: David S. Turner, Executive Director  
Provider: Creative Employment Solutions LLC  
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State/Zip: Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112

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Region: Metro Region  
Survey Date: April 24 - 26, 2017  
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Service Surveyed: **2012: Community Integrated Employment Services**

Survey Type: Routine Survey

Team Leader: Lora Norby, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Team Members: Kandis Gomez, AA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Dear David S. Turner;

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:

***Compliance with all Conditions of Participation***

This determination is based on your agency's compliance with CMS waiver assurances at the Condition of Participation level. The attached QMB Report of Findings indicates Standard Level deficiencies identified 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.

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QMB Report of Findings – Creative Employment Solutions LLC – Metro Region – April 24 - 26, 2017

Survey Report #: Q.17.4.DDW.45624763.5.RTN.01.17.158



During the exit interview of your on-site survey Attachment A on the Plan of Correction Process was provided to you. Please refer to Attachment A for specific instruction on completing your Plan of Correction. At a minimum your Plan of Correction should address the following for each Tag cited:

**Corrective Action:**

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

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

- What is going to be done? (i.e. file reviews, periodic check with checklist, etc.)
- How many individuals is this going to effect? (i.e. percentage of individuals reviewed, number of files reviewed, etc.)
- How often will this be completed? (i.e. weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc.)
- Who is responsible? (responsible position)
- What steps will be taken if issues are found? (i.e. retraining, requesting documents, filing RORI, etc.)

**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: Lisa Medina-Lujan  
HSD/OIG  
Program Integrity Unit  
2025 S. Pacheco Street  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505*

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

*Attention: Lisa Medina-Lujan  
HSD/OIG  
Program Integrity Unit*

1474 Rodeo Road  
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,

*Lora Norby*

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

**Survey Process Employed:**

Entrance Conference Date: April 24, 2017

Present: **Creative Employment Solutions LLC**  
David Turner, Executive Director  
Lorri Dow, Service Coordinator

**DOH/DHI/QMB**  
Kandis Gomez, AA, Healthcare Surveyor  
Lora Norby, Healthcare Surveyor

Exit Conference Date: April 26, 2017

Present: **Creative Employment Solutions LLC**  
David Turner, Executive Director  
Lorri Dow, Service Coordinator

**DOH/DHI/QMB**  
Kandis Gomez, AA, Healthcare Surveyor  
Lora Norby, Healthcare Surveyor

**DDSD Metro Regional Office**  
Frank Gaona, Community Inclusion/Supported Employment  
Coordinator

Administrative Locations Visited                      Number              2 (2901 Juan Tabo Blvd NE Suite 212, Albuquerque  
New Mexico 87112; 1502 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Albuquerque  
New Mexico 87102)

Total Sample Size                                      Number              6  
  
0 - Jackson Class Members  
6 - Non-Jackson Class Members  
  
6 - Community Integrated Employment Services

Persons Served Records Reviewed              Number              6

Persons Served Interviewed                      Number              1

Persons Served Not Seen and/or Not Available      Number              5

Direct Support Personnel Interviewed              Number              2

Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed      Number              4 (1 Direct Support Personnel also serves as a Service  
Coordinator)

Service Coordinator Records Reviewed              Number              1

Administrative Interviews                              Number              1

Administrative Processes and Records Reviewed:

- Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement Records for all Services Provided

- Accreditation Records
- Oversight of Individual Funds
- Individual Medical and Program Case Files, including, but not limited to:
  - Individual Service Plans
  - Progress on Identified Outcomes
  - Healthcare Plans
  - 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](mailto: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.

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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
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 DDS Standards.
5. In lieu of some documents, you may submit copies of file or home audit forms that clearly indicate cited deficiencies have been corrected, other attestations of correction must be approved by the Plan of Correction Coordinator prior to their submission.
6. When billing deficiencies are cited, you must provide documentation to justify billing and/or void and adjust forms submitted to Xerox State Healthcare, LLC for the deficiencies cited in the Report of Findings.

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

## 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 the following Service Domains.

*Case Management Services (Four Service Domains):*

- Plan of Care: ISP Development & Monitoring
- Level of Care
- Qualified Providers
- Health, Safety and Welfare

*Community Living Supports / Inclusion Supports (Three Service Domains):*

- Service Plans: ISP Implementation
- Qualified Provider
- Health, Safety and Welfare

### 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: Plan of Care ISP Development & Monitoring**

Condition of Participation:

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

Condition of Participation:

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

**Service Domain: Level of Care**

Condition of Participation:

3. **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.

**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 DDS.

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

**Service Domain: Service Plan: ISP Implementation**

Condition of Participation:

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

**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 and/or 6 or more Condition of Participation level deficiencies overall, as well as widespread Standard level deficiencies identified in the attached QMB Report of Findings and requires implementation of a Plan of Correction.

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](mailto: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.

**Agency:** Creative Employment Solutions LLC - Metro Region  
**Program:** Developmental Disabilities Waiver  
**Service:** 2012: Community Integrated Employment Services  
**Monitoring Type:** Routine Survey  
**Survey Date:** April 24 - 26, 2017

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
<b>Service Domain: Service Plans: ISP Implementation</b> - Services are delivered in accordance with the service plan, including type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the service plan.			
<b>Tag # 1A08 Agency Case File</b>	<b>Standard Level Deficiency</b>		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015</p> <p><b>Chapter 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements: J. Consumer Records Policy:</b> Community Integrated Employment 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.</p> <p><b>Chapter 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements: G. Consumer Records Policy:</b> 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 policy. Additional documentation that is required to be maintained at the administrative office includes:</p> <p>1. Vocational Assessments (if applicable) that are of quality and contain content acceptable to DVR and DDSD.</p> <p><b>Chapter 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements: E. Consumer Records Policy:</b> 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 Individual Case File Matrix policy.</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file at the administrative office for 2 of 6 Individuals.</p> <p>Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:</p> <p><b>Current Emergency and Personal Identification Information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Did not contain Primary Care Physician information (#6)</li> </ul> <p><b>Occupational Therapy Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Not Found (#4)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> (How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?): →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> (What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): →  </p>	<p>  </p>

<p><b>Chapter 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy:</b> 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 DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.</p> <p><b>Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Chapter 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements: C.</b> 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"> <li>• Emergency contact information;</li> <li>• Personal identification;</li> <li>• ISP budget forms and budget prior authorization;</li> <li>• ISP with signature page and all applicable assessments, including teaching and support strategies, Positive Behavior Support Plan (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);</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• Copy of Guardianship or Power of Attorney documents as applicable;</li> </ul>			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behavior Support Consultant, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist and Speech-Language Pathology progress reports as applicable, except for short term stays;</li> <li>• Written consent by relevant health decision maker and primary care practitioner for self-administration of medication or assistance with medication from DSP as applicable;</li> <li>• Progress notes written by DSP and nurses;</li> <li>• Signed secondary freedom of choice form;</li> <li>• Transition Plan as applicable for change of provider in past twelve (12) months.</li> </ul> <p><b>DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION (DDSD): Director’s Release: Consumer Record Requirements eff. 11/1/2012</b></p> <p><b>III. Requirement Amendments(s) or Clarifications:</b></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><b>NMAC 8.302.1.17 RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:</b> 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>B. Documentation of test results:</b> 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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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
<b>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.</b>			
<b>Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency</b>	<b>Standard Level Deficiency</b>		
<p><b>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:</b></p> <p>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</p> <p>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) for each individual serviced.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements</b>  <b>G. Training Requirements:</b> 1. All Community Inclusion Providers must provide staff training in accordance with the DDSD policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy. 3. Ensure direct service personnel receives Individual Specific Training as outlined in each individual ISP, including aspects of support plans (healthcare and behavioral) or WDSI that pertain to the employment environment.</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements</b>  <b>F. Meet all training requirements as follows:</b>  1. All Customized Community Supports Providers shall provide staff training in accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003:</p>	<p>Based on interview, the Agency did not ensure training competencies were met for 1 of 2 Direct Support Personnel.</p> <p><b>When DSP were asked if the Individual had a Physical Therapy Plan and if so, what the plan covered, the following was reported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ DSP #501 stated, “No.” According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP, the Individual requires a Physical Therapy Plan. (Individual #4)</li> </ul> <p><b>When DSP were asked who provided them training on the Individual’s Seizure Disorder and how new staff are trained on what to do if the Individual experiences a seizure, the following was reported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ DSP #501 stated, “No one. It’s never been addressed.” As indicated by the Individual Specific Training section of the ISP, employment staff are required to receive training. (Individual #6)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?):</b> →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here (What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?):</b> →</p>	

<p>Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy;</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements</b>  <b>C. Training Requirements:</b> 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 DDS 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><b>CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements</b>  <b>B. Living Supports- Family Living Services</b>  <b>Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training:</b></p> <p>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</p>			
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<p>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>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><b>CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements</b>  <b>B. Living Supports- Supported Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training:</b></p> <p>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</p>			
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<p>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 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><b>CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) R. 2. Service Requirements. Staff Qualifications 2. DSP Qualifications.</b> 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><b>NMAC 7.1.9.8 CAREGIVER AND HOSPITAL CAREGIVER EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:</b></p> <p><b>F. Timely Submission:</b> 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><b>NMAC 7.1.9.9 CAREGIVERS OR HOSPITAL CAREGIVERS AND APPLICANTS WITH DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS:</b></p> <p><b>A. Prohibition on Employment:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>(1)</b> 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</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 1 of 4 Agency Personnel.</p> <p><b>The following Agency Personnel Files contained no evidence of Caregiver Criminal History Screenings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ DSP #504 – Date of hire 4/5/2017.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> <i>(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?):</i> →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> <i>(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?):</i> →  </p>	<p> </p>

<p>of an acquittal, dismissal or conviction of a lesser included crime.</p> <p>(2) An applicant's, caregiver's or hospital caregiver's failure to respond within the required 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>B. Employment Pending Reconsideration Determination:</b> At the discretion of the care provider, an applicant, caregiver or hospital</p>			
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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.

**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:

- A.** homicide;
- B.** trafficking, or trafficking in controlled substances;
- C.** kidnapping, false imprisonment, aggravated assault or aggravated battery;
- D.** rape, criminal sexual penetration, criminal sexual contact, incest, indecent exposure, or other related felony sexual offenses;
- E.** crimes involving adult abuse, neglect or financial exploitation;
- F.** crimes involving child abuse or neglect;
- G.** crimes involving robbery, larceny, extortion, burglary, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, credit card fraud, or receiving stolen property; or
- H.** an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy involving any of the felonies in this subsection.

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
<b>Service Domain: Health and Welfare</b> - The state, on an ongoing basis, identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent occurrences of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Individuals shall be afforded their basic human rights. The provider supports individuals to access needed healthcare services in a timely manner.			
<b>Tag # 1A08.2 Healthcare Requirements</b>	<b>Standard Level Deficiency</b>		
<p><b>NMAC 8.302.1.17 RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:</b> 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>B. Documentation of test results:</b> Results of tests and services must be documented, which includes results of laboratory and radiology procedures or progress following therapy or treatment.</p> <p><b>DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION (DDSD): Director's Release: Consumer Record Requirements eff. 11/1/2012</b></p> <p><b>III. Requirement Amendments(s) or Clarifications:</b></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>Based on record review, the Agency did not provide documentation of annual physical examinations and/or other examinations as specified by a licensed physician for 2 of 6 individuals receiving Community Inclusion Services.</p> <p>Review of the administrative individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:</p> <p><b>Community Inclusion Services / Other Services Healthcare Requirements (Individuals Receiving Inclusion / Other Services Only):</b></p> <p><b>Dental Exam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #1 - As indicated by collateral documentation reviewed, exam was completed on 8/9/2016. Follow-up was to be completed in 6 months. No evidence of follow-up found.</li> <li>◦ Individual #6 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. No evidence of exam was found.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> (How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?): →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> (What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): →  </p>	<p>  </p>

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**Chapter 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements**

**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.

**Chapter 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements:**

**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 policy.

**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 DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.

**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 DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.

<p><b>Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements:</b></p> <p><b>D. Consumer Records Policy:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Chapter 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements:</b></p> <p>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> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY Requirements: D. Provider Agency Case File for the Individual:</b> 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> <p>(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,</p>			
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environmental, medications), immunizations, and most recent physical exam;

**CHAPTER 6. VI. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING**

**G. Health Care Requirements for Community Living Services.**

(1) The Community Living Service providers shall ensure completion of a HAT for each individual receiving this service. The HAT shall be completed 2 weeks prior to the annual ISP meeting and submitted to the Case Manager and all other IDT Members. A revised HAT is required to also be submitted whenever the individual's health status changes significantly. For individuals who are newly allocated to the DD Waiver program, the HAT may be completed within 2 weeks following the initial ISP meeting and submitted with any strategies and support plans indicated in the ISP, or within 72 hours following admission into direct services, whichever comes first.

(2) Each individual will have a Health Care Coordinator, designated by the IDT. When the individual's HAT score is 4, 5 or 6 the Health Care Coordinator shall be an IDT member, other than the individual. The Health Care Coordinator shall oversee and monitor health care services for the individual in accordance with these standards. In circumstances where no IDT member voluntarily accepts designation as the health care coordinator, the community living provider shall assign a staff member to this role.

(3) For each individual receiving Community Living Services, the provider agency shall ensure and document the following:

<p>(a) Provision of health care oversight consistent with these Standards as detailed in Chapter One section III E: Healthcare Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services.</p> <p>b) That each individual with a score of 4, 5, or 6 on the HAT, has a Health Care Plan developed by a licensed nurse.</p> <p>(c) That an individual with chronic condition(s) with the potential to exacerbate into a life threatening condition, has Crisis Prevention/ Intervention Plan(s) developed by a licensed nurse or other appropriate professional for each such condition.</p> <p>(4) That an average of 3 hours of documented nutritional counseling is available annually, if recommended by the IDT.</p> <p>(5) That the physical property and grounds are free of hazards to the individual's health and safety.</p> <p>(6) In addition, for each individual receiving Supported Living or Family Living Services, the provider shall verify and document the following:</p> <p>(a) The individual has a primary licensed physician;</p> <p>(b) The individual receives an annual physical examination and other examinations as specified by a licensed physician;</p>			
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(c) The individual receives annual dental check-ups and other check-ups as specified by a licensed dentist;

(d) The individual receives eye examinations as specified by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist; and

(e) Agency activities that occur as follow-up to medical appointments (e.g. treatment, visits to specialists, changes in medication or daily routine).

Tag # 1A15.2 and IS09 / 5I09 Healthcare Documentation	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013</p> <p><b>Chapter 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements</b></p> <p><b>H. Consumer Records Policy:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Chapter 6 (CCS) 2. Service Requirements. E.</b> The agency nurse(s) for Customized Community Supports providers must provide the following services: 1. Implementation of pertinent PCP orders; ongoing oversight and monitoring of the individual's health status and medically related supports when receiving this service;</p> <p><b>3. Agency Requirements: Consumer Records Policy:</b> 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 policy.</p> <p><b>Chapter 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements:</b></p> <p><b>E. Consumer Records Policy:</b> 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 Individual Case File Matrix policy.</p> <p><b>Chapter 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements:</b></p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain the required documentation in the Individuals Agency Record as required by standard for 2 of 6 individuals.</p> <p>Review of the administrative individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Semi-Annual Nursing Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ None found for 9/2015 - 3/2016 and 3/2016 - 6/2016. (Term of ISP 9/28/2015 - 9/27/2016) (ISP meeting held 7/7/2016) (#4)</li> <li>◦ None found for 12/2015 - 4/2016 and 6/2016 - 12/2016 (Term of ISP 6/18/2015 - 6/17/2016 and 6/18/2016 - 6/17/2017) (ISP meeting held 4/22/2016) (#6)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Special Health Care Needs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutritional Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #4 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.</li> <li>◦ Individual #6 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> (How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?): →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> (What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): →  </p>	

<p><b>D. Consumer Records Policy:</b> 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 DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.</p> <p><b>I. Health Care Requirements for Family Living: 5.</b> 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>			
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<p>d. Other nursing assessments conducted to determine current health status or to evaluate a change in clinical condition must be 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 DDS policy pending authorization of ongoing Adult Nursing services as indicated by health status and individual/guardian choice.</p> <p><b>Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements:</b></p> <p><b>D. Consumer Records Policy:</b> 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><b>2. Service Requirements. L. Training and Requirements. 5. Health Related Documentation:</b> For each individual receiving Living Supports- Supported Living, the provider agency must ensure and document the following:</p>			
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<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 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"> <li>i. The individual has a Primary Care Provider (PCP);</li> <li>ii. The individual receives an annual physical examination and other examinations as specified by a PCP;</li> <li>iii. The individual receives annual dental check-ups and other check-ups as specified by a licensed dentist;</li> <li>iv. The individual receives a hearing test as specified by a licensed audiologist</li> </ul>			
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<p>v. The individual receives eye examinations as specified by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist; and</p> <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><b>Chapter 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements:</b></p> <p>C. Documents to be maintained in the agency administrative office, include:</p> <p>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>			
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<p>H. Audiology/hearing exam as applicable (Not applicable for short term stays; See Medicaid policy 8.324.6 for applicable requirements);</p> <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><b>NMAC 8.302.1.17 RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:</b> 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>B. Documentation of test results:</b> Results of tests and services must be documented, which includes results of laboratory and radiology procedures or progress following therapy or treatment.</p> <p><b>Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Policy. Medical</b></p>			
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**Emergency Response Plan Policy MERP-001  
eff.8/1/2010**

F. The MERP shall be written in clear, jargon free language and include at a minimum the following information:

1. A brief, simple description of the condition or illness.
2. A brief description of the most likely life threatening complications that might occur and what those complications may look like to an observer.
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).
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.
5. Emergency contacts with phone numbers.
6. Reference to whether the individual has advance directives or not, and if so, where the advance directives are located.

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 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**

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007

**CHAPTER 5 IV. COMMUNITY INCLUSION SERVICES PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS B. IDT Coordination**

(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.

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Date Due
<i>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.</i>			
<b>TAG #1A12 All Services Reimbursement (No Deficiencies Found)</b>			
<b>NMAC 8.302.1.17 Effective Date 9-15-08</b>			
<p><b>Record Keeping and Documentation Requirements</b> - 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>Detail Required in Records</b> - Provider Records must be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, eligible recipient name, rendering, attending, ordering or prescribing provider; level and quantity of services, length of a session of service billed, diagnosis and medical necessity of any service . . . Treatment plans or other plans of care must be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the level of need, supervision, and direction and service(s) needed by the eligible recipient.</p> <p><b>Services Billed by Units of Time -</b> Services billed on the basis of time units spent with an eligible recipient must be sufficiently detailed to document the actual time spent with the eligible recipient and the services provided during that time unit.</p> <p><b>Records Retention</b> - A provider who receives payment for treatment, services or goods must retain all medical and business records relating to any of the following for a period of at least six years from the payment date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) treatment or care of any eligible recipient</li> <li>(2) services or goods provided to any eligible recipient</li> <li>(3) amounts paid by MAD on behalf of any eligible recipient; and</li> <li>(4) any records required by MAD for the administration of Medicaid.</li> </ol>			
<p>Billing for <b>2012: Inclusion Supports</b> (Community Integrated Employment Services) services was reviewed for 6 of 6 individuals. <i>Progress notes and billing records supported billing activities for the months of January, February and March 2017.</i></p>			

Date: August 11, 2017

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Survey Date: April 24 - 26, 2017  
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Service Surveyed: **2012:** Community Integrated Employment Services

Survey Type: Routine Survey

Dear David S. Turner;

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,

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