

Date: April 15, 2015

To: Cory A. Harris, Director  
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Region: Metro  
Survey Date: February 13 - 18, 2015  
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver  
Service Surveyed: **2012:** Case Management

Survey Type: Initial

Team Leader: Meg Pell, BA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Team Members: Stephanie Roybal, BA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Jesus Trujillo, RN, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Dear Mr. Harris;

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 # 1A26 Consolidated On-line Registry / Employee Abuse Registry
- Tag # 4C17 Case Manager Qualifications - Required Training

This determination is based on non-compliance 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

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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: Plan of Correction Coordinator  
5301 Central Ave. NE Suite 400 Albuquerque, NM 87108**
- 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.

**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 at 505-231-7436 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,

*Meg Pell, BA*

Meg Pell, BA  
Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor  
Division of Health Improvement  
Quality Management Bureau

## Survey Process Employed:

Entrance Conference Date: February 16, 2015

Present: **Advocates of New Mexico, LLC**  
Cory A. Harris, Director and Case Manager

**DOH/DHI/QMB**  
Meg Pell, BA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor  
Stephanie Roybal, BA, Healthcare Surveyor  
Jesus Trujillo, RN, Healthcare Surveyor

Exit Conference Date: February 18, 2015

Present: **Advocates of New Mexico, LLC**  
Cory A. Harris, Director and Case Manager

**DOH/DHI/QMB**  
Meg Pell, BA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor  
Stephanie Roybal, BA, Healthcare Surveyor

Administrative Locations Visited Number: 1

Total Sample Size Number: 7  
0 - Jackson Class Members  
7 - Non-Jackson Class Members

Persons Served Records Reviewed Number: 7

Total Number of *Secondary Freedom of Choices* Reviewed: Number: 26

Case Managers Interviewed Number: 1

Case Mgt Personnel Records Reviewed Number: 1

### Administrative Files Reviewed

- Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement Records for all Services Provided
- Individual Medical and Program Case Files, including, but not limited to:
  - Individual Service Plans
  - Progress on Identified Outcomes
  - Healthcare Plans
  - 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
- Personnel Files
- Staff Training Records, Including Competency Interviews with Staff
- Agency Policy and Procedure Manual
- Caregiver Criminal History Screening Records
- Consolidated Online Registry/Employee Abuse Registry
- Quality Assurance / Improvement Plan

CC: Distribution List: DOH - Division of Health Improvement  
DOH - Developmental Disabilities Supports Division  
DOH - Office of Internal Audit  
HSD - Medical Assistance Division  
NM Attorney General - MFEAD

## 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 505-231-7436 or email at [Anthony.Fragua@state.nm.us](mailto:Anthony.Fragua@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, Anthony Fragua at 505-231-7436 for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your Regional DDSD Office.
4. Submit your POC to Anthony Fragua, POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
  - a. Electronically at [Anthony.Fragua@state.nm.us](mailto:Anthony.Fragua@state.nm.us) (*preferred method*)
  - b. Fax to 505-222-8661, or
  - c. Mail to POC Coordinator, 5301 Central Avenue NE, Suite 400, Albuquerque, NM 87108
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. In addition to this, we ask that you submit:
  - a. Evidence of an internal audit of billing/reimbursement conducted for a sample of individuals and timeframes of your choosing to verify POC implementation;
  - b. 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](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.

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**Program:** Developmental Disabilities Waiver  
**Service:** 2012: Case Management  
**Monitoring Type:** Initial Survey  
**Survey Date:** February 13- 18, 2015

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
<p><b>Service Domain: Plan of Care - ISP Development &amp; Monitoring</b> – Service plans address all participants’ assessed needs (including health and safety risk factors) and goals, either by waiver services or through other means. Services plans are updated or revised at least annually or when warranted by changes in the waiver participants’ needs.</p>			
<p><b>Tag # 1A08 Agency Case File</b></p>	<p><b>Standard Level Deficiency</b></p>		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013  <b>CHAPTER 4 (CMgt) I. Case Management Services: 1. Scope of Services: S.</b> Maintain a complete record for the individual’s DDW services, as specified in DDSD Consumer Records Requirements Policy;</p> <p><b>DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION (DDSD): Director’s Release: Consumer Record Requirements eff. 11/1/2012 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 maintain a complete and confidential case file at the administrative office for 7 of 7 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"> <li>• <b>ISP Teaching &amp; Support Strategies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #1 - TSS not found for:</li> <li>◦ <i>Work/Education/Volunteer Outcome Statement:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ “Attend Classes.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ <i>Fun Outcome Statement:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ “Plan and schedule a trip.”</li> <li>➤ “Visit.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ Individual #5 - TSS not found for:</li> <li>◦ <i>Live Outcome Statement:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ “Will push and pull with feet in walking motion in his wheelchair to simulate walking.”</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	<p>  </p>

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

**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.

**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) 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;

➤ "Will work on leg strength exercises."

• **Annual ISP**

- Area of Teaching and Support Strategies section of the ISP indicating if TSS are needed were left blank for the following not making it clear if TSS were needed. (#1 & 6)
- Individual #1 - TSS not indicated for:
  - *Live Outcome Statement:*
    - "Defensive Driving Class."
    - "DWI Class."
    - "Adaptive assistance class or Drivers School."
  - *Work/Education/Volunteer Outcome Statement:*
    - "Register for classes."
    - "Accuplacer test."
    - "Meet with academic advisor."
  - *Fun Outcome Statement:*
    - "Research places to visit."
- Individual #6 - TSS not indicated for:
  - *Live Outcome Statement:*
    - "Manage Budget."
    - "Improve Living Skills."
    - "Manage living skill."
    - "Save money."
    - "Locate an apartment."
    - "Move into a new apartment."

• Positive Behavior Support Plan (#2)

• Behavior Crisis Intervention Plan (#2)

• **Health Care Plans**

- *Body Mass Index*

<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, environmental, medications), immunizations, and most recent physical exam;</p> <p>(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</p> <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> <p>(a) Complete file for the past 12 months;</p> <p>(b) ISP and quarterly reports from the current and prior ISP year;</p> <p>(c) Intake information from original admission to services; and</p> <p>(d) When applicable, the Individual Transition Plan at the time of discharge from Los Lunas Hospital and Training School or Ft. Stanton Hospital.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #1 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of plan found.</li> </ul> <p>• <b>Crisis Plans/Medical Emergency Response Plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Constipation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #4 - According to Electronic Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of plan found.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Endocrine</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #4 - According to Electronic Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of plan found.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Falls</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #4 - According to Electronic Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of plan found.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Pain</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #4 - According to Electronic Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of plan found.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Seizures</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #4 - According to Electronic Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of plan found.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>• <b>Dental Exam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #3 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Dental Exams are to be conducted</li> </ul>		
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	<p>annually. No documented evidence of exam was found.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #5 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. No documented evidence of exam was found.</li> <li>◦ Individual #6 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. No documented evidence of exam was found.</li> <li>◦ Individual #7 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. No documented evidence of exam was found.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vision Exam</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #6 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Vision Exams are to be conducted every other year. No documented evidence of exam was found.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ISP Signature Page</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Not Fully Constituted IDT (<i>No evidence of Individual or Guardian involvement</i>) (#4)</li> <li>◦ Not Fully Constituted IDT (<i>No evidence of Individual involvement</i>) (#5)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addendum A (#6)</li> </ul>		
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<p>x. Work/learning interests and experiences;  xi. Hobbies;  xii. Community membership activities or interests;  xiii. Spiritual beliefs or interests; and  xiv. Communication and learning styles or preferences to be used in development of the individual's service plan.</p> <p>e. Case Managers shall operate under the assumption all working age adults with developmental disabilities are capable of working given the appropriate supports. Individuals will be offered employment as a preferred day service over other day service options. It is the responsibility of the Case Manager and IDT members to ensure employment decisions are based on informed choices:</p> <p>i. The Case Manager shall verify that individuals who express an interest in work or who have employment-related desired outcome(s) in their ISP, have an initial or updated Vocational Assessment Profile that has been completed within the preceding twelve (12) months, and complete or update the Work/Learn section of the ISP and relevant Desired Outcomes and Action Steps;</p> <p>ii. In cases when employment is not an immediate desired outcome, the ISP shall document the reasons for this decision and develop employment-related goals and tasks within the ISP to be undertaken to explore employment options (e.g., volunteer activities, career exploration, situational assessments, etc.). This discussion related to employment issues shall be documented within the ISP;</p> <p>iii. Informed choice in the context of employment includes the following:  A. Information regarding the range of employment options available to the individual;</p>			
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<p>B. Information regarding self-employment and customized employment options; and</p> <p>C. Job exploration activities including volunteer work and/or trial work opportunities.</p> <p>iv. The Case Manager will ensure a discussion on Meaningful Day activities for the individual occurs in the ISP meeting, and reflect such discussion in the ISP.</p> <p>v. Secondary Freedom of Choice Process:</p> <p>C. At least annually, rights and responsibilities are reviewed with the recipients and guardians and they are reminded they may change providers and/or the types of services they receive. At this time, Case Managers shall offer to review the current Secondary FOC list with individuals and guardians. If they are interested in changing providers or service types, a new Secondary FOC shall be completed.</p> <p>vi. Case Managers shall facilitate and maintain communication with the individual and their representative, other IDT members, providers and relevant parties to ensure the individual receives maximum benefit of their services and revisions to the service plan are made as needed.</p> <p><b>3. Agency Requirements: H. Training: 2.</b> All Case Managers are required to understand and to adhere to the Case Manager Code of Ethics.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 4 III. CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS - F. Case Manager ISP Development Process:</b></p> <p>(1) The Case Manager meets with the individual in advance of the ISP meeting in order to enable the person to review current assessment information, prepare for the meeting, plan to facilitate or co-</p>			
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<p>facilitate the meeting if the individual wishes and to ensure greater and more informed participation.</p> <p>(2) The Case Manager will discuss and offer the optional Personal Plan Facilitation service to the individual to supplement the ISP planning process; if selected, the Case Manager will assist in obtaining this service through the FOC process. This service is funded within the individual's ARA.</p> <p>(3) The Case Manager convenes the IDT members and a service plan is developed in accordance with the rule governing ISP development (7.26.5 NMAC).</p> <p>(4) The Case Manager will advise the individual of his or her rights and responsibilities related to receipt of services, applicable federal and state laws and guidelines, DOH policies and procedures pertaining to the development and implementation of the ISP, confidentiality, abuse, neglect, exploitation, and appropriate grievance and appeal procedures. In addition, the Case Manager shall provide the individual and/or guardian with a copy of the Case Management Code of Ethics at this time.</p> <p>(5) The Case Manager will clarify the individual's long-term vision through direct communication with the individual, and if needed, through communication with family, guardians, friends and support providers and others who know the individual. Information gathered shall include, but is not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Strengths;</li> <li>(b) Capabilities;</li> <li>(c) Preferences;</li> <li>(d) Desires;</li> <li>(e) Cultural values;</li> <li>(f) Relationships;</li> <li>(g) Resources;</li> <li>(h) Functional skills in the community;</li> <li>(i) Work interests and experiences;</li> </ul>			
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<p>(j) Hobbies;</p> <p>(k) Community membership activities or interests;</p> <p>(l) Spiritual beliefs or interests; and</p> <p>(m) Communication and learning styles or preferences to be used in development of the individual's service plan.</p> <p>(6) Case Managers shall operate under the presumption that all working age adults with developmental disabilities are capable of working given the appropriate supports. Individuals will be offered employment as a preferred day service over other day service options. It is the responsibility of the Case Manager and all IDT members to ensure that employment decisions are based on informed choices.</p> <p>(a) The Case Manager shall verify that all Jackson Class members who express an interest in work or who have employment-related desired outcome(s) in the ISP have an initial or updated vocational assessment that has been completed within the preceding twelve (12) months.</p> <p>(b) In cases when employment is not an immediate desired outcome, the ISP shall document the reasons for this decision and develop employment-related goals within the ISP that will be undertaken to explore employment options (e.g., volunteer activities, career exploration, situational assessments, etc.) This discussion related to employment issues shall be documented within the ISP or on the DDS Decision Justification form.</p> <p>(c) In the context of employment, informed choices include the following:</p> <p>(i) Information regarding the range of employment options available to the individual</p>			
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<p>(ii) Information regarding self-employment and customized employment options</p> <p>(iii) Job exploration activities including volunteer work and/or trial work opportunities</p> <p>(7) The Case Manager will ensure discussion on Meaningful Day activities for the individual in the ISP meeting, and reflect such discussion in the ISP “Meaningful Day Definition” section.</p> <p>(8) When a recipient of DD Waiver services has a HAT score of 4, 5, or 6, medical consultation shall be obtained for service planning and delivery, including the ISP and relevant Health Care and Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plans. Medical consultation may be from a Provider Agency Nurse, Primary Care Physician/Practitioner, Regional Office Nurse, Continuum of Care Nurses or Physicians including his or her Regional Medical Consultant and/or RN Nurse Case Manager.</p> <p>(9) For new allocations, the Case Manager will submit the ISP to NMMUR only after a MAW letter has been received, indicating the individual meets financial and LOC eligibility.</p> <p>(10) The Case Manager, with input from each Provider Agency, shall complete the Individual Specific Training Requirements section of the ISP form listing all training needs specific to the individual.</p> <p>(11) The Case Manager shall complete the initial ISP development within ninety (90) days as required by DDSD.</p>			
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Tag # 4C12 Monitoring & Evaluation of Services	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013  <b>CHAPTER 4 (CMgt) 2. Service Requirements:</b>  <b>D. Monitoring And Evaluation of Service Delivery:</b></p> <p>1. The Case Manager shall use a formal ongoing monitoring process to evaluate the quality, effectiveness, and appropriateness of services and supports provided to the individual specified in the ISP.</p> <p>2. Monitoring and evaluation activities shall include, but not be limited to:</p> <p>a. The case manager is required to meet face-to-face with adult DDW participants at least twelve (12) times annually (1 per month) as described in the ISP.</p> <p>b. Parents of children served by the DDW may receive a minimum of four (4) visits per year, as established in the ISP. When a parent chooses fewer than twelve (12) annual units of case management, the parent is responsible for the monitoring and evaluating services provided in the months case management services are not received.</p> <p>c. No more than one (1) IDT Meeting per quarter may count as a face- to-face contact for adults (including Jackson Class members) living in the community.</p> <p>d. Jackson Class members require two (2) face- to-face contacts per month, one (1) of which must occur at a location in which the individual spends the majority of the day (i.e., place of employment, habilitation program); and one must occur at the individual's residence.</p> <p>e. For non-Jackson Class members, who receive a Living Supports service, at least</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not use a formal ongoing monitoring process that provides for the evaluation of quality, effectiveness, and appropriateness of services and supports provided to the individual for 7 of 7 individuals.</p> <p><b>Review of the Agency individual case files revealed no evidence of Case Manager Monthly Case Notes for the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual #1 - None found for 8/2014 - 12/2014.</li> <li>• Individual #2 - None found for 8/2014 - 1/2015.</li> <li>• Individual #3 - None found for 11/2014 - 1/2015.</li> <li>• Individual #4 - None found for 8/2014 - 1/2015.</li> <li>• Individual #5 - None found for 11/2014 - 1/2015.</li> <li>• Individual #6 - None found for 8/2014 - 1/2015.</li> <li>• Individual #7 - None found for 8/2014 - 1/2015.</li> </ul> <p><i>*Please note: A face to face visit was completed for all months listed above. However, the case manager did not maintain monthly notes to indicate the amount of service hours provided to verify an average of 4 hours of DDW services across his case load. When asked about this documentation #200 reported that prior to the</i></p>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	

<p>one face-to-face visit shall occur at the individual's home quarterly; and at least one face-to-face visit shall occur at the day program quarterly if the individual receives Customized Community Supports or Community Integrated Employment services. The third quarterly visit is at the discretion of the Case Manager.</p> <p>3. It is appropriate to conduct face-to-face visits with the individual either during times when the individual is receiving services, or times when the individual is not receiving a service. The preferences of the individual shall be taken into consideration when scheduling a visit.</p> <p>4. Visits may be scheduled in advance or be unannounced, depending on the purpose of the monitoring of services.</p> <p>5. The Case Manager must ensure at least quarterly that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Applicable Medical Emergency Response Plans and/or BCIPs are in place in the residence and at the day services location(s) for all individuals who have chronic medical condition(s) with potential for life threatening complications, or individuals with behavioral challenge(s) that pose a potential for harm to themselves or others; and</li> <li>b. All applicable current Healthcare plans, Comprehensive Aspiration Risk Management Plan (CARMP), Positive Behavior Support Plan (PBSP or other applicable behavioral support plans (such as BCIP, PPMP, or RMP), and written Therapy Support Plans are in place in the residence and day service sites for individuals who receive Living Supports and/or Customized Community</li> </ul>	<p><i>QMB visit he had not been diligent about documenting work that he had completed for each individual and noted that he will now document his work immediately. The DDSD Regional Office is aware of this issue and working closely with the case manager to resolve it.</i></p>		
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<p>Supports (day services), and who have such plans.</p> <p>6. The Case Managers will report all suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation as required by New Mexico Statutes;</p> <p>7. If concerns regarding the health or safety of the individual are documented during monitoring or assessment activities, the Case Manager shall immediately notify appropriate supervisory personnel within the Provider Agency and document the concern. In situations where the concern is not urgent the provider agency will be allowed up to fifteen (15) business days to remediate or develop an acceptable plan of remediation.</p> <p>8. If the Case Manager's reported concerns are not remedied by the Provider Agency within a reasonable, mutually agreed period of time, the concern shall be reported in writing to the respective DDS Regional Office:</p> <p>a. Submit the DDS Regional Office Request for Intervention form (RORI); including documentation of requests and attempts (at least two) to resolve the issue(s).</p> <p>b. The Case Management Provider Agency will keep a copy of the RORI in the individual's record.</p> <p>9. Conduct an online review in the Therap system to ensure that electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tools (e-CHATs) and Health Passports are current for those individuals selected for the Quarterly ISP QA Review.</p> <p>10. The Case Manager will ensure Living Supports are delivered in accordance with standards, including the minimum of thirty (30)</p>			
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<p>hours per week of planned activities outside the residence. If the planned activities are not possible due to the needs of the individual, the ISP will contain an outcome that addresses an appropriate level of community integration for the individual. These activities do not need to be limited to paid supports but may include independent or leisure activities with natural supports appropriate to the needs of individual.</p> <p>11. For individuals with Intensive Medical Living Services, the IDT is not required to plan for at least thirty (30) hours per week of planned activities outside of the residence.</p> <p>12. Case Managers shall facilitate and maintain communication with the individual, guardian, his/her representative, other IDT members, providers and other relevant parties to ensure the individual receives maximum benefit from his/her services. The Case Managers ensures any needed revisions to the service plan are made, where indicated. Concerns identified through communication with teams that are not remedied within a reasonable period of time shall be reported in writing to the respective DDSD Regional Office on a RORI form.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007  <b>CHAPTER 4 III. CASE MANAGEMENT</b>  <b>SERVICE REQUIREMENTS: J. Case Manager Monitoring and Evaluation of Service Delivery</b>  (1) The Case Manager shall use a formal ongoing monitoring process that provides for the evaluation of quality, effectiveness, and appropriateness of services and supports provided to the individual as specified in the ISP.</p>			
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<p>(2) Monitoring and evaluation activities shall include, but not be limited to:</p> <p>(a) Face-To-Face Contact: A minimum of twelve (12) face-to-face contact visits annually (1 per month) is required to occur between the Case Manager and the individual served as described in the ISP; an exception is that children may receive a minimum of four visits per year;</p> <p>(b) Jackson Class members require two (2) face-to-face contacts per month, one of which occurs at a location in which the individual spends the majority of the day (i.e., place of employment, habilitation program) and one at the person's residence;</p> <p>(c) For non-Jackson Class members who receive Community Living Services, at least every other month, one of the face-to-face visits shall occur in the individual's residence;</p> <p>(d) For adults who are not Jackson Class members and who do not receive Community Living Services, at least one face-to-face visit per quarter shall be in his or her home;</p> <p>(e) If concerns regarding the health or safety of the individual are documented during monitoring or assessment activities, the Case Manager shall immediately notify appropriate supervisory personnel within the Provider Agency and document the concern. If the reported concerns are not remedied by the Provider Agency within a reasonable, mutually agreed period of time, the concern shall be reported in writing to the respective DDSD Regional Office and/or the Division of Health Improvement (DHI) as appropriate to the nature of the concern. Unless the nature of the concern is urgent, no more than fifteen (15) working days shall be allowed for remediation or development of an acceptable plan of remediation. This does not preclude</p>			
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<p>the Case Managers' obligation to report abuse, neglect or exploitation as required by New Mexico Statute.</p> <p>(f) Service monitoring for children: When a parent chooses fewer than twelve (12) annual units of case management, the Case Manager will inform the parent of the parent's responsibility for the monitoring and evaluation activities during the months he or she does not receive case management services,</p> <p>(g) It is appropriate to conduct face-to-face visits with the individual both during the time the individual is receiving a service and during times the individual is not receiving a service. The preferences of the individual shall be taken into consideration when scheduling a visit. Visits may be scheduled in advance or be unannounced visits depending on the nature of the need in monitoring service delivery for the individual.</p> <p>(h) Communication with IDT members: Case Managers shall facilitate and maintain communication with the individual or his or her representative, other IDT members, providers and other relevant parties to ensure the individual receives maximum benefit of his or her services. Case Managers need to ensure that any needed adjustments to the service plan are made, where indicated. Concerns identified through communication with teams that are not remedied within a reasonable period of time shall be reported in writing to the respective regional office and/or the Division of Health Improvements, as appropriate to the concerns.</p>			
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Tag # 4C15.1 - QA Requirements - Annual / Semi - Annual Reports & Provider Semi - Annual / Quarterly Reports	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p><b>7.26.5.17 DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PLAN (ISP) - DISSEMINATION OF THE ISP, DOCUMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE:</b></p> <p>C. Objective quantifiable data reporting progress or lack of progress towards stated outcomes, and action plans shall be maintained in the individual's records at each provider agency implementing the ISP. Provider agencies shall use this data to evaluate the effectiveness of services provided. Provider agencies shall submit to the case manager data reports and individual progress summaries quarterly, or more frequently, as decided by the IDT. These reports shall be included in the individual's case management record, and used by the team to determine the ongoing effectiveness of the supports and services being provided. Determination of effectiveness shall result in timely modification of supports and services as needed.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013  <b>CHAPTER 4 (CMgt) 2. Service Requirements:</b>  <b>C. Individual Service Planning:</b> The Case Manager is responsible for ensuring the ISP addresses all the participant's assessed needs and personal goals, either through DDW waiver services or other means. The Case Manager ensures the ISP is updated/revised at least annually; or when warranted by changes in the participant's needs.</p> <p>1. The ISP is developed through a person-centered planning process in accordance with</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure that reports and the ISP met required timelines and included the required contents for 5 of 7 individuals.</p> <p>Review of the Agency individual case files revealed no evidence of quarterly/bi-annual reports for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Supported Living Semi-Annual Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #4 – None found for October 2013 – April 2014. <i>(Term of ISP 10/19/2013 – 10/18/2014). (Per regulations reports must coincide with ISP term)</i></li> <li>◦ Individual #5 – None found for July 2014 – December 2014. <i>(Term of ISP 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015). (Per regulations reports must coincide with ISP term)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Customized Community Supports Semi-Annual Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #2 – None found for August 2014 - December 2014. <i>(Term of ISP 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015). (Per regulations reports must coincide with ISP term)</i></li> <li>◦ Individual #3 – None found for July 2014 - December 2014. <i>(Term of ISP 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015). (Per regulations reports must coincide with ISP term)</i></li> <li>◦ Individual #4 – None found for October 2013 – April 2014. <i>(Term of ISP 10/19/2013 - 10/18/2014). (Per regulations reports must coincide with ISP term)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b> State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b> Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	

<p>the rules governing ISP development [7.26.5 NMAC] and includes:</p> <p>b. Sharing current assessments, including the SIS assessment, semi-annual and quarterly reports from all providers, including therapists and BSCs. Current assessment shall be distributed by the authors to all IDT members at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the annual IDT Meeting, in accordance with the DDS Consumer File Matrix Requirements. The Case Manager shall notify all IDT members of the annual IDT meeting at least twenty one (21) calendar days in advance:</p> <p><b>D. Monitoring And Evaluation of Service Delivery:</b></p> <p>1. The Case Manager shall use a formal ongoing monitoring process to evaluate the quality, effectiveness, and appropriateness of services and supports provided to the individual specified in the ISP.</p> <p>5. The Case Manager must ensure at least quarterly that:</p> <p>a. Applicable Medical Emergency Response Plans and/or BCIPs are in place in the residence and at the day services location(s) for all individuals who have chronic medical condition(s) with potential for life threatening complications, or individuals with behavioral challenge(s) that pose a potential for harm to themselves or others; and</p> <p>b. All applicable current Healthcare plans, Comprehensive Aspiration Risk Management Plan (CARMP), Positive Behavior Support Plan (PBSP or other applicable behavioral support plans (such as BCIP, PPMP, or RMP), and written</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #5 – None found for July 2014 – December 2014. <i>(Term of ISP 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015). (Per regulations reports must coincide with ISP term)</i></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nursing Semi - Annual Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #1 – None found for August 2014 - January 2015.</li> <li>◦ Individual #4 – None found for October 2013 - April 2014.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Behavior Support Consultation Semi - Annual Progress Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #4 – None found for October 2013 – April 2014.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Speech Therapy Semi - Annual Progress Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #5 – None found for July 2014 – December 2014.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
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<p>Therapy Support Plans are in place in the residence and day service sites for individuals who receive Living Supports and/or Customized Community Supports (day services), and who have such plans.</p> <p>6. The Case Managers will report all suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation as required by New Mexico Statutes;</p> <p>7. If concerns regarding the health or safety of the individual are documented during monitoring or assessment activities, the Case Manager shall immediately notify appropriate supervisory personnel within the Provider Agency and document the concern. In situations where the concern is not urgent the provider agency will be allowed up to fifteen (15) business days to remediate or develop an acceptable plan of remediation.</p> <p>8. If the Case Manager's reported concerns are not remedied by the Provider Agency within a reasonable, mutually agreed period of time, the concern shall be reported in writing to the respective DDSD Regional Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Submit the DDSD Regional Office Request for Intervention form (RORI); including documentation of requests and attempts (at least two) to resolve the issue(s).</li> <li>b. The Case Management Provider Agency will keep a copy of the RORI in the individual's record.</li> </ul> <p>9. Conduct an online review in the Therap system to ensure that electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tools (e-CHATs) and Health Passports are current for those individuals selected for the Quarterly ISP QA Review.</p>			
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<p>10. The Case Manager will ensure Living Supports are delivered in accordance with standards, including the minimum of thirty (30) hours per week of planned activities outside the residence. If the planned activities are not possible due to the needs of the individual, the ISP will contain an outcome that addresses an appropriate level of community integration for the individual. These activities do not need to be limited to paid supports but may include independent or leisure activities with natural supports appropriate to the needs of individual.</p> <p>11. For individuals with Intensive Medical Living Services, the IDT is not required to plan for at least thirty (30) hours per week of planned activities outside of the residence.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 4 IV. CASE MANAGEMENT PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p><b>C. Quality Assurance Requirements:</b> Case Management Provider Agencies will use an Internal Quality Assurance and Improvement Plan that must be submitted to and reviewed by the Statewide Case Management Coordinator, that shall include but is not limited to the following:</p> <p>(1) Case Management Provider Agencies are to:</p> <p>(a) Use a formal ongoing monitoring protocol that provides for the evaluation of quality, effectiveness and continued need for services and supports provided to the individual. This protocol shall be written and its implementation documented.</p>			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(b) Assure that reports and ISPs meet required timelines and include required content.</li> <li>(c) Conduct a quarterly review of progress reports from service providers to verify that the individual's desired outcomes and action plans remain appropriate and realistic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) If the service providers' quarterly reports are not received by the Case Management Provider Agency within fourteen (14) days following the end of the quarter, the Case Management Provider Agency is to contact the service provider in writing requesting the report within one week from that date.</li> <li>(ii) If the quarterly report is not received within one week of the written request, the Case Management Provider Agency is to contact the respective DDSD Regional Office in writing within one business day for assistance in obtaining required reports.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(d) Assure at least quarterly that Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plans are in place in the residence and at the Provider Agency of the Day Services for all individuals who have chronic medical condition(s) with potential for life threatening complications and/or who have behavioral challenge(s) that pose a potential for harm to themselves or others.</li> <li>(e) Assure at least quarterly that a current Health Care Plan (HCP) is in place in the residence and day service site for individuals who receive Community Living or Day Services and who have a HAT</li> </ul>			
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<p>score of 4, 5, or 6. During face-to-face visits and review of quarterly reports, the Case Manager is required to verify that the Health Care Plan is being implemented.</p> <p>(f) Assure that Community Living Services are delivered in accordance with standards, including responsibility of the IDT Members to plan for at least 30 hours per week of planned activities outside the residence. If this is not possible due to the needs of the individual, a goal shall be developed that focuses on appropriate levels of community integration. These activities do not need to be limited to paid supports but may include independent or leisure activities appropriate to the individual.</p> <p>(g) Perform annual satisfaction surveys with individuals regarding case management services. A copy of the summary is due each December 10<sup>th</sup> to the respective DDSD Regional Office, along with a description of actions taken to address suggestions and problems identified in the survey.</p> <p>(h) Maintain regular communication with all providers delivering services and products to the individual.</p> <p>(i) Establish and implement a written grievance procedure.</p> <p>(j) Notify appropriate supervisory personnel within the Provider Agency if concerns are noted during monitoring or assessment activities related to any of the above requirements. If such concerns are not remedied by the Provider Agency within a reasonable mutually agreed period of time, the concern shall be</p>			
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<p>reported in writing to the respective DDSD Regional Office and/or DHI as appropriate to the nature of the concern. This does not preclude Case Managers' obligations to report abuse, neglect or exploitation as required by New Mexico Statute.</p> <p>(k) Utilize and submit the "Request for DDSD Regional Office Intervention" form as needed, such as when providers are not responsive in addressing a quality assurance concern. The Case Management Provider Agency is required to keep a copy in the individual's file.</p> <p>(2) Case Managers and Case Management Provider Agencies are required to promote and comply with the Case Management Code of Ethics:</p> <p>(a) Case Managers shall provide the individual/guardian with a copy of the Code of Ethics when Addendum A is signed.</p> <p>(b) Complaints against a Case Manager for violation of the Code of Ethics brought to the attention of DDSD will be sent to the Case Manager's supervisor who is required to respond within 10 working days to DDSD with detailed actions taken. DDSD reserves the right to forward such complaints to the IRC.</p>			
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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
<p><b>CMS Assurance – Qualified Providers</b> – 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><b>Tag # 1A25 Caregiver Criminal History Screening</b></p>	<p><b>Standard Level Deficiency</b></p>		
<p><b>NMAC 7.1.9.8 CAREGIVER AND HOSPITAL CAREGIVER EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:</b>  <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>  <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>NMAC 7.1.9.11 DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS.</b> The following felony convictions disqualify an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver from employment or contractual services with a care provider:  <b>A.</b> homicide;  <b>B.</b> trafficking, or trafficking in controlled substances;</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 1 Agency Personnel.</p> <p><b>The following Agency Personnel Files contained Caregiver Criminal History Screenings, which were not specific to the Agency:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #200 – Date of hire 1/1/2014.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	<p>  </p>

<p><b>C.</b> kidnapping, false imprisonment, aggravated assault or aggravated battery; <b>D.</b> rape, criminal sexual penetration, criminal sexual contact, incest, indecent exposure, or other related felony sexual offenses; <b>E.</b> crimes involving adult abuse, neglect or financial exploitation; <b>F.</b> crimes involving child abuse or neglect; <b>G.</b> crimes involving robbery, larceny, extortion, burglary, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, credit card fraud, or receiving stolen property; or <b>H.</b> an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy involving any of the felonies in this subsection.</p>			
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<p>E. <b>Documentation for other staff.</b> 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. <b>Consequences of noncompliance.</b> 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>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>Chapter 1.IV. General Provider Requirements.</b></p> <p><b>D. Criminal History Screening:</b> All personnel shall be screened by the Provider Agency in regard to the employee's qualifications, references, and employment history, prior to employment. All Provider Agencies shall comply with the Criminal Records Screening for Caregivers 7.1.12 NMAC and Employee Abuse Registry 7.1.12 NMAC as required by the Department of Health, Division of Health Improvement.</p>			
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Tag # 1A28.1 Incident Mgt. System - Personnel Training	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p><b>NMAC 7.1.14 ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION, AND DEATH REPORTING, TRAINING AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS</b>  <b>NMAC 7.1.14.9 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:</b>  <b>A. General:</b> All community-based service providers shall establish and maintain an incident management system, which emphasizes the principles of prevention and staff involvement. The community-based service provider shall ensure that the incident management system policies and procedures requires all employees and volunteers to be competently trained to respond to, report, and preserve evidence related to incidents in a timely and accurate manner.  <b>B. Training curriculum:</b> Prior to an employee or volunteer's initial work with the community-based service provider, all employees and volunteers shall be trained on an applicable written training curriculum including incident policies and procedures for identification, and timely reporting of abuse, neglect, exploitation, suspicious injury, and all deaths as required in Subsection A of 7.1.14.8 NMAC. The trainings shall be reviewed at annual, not to exceed 12-month intervals. The training curriculum as set forth in Subsection C of 7.1.14.9 NMAC may include computer-based training. Periodic reviews shall include, at a minimum, review of the written training curriculum and site-specific issues pertaining to the community-based service provider's facility. Training shall be conducted in a language that is understood by the employee or volunteer.  <b>C. Incident management system training curriculum requirements:</b>  <b>(1)</b> The community-based service provider shall conduct training or designate a</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not provide documentation verifying completion of Incident Management Training for 1 of 1 Agency Personnel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incident Management Training (Abuse, Neglect &amp; Exploitation) (#200)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	

<p>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"> <li>(a) an overview of the potential risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation;</li> <li>(b) informational procedures for properly filing the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form;</li> <li>(c) specific instructions of the employees' legal responsibility to report an incident of abuse, neglect and exploitation, suspicious injury, and all deaths;</li> <li>(d) specific instructions on how to respond to abuse, neglect, or exploitation;</li> <li>(e) emergency action procedures to be followed in the event of an alleged incident or knowledge of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or suspicious injury.</li> </ul> <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><b>D. Training documentation:</b> 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 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</p>			
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<p>employee and volunteer training documentation shall subject the community-based service provider to the penalties provided for in this rule.</p> <p><b>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>C. Staff shall complete training on DOH-approved incident reporting procedures in accordance with 7 NMAC 1.13.</p>			
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<p>D. In addition to the applicable requirements described in policy statements B – C (above), case managers and case management supervisors shall complete DDSD-approved core curriculum training...</p> <p>E. Substitutes shall comply with the training requirements of the staff for whom they are substituting.</p> <p>F. To complete a core curriculum-training course, trainees shall achieve 100% competency rating during the competency verification process.</p>			
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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
<p><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.</p>			
<p><b>Tag # 1A03 CQI System</b></p>	<p><b>Standard Level Deficiency</b></p>		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007  <b>CHAPTER 1 I. PROVIDER AGENCY ENROLLMENT PROCESS</b>  <b>I. Continuous Quality Management System:</b>  Prior to approval or renewal of a DD Waiver Provider Agreement, the Provider Agency is required to submit in writing the current Continuous Quality Improvement Plan to the DOH for approval. In addition, on an annual basis DD Waiver Provider Agencies shall develop or update and implement the Continuous Quality Improvement Plan. The CQI Plan shall be used to 1) discover strengths and challenges of the provider agency, as well as strengths, and barriers individuals experience in receiving the quality, quantity, and meaningfulness of services that he or she desires; 2) build on strengths and remediate individual and provider level issues to improve the provider's service provision over time. At a minimum the CQI Plan shall address how the agency will collect, analyze, act on data and evaluate results related to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Individual access to needed services and supports;</li> <li>(2) Effectiveness and timeliness of implementation of Individualized Service Plans;</li> <li>(3) Trends in achievement of individual outcomes in the Individual Service Plans;</li> <li>(4) Trends in medication and medical incidents leading to adverse health events;</li> </ol>	<p>Based on record review and interview, the Agency had not fully implemented their Continuous Quality Management System as required by standard.</p> <p>Review of the findings identified during the on-site survey (02/13-18/2015) and as reflected in this report of findings, the Agency had multiple deficiencies noted, including Conditions of Participation out of compliance which indicates the CQI plan provided by the Agency was not being used to successfully identify and improve systems within the agency.</p>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	<p>  </p>

<p>(5) Trends in the adequacy of planning and coordination of healthcare supports at both supervisory and direct support levels;</p> <p>(6) Quality and completeness documentation; and</p> <p>(7) Trends in individual and guardian satisfaction.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>DDSD DDW Std. Chapter 4.IV.C.1 Continuous Quality Management System:</b></p> <p>Agency shall have an Internal Quality Assurance and Improvement Plan with annual updates. At a minimum does the Agency's Internal Quality Assurance &amp; Improvement Plan address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A monitoring protocol that provides for the evaluation of quality, effectiveness and continued need for services and supports provided to the individual.</li> <li>• Assure that reports and ISPs meet required timelines and include required content.</li> <li>• Annual satisfaction surveys with individuals regarding case management services.</li> <li>• How the Agency will maintain regular communication with all providers delivering services and products to the individual.</li> </ul>			
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<p>management program shall include written 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> <p>(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;</p> <p>(2) community-based service providers providing intellectual and developmental disabilities services must have a designated incident management coordinator in place; and</p> <p>(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.</p>			
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<b>Service Domain: Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement</b> – State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver.			
<b>Tag # 4C21 Case Management Reimbursement</b>	<b>Standard Level Deficiency</b>		
<p><b>MAD-MR: 03-59 Eff 1/1/2004</b>  <b>8.314.1 BI RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:</b>  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 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013  <b>CHAPTER 4 (CMgt) 3. Agency Requirements: 4. Reimbursement: A. Record Maintenance:</b> 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, nature of services, and length of a session of service billed.</p> <p>1. 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"> <li>a. Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;</li> <li>b. A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and</li> </ol>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed, which contained the required information for 7 of 7 individuals.</p> <p>Individual #1  November 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed a total of 1 unit of Case Management for November 2014. Documentation found did not justify 1 unit billed. Although a face to face visit was completed for the month, there was no written evidence of monthly contact notes found to indicate that an average of 4 hours of DDW services were provided per individual across the case manager's case load, as required in DDW Service Standards.</li> </ul> <p>December 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed a total of 1 unit of Case Management for December 2014. Documentation found did not justify 1 unit billed. Although a face to face visit was completed for the month, there was no written evidence of monthly contact notes found to indicate that an average of 4 hours of DDW services were provided per individual across the case manager's case load, as required in DDW Service Standards.</li> </ul> <p>Individual #2  November 2014</p>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	

<p>c. The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.</p> <p><b>B. Billable Services:</b> The following activities are deemed to be billable services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All services and supports within the Case Management Scope of Services; and</li> <li>2. Case Management may be provided at the same time on the same day as any other service.</li> </ol> <p><b>C. Billable Unit:</b> 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 Human Services Department (HSD).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reimbursement to the Case Management Provider Agency is based upon a monthly rate for a maximum of twelve (12) months per ISP year.</li> <li>2. The Case Management Provider Agency shall provide and document at least one hour of case management services per individual served, and a monthly average of at least four (4) hours of DDW service per individual, including face to face contacts, across the caseload of each Case Manager. A Case Management Provider Agency cannot bill for an individual for whom a face to face contact did not take place during the month.</li> <li>3. Partial units are paid when the individual transitions from one Case Management Provider Agency to another during the month, and a Case Manager provides at least one hour of billable service including face to face contact during that calendar month. The monthly rate is pro-rated based on the number of days the individual was with the Case Management Provider Agency.</li> <li>4. Reimbursement to the Case Management Provider Agency for assessment paid up to 10</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed a total of 1 unit of Case Management for November 2014. Documentation found did not justify 1 unit billed. Although a face to face visit was completed for the month, there was no written evidence of monthly contact notes found to indicate that an average of 4 hours of DDW services were provided per individual across the case manager's case load, as required in DDW Service Standards.</li> </ul> <p>December 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed a total of 1 unit of Case Management for December 2014. Documentation found did not justify 1 unit billed. Although a face to face visit was completed for the month, there was no written evidence of monthly contact notes found to indicate that an average of 4 hours of DDW services were provided per individual across the case manager's case load, as required in DDW Service Standards.</li> </ul> <p>January 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed a total of 1 unit of Case Management for January 2015. Documentation found did not justify 1 unit billed. Although a face to face visit was completed for the month, there was no written evidence of monthly contact notes found to indicate that an average of 4 hours of DDW services were provided per individual across the case manager's case load, as required in DDW Service Standards.</li> </ul> <p>Individual #3 November 2014</p>		
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<p>hours per individual (one time only) for new allocations.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1 III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION</b></p> <p><b>A. General:</b> 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>B. Billable Units:</b> 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"> <li>(1) Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;</li> <li>(2) A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and</li> <li>(3) The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.</li> </ol> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 4. V. CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT - A. Billable Unit</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Reimbursement to the Case Management Provider Agency is based upon a monthly rate for a maximum of 12 months per ISP year.</li> <li>(2) The Case Management Provider Agency shall provide and document at least one hour of case management services per individual served, and a monthly average of at least three (3) hours of DD</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed a total of 1 unit of Case Management for November 2014. Documentation found did not justify 1 unit billed. Although a face to face visit was completed for the month, there was no written evidence of monthly contact notes found to indicate that an average of 4 hours of DDW services were provided per individual across the case manager's case load, as required in DDW Service Standards.</li> </ul> <p>December 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed a total of 1 unit of Case Management for December 2014. Documentation found did not justify 1 unit billed. Although a face to face visit was completed for the month, there was no written evidence of monthly contact notes found to indicate that an average of 4 hours of DDW services were provided per individual across the case manager's case load, as required in DDW Service Standards.</li> </ul> <p>January 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed a total of 1 unit of Case Management for January 2015. Documentation found did not justify 1 unit billed. Although a face to face visit was completed for the month, there was no written evidence of monthly contact notes found to indicate that an average of 4 hours of DDW services were provided per individual across the case manager's case load, as required in DDW Service Standards.</li> </ul> <p>Individual #4 November 2014</p>	
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<p>Waiver service per individual, including face-to-face contacts, across the caseload of each Case Manager. A Case Management Provider Agency cannot bill for an individual for whom a face-to-face contact did not take place during the month.</p> <p>(3) Exceptions to the three-hour average are allowed if the Case Manager is on approved leave, as long as a Provider Agency colleague or supervisor has maintained essential duties during his or her absence, including mandated face-to-face visits.</p> <p>(4) Partial units are paid when the individual transitions from one Case Management Provider Agency to another during the month, and a Case Manager provides at least one hour of billable service including face-to-face contact during that calendar month. The monthly rate is pro-rated based on the number of days the individual was with the Case Management Provider Agency.</p> <p><b>B. Billable Services:</b> The following activities are deemed to be billable services:</p> <p>(1) All services and supports within the Case Management Scope of Services; and</p> <p>(2) Case Management may be provided at the same time on the same day as any other service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed a total of 1 unit of Case Management for November 2014. Documentation found did not justify 1 unit billed. Although a face to face visit was completed for the month, there was no written evidence of monthly contact notes found to indicate that an average of 4 hours of DDW services were provided per individual across the case manager's case load, as required in DDW Service Standards.</li> </ul> <p>December 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed a total of 1 unit of Case Management for December 2014. Documentation found did not justify 1 unit billed. Although a face to face visit was completed for the month, there was no written evidence of monthly contact notes found to indicate that an average of 4 hours of DDW services were provided per individual across the case manager's case load, as required in DDW Service Standards.</li> </ul> <p>January 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed a total of 1 unit of Case Management for January 2015. Documentation found did not justify 1 unit billed. Although a face to face visit was completed for the month, there was no written evidence of monthly contact notes found to indicate that an average of 4 hours of DDW services were provided per individual across the case manager's case load, as required in DDW Service Standards.</li> </ul> <p>Individual #5 November 2014</p>		
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Survey Date: February 13 - 18, 2015  
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver  
Service Surveyed: **2012**: Case Management  
Survey Type: Initial

Dear Mr. Harris:

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 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,

*Tony Fragua*

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