

Date: May 9, 2017

To: Lorraine Herrera-Watson, Executive Director  
Provider: WHFP, LLC dba Meaningful Lives  
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Region: Northeast Region  
Survey Date: March 24 - 29, 2017  
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Service Surveyed: **2012:** Customized Community Supports - Individual, Customized In-Home Supports, Living Supports - Family Living

Survey Type: Routine Survey

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

Team Members: Debbie Russell, BSN, Healthcare Surveyor

Dear Lorraine Herrera-Watson;

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

**Determination of Compliance:**

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

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

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

**Plan of Correction:**

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

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QMB Report of Findings – WHFP, LLC dba Meaningful Lives – Northeast Region – March 24 - 29, 2017

Survey Report #: Q.17.3.DDW.87184338.2.RTN.01.17.129



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

**Corrective Action:**

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

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

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

**Submission of your Plan of Correction:**

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

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

1. **Quality Management Bureau, Attention: Amanda Castaneda, Plan of Correction Coordinator  
1170 North Solano Suite D Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001**
2. **Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Regional Office for region of service surveyed**

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

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

**Billing Deficiencies:**

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

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

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

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

1474 Rodeo Road  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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

**Request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings (IRF):**

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

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

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

Please call the Plan of Correction Coordinator Amanda Castaneda at 575-373-5716 if you have questions about the Report of Findings or Plan of Correction. Thank you for your cooperation and for the work you perform.

Sincerely,

*Kandis Gomez, AA*

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

## Survey Process Employed:

Administrative Review Start Date: March 24, 2017

Entrance Conference Date: March 27, 2017

Present: **WHFP, LLC dba Meaningful Lives**  
Lorraine Herrera, Director  
Orlando Watson, Director  
Lisa Visarraga, Service Coordinator  
Charlene Cain, Quality Assurance Manager

**DOH/DHI/QMB**

Debbie Russell, BSN, Healthcare Surveyor  
Kandis Gomez, AA, Healthcare Surveyor

Exit Conference Date: March 29, 2017

Present: **WHFP, LLC dba Meaningful Lives**  
Orlando Watson, Director  
Lisa Visarraga, Service Coordinator  
Lorraine Herrera, Director  
Charlene Cain, Quality Assurance Manager

**DOH/DHI/QMB**

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**DDSD Regional Office**

Fabian Lopez, Social Community Service Coordinator (NE Region)

Administrative Locations Visited Number: 1

Total Sample Size Number: 7

0 - Jackson Class Members  
7 - Non-Jackson Class Members

6 - Customized Community Supports – Individual  
1 - Customized In-Home Supports  
6 - Living Supports - Family Living

Total Homes Visited Number: 6

❖ Family Living Homes Visited Number: 6

Persons Served Records Reviewed Number: 7

Persons Served Interviewed Number: 6

Persons Served Observed Number: 1 (One Individual choose not to participate in the interview process)

Direct Support Personnel Interviewed Number: 12

Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed Number: 23

Substitute Care/Respite Personnel Records Reviewed	Number:	4
Service Coordinator Records Reviewed	Number:	1
Administrative Interviews	Number:	2

Administrative Processes and Records Reviewed:

- Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement Records for all Services Provided
- Accreditation Records
- Oversight of Individual Funds
- Individual Medical and Program Case Files, including, but not limited to:
  - Individual Service Plans
  - Progress on Identified Outcomes
  - Healthcare Plans
  - Medication Administration Records
  - Medical Emergency Response Plans
  - Therapy Evaluations and Plans
  - Healthcare Documentation Regarding Appointments and Required Follow-Up
  - Other Required Health Information
- Internal Incident Management Reports and System Process / General Events Reports
- Personnel Files, including nursing and subcontracted staff
- Staff Training Records, Including Competency Interviews with Staff
- Agency Policy and Procedure Manual
- Caregiver Criminal History Screening Records
- Consolidated Online Registry/Employee Abuse Registry
- Human Rights Committee Notes and Meeting Minutes
- Evacuation Drills of Residences and Service Locations
- Quality Assurance / Improvement Plan

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

## Attachment A

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

#### **Introduction:**

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

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

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

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

If you have questions about the Plan of Correction process, call the Plan of Correction Coordinator at 575-373-5716 or email at [AmandaE.Castaneda@state.nm.us](mailto:AmandaE.Castaneda@state.nm.us). Requests for technical assistance must be requested through your Regional DDSD Office.

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

#### **Instructions for Completing Agency POC:**

##### **Required Content**

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

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

##### **The Plan of Correction must address the six required Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) core elements to address each deficiency cited in the Report of Findings:**

1. How the specific and realistic corrective action will be accomplished for individuals found to have been affected by the deficient practice.
2. How the agency will identify other individuals who have the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice, and how the agency will act to protect individuals in similar situations.
3. What QA measures will be put into place or systemic changes made to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur
4. Indicate how the agency plans to monitor its performance to make sure that solutions are sustained. The agency must develop a QA plan for ensuring that correction is achieved and

- sustained. This QA plan must be implemented, and the corrective action evaluated for its effectiveness. The plan of correction is integrated into the agency quality assurance system; and
5. Include dates when corrective action will be completed. The corrective action completion dates must be acceptable to the State.

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

- Details about how and when Consumer, Personnel and Residential files are audited by Agency personnel to ensure they contain required documents;
- Information about how Medication Administration Records are reviewed to verify they contain all required information before they are distributed, as they are being used, and after they are completed;
- Your processes for ensuring that all staff are trained in Core Competencies, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Reporting, and Individual-Specific service requirements, etc.;
- How accuracy in Billing/Reimbursement documentation is assured;
- How health, safety is assured;
- For Case Management Providers, how Individual Specific Plans are reviewed to verify they meet requirements, how the timeliness of LOC packet submissions and consumer visits are tracked;
- Your process for gathering, analyzing and responding to Quality data indicators; and,
- Details about Quality Targets in various areas, current status, analyses about why targets were not met, and remedies implemented.

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

#### **Completion Dates**

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

#### **Initial Submission of the Plan of Correction Requirements**

1. The Plan of Correction must be completed on the official QMB Survey Report of Findings/Plan of Correction Form and received by QMB within ten (10) business days from the date you received the report of findings.
2. For questions about the POC process, call the POC Coordinator, Amanda Castaneda at 575-373-5716 or email at [AmandaE.Castaneda@state.nm.us](mailto:AmandaE.Castaneda@state.nm.us) for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your Regional DDSD Office.
4. Submit your POC to Amanda Castaneda, POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
  - a. Electronically at [AmandaE.Castaneda@state.nm.us](mailto:AmandaE.Castaneda@state.nm.us) (*preferred method*)
  - b. Fax to 575-528-5019, or
  - c. Mail to POC Coordinator, 1170 North Solano Ste D, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
5. Do not submit supporting documentation (evidence of compliance) to QMB until after your POC has been approved by the QMB.
6. QMB will notify you when your POC has been “approved” or “denied.”

- a. During this time, whether your POC is “approved,” or “denied,” you will have a maximum of 45 business days from the date of receipt of your Report of Findings to correct all survey deficiencies.
  - b. If your POC is denied, it must be revised and resubmitted as soon as possible, as the 45 business day limit is in effect.
  - c. If your POC is denied a second time your agency may be referred to the Internal Review Committee.
  - d. You will receive written confirmation when your POC has been approved by QMB and a final deadline for completion of your POC.
  - e. Please note that all POC correspondence will be sent electronically unless otherwise requested.
7. Failure to submit your POC within 10 business days without prior approval of an extension by QMB will result in a referral to the Internal Review Committee and the possible implementation of monetary penalties and/or sanctions.

### ***POC Document Submission Requirements***

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

1. Your internal documents are due within a maximum of 45 business days of receipt of your Report of Findings.
2. It is preferred that you submit your documents via USPS or other carrier (scanned and saved to CD/DVD disc, flash drive, etc.). If the documents do not contain protected Health information (PHI) the preferred method is that you submit your documents electronically (scanned and attached to e-mails).
3. All submitted documents must be annotated; please be sure the tag numbers and Identification numbers are indicated on each document submitted. Documents which are not annotated with the Tag number and Identification number may not be accepted.
4. Do not submit original documents; Please provide copies or scanned electronic files for evidence. Originals must be maintained in the agency file(s) per DDSD Standards.
5. In lieu of some documents, you may submit copies of file or home audit forms that clearly indicate cited deficiencies have been corrected, other attestations of correction must be approved by the Plan of Correction Coordinator prior to their submission.
6. When billing deficiencies are cited, you must provide documentation to justify billing and/or void and adjust forms submitted to Xerox State Healthcare, LLC for the deficiencies cited in the Report of Findings.

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

## Attachment B

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

The Division of Health Improvement, Quality Management Bureau (QMB) surveys compliance of the Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) standards and state and federal regulations. QMB has grouped the CMS assurances into five Service Domains: Level of Care; Plan of Care; Qualified Providers; Health, Welfare and Safety; and Administrative Oversight (note that Administrative Oversight listed in this document is not the same as the CMS assurance of Administrative Authority. Used in this context it is related to the agency's operational policies and procedures, Quality Management system and Medicaid billing and reimbursement processes.)

The QMB Determination of Compliance process is based on provider compliance or non-compliance with standards and regulations identified in the QMB Report of Findings. All deficiencies (non-compliance with standards and regulations) are identified and cited as either a Standard level deficiency or a Condition of Participation level deficiency in the QMB Reports of Findings. All deficiencies require corrective action when non-compliance is identified.

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

The Determination of Compliance for each service type is based on a provider's compliance with CoPs in the following Service Domains.

#### Case Management Services (*Four Service Domains*):

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

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

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

### Conditions of Participation (CoPs)

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

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

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

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

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

**Service Domain: Plan of Care ISP Development & Monitoring**

Condition of Participation:

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

Condition of Participation:

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

**Service Domain: Level of Care**

Condition of Participation:

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

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

**Service Domain: Qualified Providers**

Condition of Participation:

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

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

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

Condition of Participation:

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

**Service Domain: Health, Welfare and Safety**

Condition of Participation:

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

Condition of Participation:

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

## QMB Determinations of Compliance

### Compliance with Conditions of Participation

The QMB determination of *Compliance with Conditions of Participation* indicates that a provider is in compliance with all Conditions of Participation, (CoP). The agency has obtained a level of compliance such that there is a minimal potential for harm to individuals' health and safety. To qualify for a determination of Compliance with Conditions of Participation, the provider must be in compliance with all Conditions of Participation in all relevant Service Domains. The agency may also have Standard level deficiencies (deficiencies which are not at the condition level) out of compliance in any of the Service Domains.

### Partial-Compliance with Conditions of Participation

The QMB determination of *Partial-Compliance with Conditions of Participation* indicates that a provider is out of compliance with Conditions of Participation in one (1) to two (2) Service Domains. The agency may have one or more Condition level tags within a Service Domain. This partial-compliance, if not corrected, may result in a serious negative outcome or the potential for more than minimal harm to individuals' health and safety. The agency may also have Standard level deficiencies (deficiencies which are not at the condition level) in any of the Service Domains.

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

### Non-Compliance with Conditions of Participation

The QMB determination of *Non-Compliance with Conditions of Participation* indicates a provider is significantly out of compliance with Conditions of Participation in multiple Service Domains. The agency may have one or more Condition level tags in each of 3 relevant Service Domains and/or 6 or more Condition of Participation level deficiencies overall, as well as widespread Standard level deficiencies identified in the attached QMB Report of Findings and requires implementation of a Plan of Correction.

This non-compliance, if not corrected, may result in a serious negative outcome or the potential for more than minimal harm to individuals' health and safety. The agency may also have Standard level deficiencies (deficiencies which are not at the condition level) in any of the Service Domains

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

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

**Introduction:**

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

**Instructions:**

1. The Informal Reconsideration of the Finding (IRF) request must be received in writing to the QMB Deputy Bureau Chief **within 10 business days** of receipt of the final Report of Findings.
2. The written request for an IRF *must* be completed on the QMB Request for Informal Reconsideration of Finding form available on the QMB website: <http://dhi.health.state.nm.us/qmb>
3. The written request for an IRF must specify in detail the request for reconsideration and why the finding is inaccurate.
4. The IRF request must include all supporting documentation or evidence.
5. If you have questions about the IRF process, email the IRF Chairperson, Crystal Lopez-Beck at [Crystal.Lopez-Beck@state.nm.us](mailto:Crystal.Lopez-Beck@state.nm.us) for assistance.

**The following limitations apply to the IRF process:**

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

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

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

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

**Agency:** WHFP, LLC dba Meaningful Lives - Northeast Region  
**Program:** Developmental Disability Waiver  
**Service:** 2012: Customized Community Supports - Individual, Customized In-Home Supports, Living Supports - Family Living  
**Monitoring Type:** Routine Survey  
**Survey Date:** March 24 - 29, 2017

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

<p><b>E. Consumer Records Policy:</b> All Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.</p> <p><b>Chapter 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy:</b> All Family Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.</p> <p><b>Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy:</b> All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.</p> <p><b>Chapter 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements: C.</b> Documents to be maintained in the agency administrative office, include: (This is not an all-inclusive list refer to standard as it includes other items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency contact information;</li> <li>• Personal identification;</li> <li>• ISP budget forms and budget prior authorization;</li> <li>• ISP with signature page and all applicable assessments, including teaching and support strategies, Positive Behavior Support Plan (PBSP), Behavior Crisis Intervention Plan (BCIP), or other relevant behavioral plans, Medical Emergency Response</li> </ul>			
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<p>Plan (MERP), Healthcare Plan, Comprehensive Aspiration Risk Management Plan (CARMP), and Written Direct Support Instructions (WDSI);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dated and signed evidence that the individual has been informed of agency grievance/complaint procedure at least annually, or upon admission for a short term stay;</li> <li>• Copy of Guardianship or Power of Attorney documents as applicable;</li> <li>• Behavior Support Consultant, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist and Speech-Language Pathology progress reports as applicable, except for short term stays;</li> <li>• Written consent by relevant health decision maker and primary care practitioner for self-administration of medication or assistance with medication from DSP as applicable;</li> <li>• Progress notes written by DSP and nurses;</li> <li>• Signed secondary freedom of choice form;</li> <li>• Transition Plan as applicable for change of provider in past twelve (12) months.</li> </ul> <p><b>DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION (DDSD): Director’s Release: Consumer Record Requirements eff. 11/1/2012</b></p> <p><b>III. Requirement Amendments(s) or Clarifications:</b> 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</p>			
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DD Waiver in accordance with the Individual Case File Matrix incorporated in this director's release.

H. Readily accessible electronic records are accessible, including those stored through the Therap web-based system.

**NMAC 8.302.1.17 RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:** A provider must maintain all the records necessary to fully disclose the nature, quality, amount and medical necessity of services furnished to an eligible recipient who is currently receiving or who has received services in the past.

**B. Documentation of test results:** Results of tests and services must be documented, which includes results of laboratory and radiology procedures or progress following therapy or treatment.

Tag # 1A32 and LS14 / 6L14 Individual Service Plan Implementation	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p><b>NMAC 7.26.5.16.C and D Development of the ISP. Implementation of the ISP.</b> The ISP shall be implemented according to the timelines determined by the IDT and as specified in the ISP for each stated desired outcomes and action plan.</p> <p>C. The IDT shall review and discuss information and recommendations with the individual, with the goal of supporting the individual in attaining desired outcomes. The IDT develops an ISP based upon the individual's personal vision statement, strengths, needs, interests and preferences. The ISP is a dynamic document, revised periodically, as needed, and amended to reflect progress towards personal goals and achievements consistent with the individual's future vision. This regulation is consistent with standards established for individual plan development as set forth by the commission on the accreditation of rehabilitation facilities (CARF) and/or other program accreditation approved and adopted by the developmental disabilities division and the department of health. It is the policy of the developmental disabilities division (DDD), that to the extent permitted by funding, each individual receive supports and services that will assist and encourage independence and productivity in the community and attempt to prevent regression or loss of current capabilities. Services and supports include specialized and/or generic services, training, education and/or treatment as determined by the IDT and documented in the ISP.</p> <p>D. The intent is to provide choice and obtain opportunities for individuals to live, work and play with full participation in their</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not implement the ISP according to the timelines determined by the IDT and as specified in the ISP for each stated desired outcomes and action plan for 1 of 7 individuals.</p> <p>As indicated by Individuals ISP the following was found with regards to the implementation of ISP Outcomes:</p> <p><b>Administrative Files Reviewed - Customized Community Supports Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes</b></p> <p>Individual #7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None found regarding: Fun Outcome/Action Step: "...will text friends or family" for 1/2017 and 2/2017.</li> <li>• According to the Fun Outcome; Action Step for "...will send email to friends or family" is to be completed 1 time per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 12/2016 and 1/2017.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> <i>(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?):</i> →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> <i>(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?):</i> →  </p>	<p>  </p>

communities. The following principles provide direction and purpose in planning for individuals with developmental disabilities.

[05/03/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01]

Tag # LS14 / 6L14 Residential Case File	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements: C. Residence Case File:</b> The Agency must maintain in the individual's home a complete and current confidential case file for each individual. Residence case files are required to comply with the DDS Individual Case File Matrix policy.</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements: C. Residence Case File:</b> The Agency must maintain in the individual's home a complete and current confidential case file for each individual. Residence case files are required to comply with the DDS Individual Case File Matrix policy.</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements B.1. Documents to Be Maintained in The Home:</b></p> <p>a. Current Health Passport generated through the e-CHAT section of the Therap website and printed for use in the home in case of disruption in internet access;</p> <p>b. Personal identification;</p> <p>c. Current ISP with all applicable assessments, teaching and support strategies, and as applicable for the consumer, PBSP, BCIP, MERP, health care plans, CARMPs, Written Therapy Support Plans, and any other plans (e.g. PRN Psychotropic Medication Plans) as applicable;</p> <p>d. Dated and signed consent to release information forms as applicable;</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file in the residence for 4 of 6 Individuals receiving Family Living Services.</p> <p>Review of the residential individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:</p> <p><b>ISP Teaching and Supports Strategies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual #7 - TSS not found for the following Action Steps:</li> <li>• Live Outcome Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ "Shop for supplies needed."</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Progress Notes/Daily Contacts Logs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual #2 - None found for 3/1 - 15, 2016.</li> </ul> <p><b>Current Emergency and Personal Identification Information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did not contain Health Insurance Plan (#1, 5)</li> <li>• Did not contain Primary Care Physician information (#2)</li> <li>• Did not contain current phone number (#2)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> (<i>How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?</i>): →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> (<i>What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?</i>): →  </p>	

<p>e. Current orders from health care practitioners;</p> <p>f. Documentation and maintenance of accurate medical history in Therap website;</p> <p>g. Medication Administration Records for the current month;</p> <p>h. Record of medical and dental appointments for the current year, or during the period of stay for short term stays, including any treatment provided;</p> <p>i. Progress notes written by DSP and nurses;</p> <p>j. Documentation and data collection related to ISP implementation;</p> <p>k. Medicaid card;</p> <p>l. Salud membership card or Medicare card as applicable; and</p> <p>m. A Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) document and/or Advanced Directives as applicable.</p> <p><b>DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION (DDSD): Director's Release: Consumer Record Requirements eff. 11/1/2012</b></p> <p><b>III. Requirement Amendments(s) or Clarifications:</b> 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>			
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H. Readily accessible electronic records are accessible, including those stored through the Therap web-based system.

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

**CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY**

**REQUIREMENTS: A. Residence Case File:** For individuals receiving Supported Living or Family Living, the Agency shall maintain in the individual's home a complete and current confidential case file for each individual. For individuals receiving Independent Living Services, rather than maintaining this file at the individual's home, the complete and current confidential case file for each individual shall be maintained at the agency's administrative site. Each file shall include the following:

(1) Complete and current ISP and all supplemental plans specific to the individual;

(2) Complete and current Health Assessment Tool;

(3) Current emergency contact information, which includes the individual's address, telephone number, names and telephone numbers of residential Community Living Support providers, relatives, or guardian or conservator, primary care physician's name(s) and telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address and telephone number and dentist name, address and telephone number, and health plan;

(4) Up-to-date progress notes, signed and dated by the person making the note for at least the past month (older notes may be transferred to the agency office);

<p>(5) Data collected to document ISP Action Plan implementation</p> <p>(6) Progress notes written by direct care staff and by nurses regarding individual health status and physical conditions including action taken in response to identified changes in condition for at least the past month;</p> <p>(7) Physician's or qualified health care providers written orders;</p> <p>(8) Progress notes documenting implementation of a physician's or qualified health care provider's order(s);</p> <p>(9) Medication Administration Record (MAR) for the past three (3) months which includes:</p> <p>(a) The name of the individual;</p> <p>(b) A transcription of the healthcare practitioner's prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication;</p> <p>(c) Diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;</p> <p>(d) Dosage, frequency and method/route of delivery;</p> <p>(e) Times and dates of delivery;</p> <p>(f) Initials of person administering or assisting with medication; and</p> <p>(g) An explanation of any medication irregularity, allergic reaction or adverse effect.</p>			
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<p>(h) For PRN medication an explanation for the use of the PRN must include:</p> <p>(i) Observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and</p> <p>(ii) Documentation of the effectiveness/result of the PRN delivered.</p> <p>(i) A MAR is not required for individuals participating in Independent Living Services who self-administer their own medication. However, when medication administration is provided as part of the Independent Living Service a MAR must be maintained at the individual's home and an updated copy must be placed in the agency file on a weekly basis.</p> <p>(10) Record of visits to healthcare practitioners including any treatment provided at the visit and a record of all diagnostic testing for the current ISP year; and</p> <p>(11) Medical History to include: demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability and any psychiatric diagnosis, allergies (food, environmental, medications), status of routine adult health care screenings, immunizations, hospital discharge summaries for past twelve (12) months, past medical history including hospitalizations, surgeries, injuries, family history and current physical exam.</p>			
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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
<b>Service Domain: 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.			
<b>Tag # 1A11.1 Transportation Training</b>	<b>Standard Level Deficiency</b>		
<p><b>Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy</b></p> <p>Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy <b>Eff. Date:</b> March 1, 2007</p> <p><b>II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</b> I. Staff providing direct services shall complete safety training within the first thirty (30) days of employment and before working alone with an individual receiving services. The training shall address at least the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Operating a fire extinguisher</li> <li>2. Proper lifting procedures</li> <li>3. General vehicle safety precautions (e.g., pre-trip inspection, removing keys from the ignition when not in the driver's seat)</li> <li>4. Assisting passengers with cognitive and/or physical impairments (e.g., general guidelines for supporting individuals who may be unaware of safety issues involving traffic or those who require physical assistance to enter/exit a vehicle)</li> <li>5. Operating wheelchair lifts (if applicable to the staff's role)</li> <li>6. Wheelchair tie-down procedures (if applicable to the staff's role)</li> </ol>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not provide and/or have documentation for staff training regarding the safe operation of the vehicle, assisting passengers and safe lifting procedures for 1 of 23 Direct Support Personnel.</p> <p><b>No documented evidence was found of the following required training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation (#518)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> (How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?): →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> (What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): →  </p>	<p>  </p>

7. Emergency and evacuation procedures (e.g., roadside emergency, fire emergency)

**NMAC 7.9.2 F. TRANSPORTATION: (1)** Any employee or agent of a regulated facility or agency who is responsible for assisting a resident in boarding or alighting from a motor vehicle must complete a state-approved training program in passenger transportation assistance before assisting any resident. The passenger transportation assistance program shall be comprised of but not limited to the following elements: resident assessment, emergency procedures, supervised practice in the safe operation of equipment, familiarity with state regulations governing the transportation of persons with disabilities, and a method for determining and documenting successful completion of the course. The course requirements above are examples and may be modified as needed.

**(2)** Any employee or agent of a regulated facility or agency who drives a motor vehicle provided by the facility or agency for use in the transportation of clients must complete:

**(a)** A state approved training program in passenger assistance and

**(b)** A state approved training program in the operation of a motor vehicle to transport clients of a regulated facility or agency. The motor vehicle transportation assistance program shall be comprised of but not limited to the following elements: resident assessment, emergency procedures, supervised practice in the safe operation of motor vehicles, familiarity with state regulations governing the transportation of persons with disabilities, maintenance and safety record keeping, training on hazardous

<p>driving conditions and a method for determining and documenting successful completion of the course. The course requirements above are examples and may be modified as needed.</p> <p><b>(c)</b> A valid New Mexico driver's license for the type of vehicle being operated consistent with State of New Mexico requirements.</p> <p><b>(3)</b> Each regulated facility and agency shall establish and enforce written polices (including training) and procedures for employees who provide assistance to clients with boarding or alighting from motor vehicles.</p> <p><b>(4)</b> Each regulated facility and agency shall establish and enforce written polices (including training and procedures for employees who operate motor vehicles to transport clients.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements</b>  <b>G. Training Requirements:</b> 1. All Community Inclusion Providers must provide staff training in accordance with the DDS policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy.</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements</b>  <b>F. Meet all training requirements as follows:</b>  1. All Customized Community Supports Providers shall provide staff training in accordance with the DDS Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy;</p>			
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**CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements**

**C. Training Requirements:** The Provider Agency must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy. The Provider Agency must ensure that the personnel support staff have completed training as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy

**CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements**

**B. Living Supports- Family Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3.**

**Training:** A. All Family Living Provider agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff policy. DSP's or subcontractors delivering substitute care under Family Living must at a minimum comply with the section of the training policy that relates to Respite, Substitute Care, and personal support staff [Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff; Sec. II-J, Items 1-4]. Pursuant to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Family Living Provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements.

**CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements**

**B. Living Supports- Supported Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training:** A. All Living

<p>Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff. Pursuant to CMS requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Supported Living provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements.</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) R. 2. Service Requirements. Staff Qualifications 2. DSP Qualifications.</b> E. Complete training requirements as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff - effective March 1, 2007. Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy;</p>			
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Tag # 1A20 Direct Support Personnel Training	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p><b>Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy - Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007 - II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</b></p> <p>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</p> <p>B. Staff shall complete individual-specific (formerly known as “Addendum B”) training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the individual service plan (ISP) of each individual served.</p> <p>C. Staff shall complete training on DOH-approved incident reporting procedures in accordance with 7 NMAC 1.13.</p> <p>D. Staff providing direct services shall complete training in universal precautions on an annual basis. The training materials shall meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements.</p> <p>E. Staff providing direct services shall maintain certification in first aid and CPR. The training materials shall meet OSHA requirements/guidelines.</p> <p>F. Staff who may be exposed to hazardous chemicals shall complete relevant training in accordance with OSHA requirements.</p> <p>G. Staff shall be certified in a DDSD-approved behavioral intervention system (e.g., Mandt, CPI) before using physical restraint techniques. Staff members providing direct services shall</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure Orientation and Training requirements were met for 4 of 23 Direct Support Personnel.</p> <p>Review of Direct Support Personnel training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings and certification being completed:</p> <p><b>Assisting With Medication Delivery:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Found (#508)</li> </ul> <p><b>First Aid:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not Found (#501, 519, 530)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> <i>(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?):</i> →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> <i>(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?):</i> →  </p>	<p>  </p>

<p>maintain certification in a DDS-approved behavioral intervention system if an individual they support has a behavioral crisis plan that includes the use of physical restraint techniques.</p> <p>H. Staff shall complete and maintain certification in a DDS-approved medication course in accordance with the DDS Medication Delivery Policy M-001.</p> <p>I. Staff providing direct services shall complete safety training within the first thirty (30) days of employment and before working alone with an individual receiving service.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements</b>  <b>G. Training Requirements:</b> 1. All Community Inclusion Providers must provide staff training in accordance with the DDS policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy.</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements</b>  <b>F. Meet all training requirements as follows:</b>  1. All Customized Community Supports Providers shall provide staff training in accordance with the DDS Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy;</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements</b>  <b>C. Training Requirements:</b> The Provider Agency must report required personnel training status to the DDS Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDS Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDS Training Requirements Policy. The Provider</p>			
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Agency must ensure that the personnel support staff have completed training as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy

**CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements  
B. Living Supports- Family Living Services  
Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3.**

**Training:** A. All Family Living Provider agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff policy. DSP's or subcontractors delivering substitute care under Family Living must at a minimum comply with the section of the training policy that relates to Respite, Substitute Care, and personal support staff [Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff; Sec. II-J, Items 1-4]. Pursuant to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Family Living Provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements.

**CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements  
B. Living Supports- Supported Living  
Services Provider Agency Staffing**

**Requirements: 3. Training:** A. All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff. Pursuant to CMS requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary

training required by the state. All Supported Living provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements.

**CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) R. 2. Service Requirements. Staff Qualifications 2. DSP Qualifications.** E. Complete training requirements as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff - effective March 1, 2007. Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy;

Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p><b>Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy - Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007 - II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</b></p> <p>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</p> <p>B. Staff shall complete individual specific (formerly known as “Addendum B”) training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the individual service plan (ISP) for each individual serviced.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements</b>  <b>G. Training Requirements:</b> 1. All Community Inclusion Providers must provide staff training in accordance with the DDSD policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy. 3. Ensure direct service personnel receives Individual Specific Training as outlined in each individual ISP, including aspects of support plans (healthcare and behavioral) or WDSI that pertain to the employment environment.</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements</b>  <b>F. Meet all training requirements as follows:</b>  1. All Customized Community Supports Providers shall provide staff training in accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy;</p>	<p>Based on interview, the Agency did not ensure training competencies were met for 1 of 12 Direct Support Personnel.</p> <p><b>When DSP were asked if they assisted the individual with medications and had received the Assisting with Medications (AWMD) training, the following was reported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DSP #510 stated, “No, I have always helped her with meds.” (Individual #6)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> <i>(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?):</i> →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> <i>(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?):</i> →  </p>	

**CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements**

**C. Training Requirements:** The Provider Agency must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy. The Provider Agency must ensure that the personnel support staff have completed training as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy. 3. Staff shall complete individual specific training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the ISP of each individual served; and 4. Staff that assists the individual with medication (e.g., setting up medication, or reminders) must have completed Assisting with Medication Delivery (AWMD) Training.

**CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements**

**B. Living Supports- Family Living Services**

**Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3.**

**Training:** A. All Family Living Provider agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff policy. DSP's or subcontractors delivering substitute care under Family Living must at a minimum comply with the section of the training policy that relates to Respite, Substitute Care, and personal support staff [Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff; Sec. II-J, Items 1-4]. Pursuant to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Family Living Provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and

<p>Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements.</p> <p>B. Individual specific training must be arranged and conducted, including training on the Individual Service Plan outcomes, actions steps and strategies and associated support plans (e.g. health care plans, MERP, PBSP and BCIP etc), information about the individual's preferences with regard to privacy, communication style, and routines. Individual specific training for therapy related WDSI, Healthcare Plans, MERPs, CARMP, PBSP, and BCIP must occur at least annually and more often if plans change or if monitoring finds incorrect implementation. Family Living providers must notify the relevant support plan author whenever a new DSP is assigned to work with an individual, and therefore needs to receive training, or when an existing DSP requires a refresher. The individual should be present for and involved in individual specific training whenever possible.</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements</b>  <b>B. Living Supports- Supported Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training:</b> A. All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff. Pursuant to CMS requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Supported Living provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy</p>			
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<p>T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements.</p> <p>B Individual specific training must be arranged and conducted, including training on the ISP Outcomes, actions steps and strategies, associated support plans (e.g. health care plans, MERP, PBSP and BCIP, etc), and information about the individual's preferences with regard to privacy, communication style, and routines. Individual specific training for therapy related WDSI, Healthcare Plans, MERP, CARMP, PBSP, and BCIP must occur at least annually and more often if plans change or if monitoring finds incorrect implementation. Supported Living providers must notify the relevant support plan author whenever a new DSP is assigned to work with an individual, and therefore needs to receive training, or when an existing DSP requires a refresher. The individual should be present for and involved in individual specific training whenever possible.</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) R. 2. Service Requirements. Staff Qualifications 2. DSP Qualifications.</b> E. Complete training requirements as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff - effective March 1, 2007. Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy;</p>			
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Tag # 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></p> <p><b>NMAC 7.1.14.9 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:</b></p> <p><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.</p> <p><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.</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure Incident Management Training for 1 of 28 Agency Personnel.</p> <p><b>Direct Support Personnel (DSP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incident Management Training Incident Management Training (Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation) (#508)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> <i>(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?):</i> →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> <i>(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?):</i> →  </p>	<p>  </p>

<p><b>C. Incident management system training curriculum requirements:</b></p> <p><b>(1)</b> The community-based service provider shall conduct training or designate a knowledgeable representative to conduct training, in accordance with the written training curriculum provided electronically by the division that includes but is not limited to:</p> <p><b>(a)</b> an overview of the potential risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation;</p> <p><b>(b)</b> informational procedures for properly filing the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form;</p> <p><b>(c)</b> specific instructions of the employees' legal responsibility to report an incident of abuse, neglect and exploitation, suspicious injury, and all deaths;</p> <p><b>(d)</b> specific instructions on how to respond to abuse, neglect, or exploitation;</p> <p><b>(e)</b> emergency action procedures to be followed in the event of an alleged incident or knowledge of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or suspicious injury.</p> <p><b>(2)</b> All current employees and volunteers shall receive training within 90 days of the effective date of this rule.</p> <p><b>(3)</b> 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</p>			
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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 employee and volunteer training documentation shall subject the community-based service provider to the penalties provided for in this rule.

**Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007 II. POLICY STATEMENTS:**

A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.

C. Staff shall complete training on DOH-approved incident reporting procedures in accordance with 7 NMAC 1.13.

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
<b>Service Domain: Health and Welfare</b> - The state, on an ongoing basis, identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent occurrences of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Individuals shall be afforded their basic human rights. The provider supports individuals to access needed healthcare services in a timely manner.			
<b>Tag # 1A09 Medication Delivery - Routine Medication Administration</b>	<b>Standard Level Deficiency</b>		
<p><b>NMAC 16.19.11.8 MINIMUM STANDARDS:</b></p> <p>A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, HANDLING AND RECORD KEEPING OF DRUGS: (d) The facility shall have a Medication Administration Record (MAR) documenting medication administered to residents, <b>including over-the-counter medications</b>. This documentation shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Name of resident;</li> <li>(ii) Date given;</li> <li>(iii) Drug product name;</li> <li>(iv) Dosage and form;</li> <li>(v) Strength of drug;</li> <li>(vi) Route of administration;</li> <li>(vii) How often medication is to be taken;</li> <li>(viii) Time taken and staff initials;</li> <li>(ix) Dates when the medication is discontinued or changed;</li> <li>(x) The name and initials of all staff administering medications.</li> </ul> <p><b>Model Custodial Procedure Manual: D. Administration of Drugs</b></p>	<p>Medication Administration Records (MAR) were reviewed for the months of February and March 2017.</p> <p>Based on record review, 1 of 7 individuals had Medication Administration Records (MAR), which contained missing medications entries and/or other errors:</p> <p>Individual #7 March 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>° As indicated by the Medication Administration Records the individual is to take Cranberry concentrate (1 time daily). According to the Physician's Orders, Cranberry capsule 4200 mg is to be taken 1 time daily. Medication Administration Record and Physician's Orders do not match.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b> <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> (How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?): →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b> <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> (What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): →  </p>	<p>  </p>

<p>Unless otherwise stated by practitioner, patients will not be allowed to administer their own medications.</p> <p>Document the practitioner's order authorizing the self-administration of medications.</p> <p>All PRN (As needed) medications shall have complete detail instructions regarding the administering of the medication. This shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• symptoms that indicate the use of the medication,</li> <li>• exact dosage to be used, and</li> <li>• the exact amount to be used in a 24-hour period.</li> </ul> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 1. Scope of Service B. Self Employment 8.</b> Providing assistance with medication delivery as outlined in the ISP; <b>C. Individual Community Integrated Employment 3.</b> Providing assistance with medication delivery as outlined in the ISP; <b>D. Group Community Integrated Employment 4.</b> Providing assistance with medication delivery as outlined in the ISP; and</p> <p><b>B. Community Integrated Employment Agency Staffing Requirements:</b> o. Comply with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures;</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 1. Scope of Services A. Individualized Customized Community Supports 19.</b> Providing assistance or supports with medications in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery policy. <b>C. Small Group Customized Community Supports 19.</b> Providing assistance or supports with</p>			
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<p>medications in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery policy. <b>D. Group Customized Community Supports 19.</b> Providing assistance or supports with medications in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery policy.</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 11 (FL) 1 SCOPE OF SERVICES: A. Living Supports- Family Living Services:</b> The scope of Family Living Services includes, but is not limited to the following as identified by the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT):</p> <p><b>19.</b> Assisting in medication delivery, and related monitoring, in accordance with the DDSD's Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, New Mexico Nurse Practice Act, and Board of Pharmacy regulations including skill development activities leading to the ability for individuals to self-administer medication as appropriate; and</p> <p><b>I. Healthcare Requirements for Family Living. 3. B.</b> Adult Nursing Services for medication oversight are required for all surrogate Living Supports-Family Living direct support personnel if the individual has regularly scheduled medication. Adult Nursing services for medication oversight are required for all surrogate Family Living Direct Support Personnel (including substitute care), if the individual has regularly scheduled medication.</p> <p><b>6.</b> Support Living- Family Living Provider Agencies must have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the New Mexico Nurse Practice Act and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.</p> <p>a. All twenty-four (24) hour residential home sites serving two (2) or more unrelated individuals must</p>			
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<p>be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy, per current regulations;</p> <p>b. When required by the DDS Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) must be maintained and include:</p> <p>i. The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician's or licensed health care provider's prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, and diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;</p> <p>ii. Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration;</p> <p>iii. Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication delivery;</p> <p>iv. Explanation of any medication error;</p> <p>v. Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and</p> <p>vi. For PRN medication, instructions for the use of the PRN medication must include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.</p> <p>c. The Family Living Provider Agency must also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose; and</p> <p>d. Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications must be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and must include the expected desired outcomes of</p>			
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administering the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications.

e. Medication Oversight is optional if the individual resides with their biological family (by affinity or consanguinity). If Medication Oversight is not selected as an Ongoing Nursing Service, all elements of medication administration and oversight are the sole responsibility of the individual and their biological family. Therefore, a monthly medication administration record (MAR) is not required unless the family requests it and continually communicates all medication changes to the provider agency in a timely manner to insure accuracy of the MAR.

i. The family must communicate at least annually and as needed for significant change of condition with the agency nurse regarding the current medications and the individual's response to medications for purpose of accurately completing required nursing assessments.

ii. As per the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedure, paid DSP who are not related by affinity or consanguinity to the individual may not deliver medications to the individual unless they have completed Assisting with Medication Delivery (AWMD) training. DSP may also be under a delegation relationship with a DDW agency nurse or be a Certified Medication Aide (CMA). Where CMAs are used, the agency is responsible for maintaining compliance with New Mexico Board of Nursing requirements.

iii. If the substitute care provider is a surrogate (not related by affinity or consanguinity) Medication Oversight must be selected and provided.

**CHAPTER 12 (SL) 2. Service Requirements K. Training and Requirements: 3.** Supported Living Provider Agencies must have written policies and

procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, New Mexico Nurse Practice Act, and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.

a. All twenty-four (24) hour residential home sites serving two (2) or more unrelated individuals must be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy, per current regulations;

b. When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) must be maintained and include:

i. The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician's or licensed health care provider's prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, and diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;

ii. Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration;

iii. Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication delivery;

iv. Explanation of any medication error;

v. Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and

vi. For PRN medication, instructions for the use of the PRN medication must include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.

<p>c. When PRN medications are used, there must be clear documentation that the DSP contacted the agency nurse prior to assisting with the medication.</p> <p>d. The Supported Living Provider Agency must also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose; and</p> <p>e. Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications must be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and must include the expected desired outcomes of administering the medication, signs, and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications.</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements.</b>  <b>B.</b> There must be compliance with all policy requirements for Intensive Medical Living Service Providers, including written policy and procedures regarding medication delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors consistent with the DDSD Medication Delivery Policy and Procedures, relevant Board of Nursing Rules, and Pharmacy Board standards and regulations.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY Requirements: E. Medication Delivery:</b> Provider Agencies that provide Community Living, Community Inclusion or Private Duty Nursing services shall have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy</p>			
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<p>and Procedures, the Board of Nursing Rules and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.</p> <p>(1) All twenty-four (24) hour residential home sites serving two (2) or more unrelated individuals shall be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy, per current regulations.</p> <p>(2) When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) shall be maintained and include:</p> <p>(a) The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician's written or licensed health care provider's prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;</p> <p>(b) Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration;</p> <p>(c) Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication;</p> <p>(d) Explanation of any medication irregularity;</p> <p>(e) Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and</p> <p>(f) For PRN medication, an explanation for the use of the PRN medication shall include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.</p> <p>(3) The Provider Agency shall also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that</p>			
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corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose;

(4) MARs are not required for individuals participating in Independent Living who self-administer their own medications;

(5) Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications shall be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and shall include the expected desired outcomes of administering the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications;

Tag # 1A31 Client Rights/Human Rights	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p><b>7.26.3.11 RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITATION OF CLIENT'S RIGHTS:</b></p> <p>A. A service provider shall not restrict or limit a client's rights except:</p> <p>(1) where the restriction or limitation is allowed in an emergency and is necessary to prevent imminent risk of physical harm to the client or another person; or</p> <p>(2) where the interdisciplinary team has determined that the client's limited capacity to exercise the right threatens his or her physical safety; or</p> <p>(3) as provided for in Section 10.1.14 [now Subsection N of 7.26.3.10 NMAC].</p> <p>B. Any emergency intervention to prevent physical harm shall be reasonable to prevent harm, shall be the least restrictive intervention necessary to meet the emergency, shall be allowed no longer than necessary and shall be subject to interdisciplinary team (IDT) review. The IDT upon completion of its review may refer its findings to the office of quality assurance. The emergency intervention may be subject to review by the service provider's behavioral support committee or human rights committee in accordance with the behavioral support policies or other department regulation or policy.</p> <p>C. The service provider may adopt reasonable program policies of general applicability to clients served by that service provider that do not violate client rights. [09/12/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01]</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure the rights of Individuals was not restricted or limited for 1 of 7 Individuals.</p> <p>A review of Agency Individual files indicated Human Rights Committee Approval was required for restrictions.</p> <p>No documentation was found regarding quarterly Human Rights Approval and/or no current Human Rights approval was for the following:</p> <p><b>No Documentation of Human Rights Approval Found for the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychotropic Medications to control behaviors - No evidence of quarterly Human Rights Committee approval found for 2/2016 - 9/2016. (Individual #7)</li> <li>• Sharps locked / removed - No evidence of quarterly Human Rights Committee approval found for 2/2016 - 9/2016. (Individual #7)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> <i>(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?):</i> →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> <i>(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?):</i> →  </p>	<p>  </p>

**Long Term Services Division**

**Policy Title: Human Rights Committee  
Requirements Eff Date: March 1, 2003**

**IV. POLICY STATEMENT** - Human Rights Committees are required for residential service provider agencies. The purpose of these committees with respect to the provision of Behavior Supports is to review and monitor the implementation of certain Behavior Support Plans.

Human Rights Committees may not approve any of the interventions specifically prohibited in the following policies:

- Aversive Intervention Prohibitions
- Psychotropic Medications Use
- Behavioral Support Service Provision.

A Human Rights Committee may also serve other agency functions as appropriate, such as the review of internal policies on sexuality and incident management follow-up.

**A. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE ROLE IN BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS:**

1. Only those Behavior Support Plans with an aversive intervention included as part of the plan or associated Crisis Intervention Plan need to be reviewed prior to implementation. Plans not containing aversive interventions do not require Human Rights Committee review or approval.

2. The Human Rights Committee will determine and adopt a written policy stating the frequency and purpose of meetings. Behavior Support

<p>Plans approved by the Human Rights Committee will be reviewed at least quarterly.</p> <p>3. Records, including minutes of all meetings will be retained at the agency with primary responsibility for implementation for at least five years from the completion of each individual's Individual Service Plan.</p> <p><b>Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) - Procedure Title:</b></p> <p><b>Medication Assessment and Delivery Procedure Eff Date: November 1, 2006</b></p> <p><b>B. 1. e.</b> If the PRN medication is to be used in response to psychiatric and/or behavioral symptoms in addition to the above requirements, obtain current written consent from the individual, guardian or surrogate health decision maker and submit for review by the agency's Human Rights Committee (References: Psychotropic Medication Use Policy, Section D, page 5 Use of PRN Psychotropic Medications; and, Human Rights Committee Requirements Policy, Section B, page 4 Interventions Requiring Review and Approval – Use of PRN Medications).</p>			
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Tag # 1A33.1 Board of Pharmacy – License	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p><b>New Mexico Board of Pharmacy Model Custodial Drug Procedures Manual</b></p> <p><b>6. Display of License and Inspection Reports</b></p> <p>A. The following are required to be publicly displayed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Custodial Drug Permit from the NM Board of Pharmacy</li> <li>• Current registration from the consultant pharmacist</li> <li>• Current NM Board of Pharmacy Inspection Report</li> </ul>	<p>Based on observation, the Agency did not provide the current Custodial Drug Permit from the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy, the current registration from the Consultant Pharmacist, or the current New Mexico Board of Pharmacy Inspection Report for 1 of 6 residences:</p> <p><b>Individual Residence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Current Custodial Drug Permit from the NM Board of Pharmacy (#3)</li> </ul> <p><i>(Note: Individual #3 shares a residence with a DDW individual who does not receive services with this agency.)</i></p>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> <i>(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?):</i> →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> <i>(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?):</i> → ]</p>	<p>  </p>

Tag # LS06 / 6L06 Family Living Requirements	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 12 (FL) I. Living Supports – Family Living Home Studies:</b> The Living Supports-Family Living Services Provider Agency must complete all Developmental Disabilities Support Division (DDSD) requirements for approval of each direct support provider, including completion of an approved home study and training of the direct support provider prior to placement. After the initial home study, an updated home study must be completed annually. The home study must also be updated each time there is a change in family composition or when the family moves to a new home. The content and procedures used by the Provider Agency to conduct home studies must be approved by DDSD.</p> <p><b>2. Service Requirements:</b></p> <p><b>E. Supervision:</b> The Living Supports- Family Living Provider Agency must provide and document:</p> <p>1. Monthly face to face consultation, by agency supervisors or internal service coordinators, with the DSP on at least a monthly basis to include:</p> <p>a. Review implementation of the individual's ISP Action Plans and associated support plans, including, Positive Behavior Support Plan (PBSP), Written Direct Support Instructions, (WDSI) from therapist(s) serving the individual, schedule of activities and appointments; and advise direct support personnel regarding expectations and next steps including need for</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not complete all DDSD requirements for approval of each direct support provider for 5 of 6 individuals.</p> <p>Review of the Agency files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:</p> <p><b>Family Living (Annual Update) Home Study:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual #2 - Not Found.</li> <li>• Individual #3 - Not Found.</li> <li>• Individual #4 - Not Found.</li> <li>• Individual #5 - Not Found.</li> <li>• Individual #7 - Not Found.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> <i>(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?):</i> →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b>  <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> <i>(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?):</i> →  </p>	<p>  </p>

<p>individual specific training or retraining from therapists and Behavior Support Consultants;</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 6. III. REQUIREMENTS UNIQUE TO FAMILY LIVING SERVICES: A. Support to Individuals in Family Living:</b> The Family Living Services Provider Agency shall provide and document:</p> <p>(5) Monthly consultation, by agency supervisors or internal service coordinators, with the direct support provider to include:</p> <p>(a) Review, advise, and prompt the implementation of the individual's ISP Action Plans, schedule of activities and appointments; and</p> <p>(b) Assist with service or support issues raised by the direct support provider or observed by supervisor, service coordinator or other IDT members.</p> <p><b>B. Home Studies.</b> The Family Living Services Provider Agency shall complete all DDSD requirements for approval of each direct support provider, including completion of an approved home study and training prior to placement. After the initial home study, an updated home study shall be completed annually. The home study must also be updated each time there is a change in family composition or when the family moves to a new home. The content and procedures used by the Provider Agency to conduct home studies shall be approved by DDSD.</p>			
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**NMAC 8.314.5.10 - DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES HOME AND COMMUNITY-  
BASED SERVICES WAIVER**

**ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS: I. Qualifications for  
community living service providers:** There  
are three types of community living services:  
Family living, supported living and independent  
living. Community living providers must meet all  
qualifications set forth by the DOH/DDSD, DDW  
definitions and service standards.

(1) Family living service providers for adults  
must meet the qualifications for staff required by  
the

DOH/DDSD, DDW service definitions and  
standards. The direct care provider employed by  
or subcontracting with the provider agency must  
be approved through a home study completed  
prior to provision of services and conducted at  
subsequent intervals required of the provider  
agency. All family living sub-contracts must be  
approved by the DOH/DDSD.

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
<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 # IH32 Customized In-Home Supports Reimbursement</b>	<b>Standard Level Deficiency</b>		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 4. REIMBURSEMENT. A.</b> All Provider Agencies must 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 individual's name, date, time, Provider Agency name, nature of services and length of a session of service billed.</p> <p>4. 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). For each unit billed, the record shall contain the following:</p> <p>a. Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;</p> <p>b. A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and</p> <p>c. The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.</p> <p>5. Customized In-Home Supports has two different rates which are based on the individual's living condition (i.e., Living with Natural Supports or Living Independently). The maximum allowable billable hours cannot</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Customized In-Home Supports Reimbursement for 1 of 1 individuals.</p> <p><b>Customized In-Home Supports Reimbursement:</b></p> <p>Individual #6</p> <p>December 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Agency billed 76 units of Customized In-Home Supports (S5125 HB) from 12/1/2016 through 12/31/2016. Documentation received accounted for 64 units. <i>(Note: No Plan of Correction required. Documentation of Void/Adjust Claim provided.)</i></li> </ul> <p>February 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Agency billed 64 units of Customized In-Home Supports (S5125 HB) from 2/1/2017 through 2/28/2017. Documentation received accounted for 55 units.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b> State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here <i>(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?):</i> →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b> Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here <i>(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?):</i> →  </p>	<p>  </p>

exceed the budget allocation in the associated service packages.

**B. Billable Units:** The billable unit for Customized In-Home Support is based on a fifteen (15) minute unit.

**C. Billable Activities:**

1. Direct care provided to an individual in the individual's residence, consistent with the Scope of Services, any portion of the day.
2. Direct support provided to an individual consistent with the Scope of Services by Customized In-Home Supports direct support personnel in community locations other than the individual's residence.

Tag # LS27 / 6L27 Family Living Reimbursement	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 11 (FL) 4. REIMBURSEMENT A.</b> Family Living Services Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the type, quality, quantity and clinical necessity of services furnished to individuals who are currently receiving services. The Family Living Services Provider Agency records must be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, individual name, servicing provider, nature of services, and length of a session of service billed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual must be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the Human Services Department (HSD). For each unit billed, the record must contain the following: <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> <li>c. The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. From the payments received for Family Living services, the Family Living Agency must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide a minimum payment to the contracted primary caregiver of \$2,051 per month; and</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Family Living Services for 1 of 6 individuals.</p> <p><b>Family Living Reimbursement</b></p> <p>Individual #7</p> <p>December 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed 23 units of Family Living (T2033 HB) from 12/1/2016 through 12/31/2016. Documentation received accounted for 22 units. <i>(Note: No Plan of Correction required. Documentation of Void/Adjust Claim provided.)</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b> <b>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> <i>(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?):</i> →</p> <p><b>Provider:</b> <b>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here</b> <i>(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?):</i> →  </p>	<p>  </p>

- b. Provide or arrange up to seven hundred fifty (750) hours of substitute care as sick leave or relief for the primary caregiver.

**B. Billable Units:**

- 1. The billable unit for Living Supports-Family Living is based on a daily rate. A day is determined based on whether the individual was residing in the home at midnight.
- 2. The maximum allowable billable units cannot exceed three hundred forty (340) days per ISP year or one hundred seventy (170) days per six (6) months.

**Billable Activities:** Any activities which DSP provides in accordance with the Scope of Services for Living Supports which are not listed in non-billable services, activities or situations below.

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**8.314.1 BI RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Providers must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the extent of the services provided to the Medicaid recipient. Services that have been billed to Medicaid, but are not substantiated in a treatment plan and/or patient records for the recipient are subject to recoupment.

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**CHAPTER 1 III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION**

**B. Billable Units:** The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the HSD. For each unit billed, the record shall contain the following:

- (1) Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;
- (2) A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and
- (3) The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.

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

**CHAPTER 6. IX. REIMBURSEMENT for community Living services**

**B. Reimbursement for Family Living Services**

(1) Billable Unit: The billable unit for Family Living Services is a daily rate for each individual in the residence. A maximum of 340 days (billable units) are allowed per ISP year.

(2) Billable Activities shall include:

<p>(a) Direct support provided to an individual in the residence any portion of the day;</p> <p>(b) Direct support provided to an individual by the Family Living Services direct support or substitute care provider away from the residence (e.g., in the community); and</p> <p>(c) Any other activities provided in accordance with the Scope of Services.</p> <p>(3) Non-Billable Activities shall include:</p> <p>(a) The Family Living Services Provider Agency may not bill the for room and board;</p> <p>(b) Personal care, nutritional counseling and nursing supports may not be billed as separate services for an individual receiving Family Living Services; and</p> <p>(c) Family Living services may not be billed for the same time period as Respite.</p> <p>(d) The Family Living Services Provider Agency may not bill on days when an individual is hospitalized or in an institutional care setting. For this purpose a day is counted from one midnight to the following midnight.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 - <b>Chapter 6 - COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES III.</b></p>			
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**REQUIREMENTS UNIQUE TO FAMILY LIVING SERVICES**

**C. Service Limitations.** Family Living Services cannot be provided in conjunction with any other Community Living Service, Personal Support Service, Private Duty Nursing, or Nutritional Counseling. In addition, Family Living may not be delivered during the same time as respite; therefore, a specified deduction to the daily rate for Family Living shall be made for each unit of respite received.

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 – **DEFINITIONS:**  
**SUBSTITUTE CARE** means the provision of family living services by an agency staff or subcontractor during a planned/scheduled or emergency absence of the direct service provider.

**RESPITE** means a support service to allow the primary caregiver to take a break from care giving responsibilities while maintaining adequate supervision and support to the individual during the absence of the primary caregiver.

Date: July 18, 2017

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Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Service Surveyed: **2012:** Customized Community Supports - Individual, Customized In-Home Supports, Living Supports - Family Living

Survey Type: Routine Survey

Dear Lorraine Herrera-Watson;

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

**The Plan of Correction process is now complete.**

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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