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Date:	August 19, 2015
To: Provider: Address: State/Zip:	Susan Karcz, Director A Better Way of Living, Inc. 202 Central Avenue SE, Suite 200 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
E-mail Address:	susank@abetterwaynm.org
Region: Survey Date: Program Surveyed:	Metro May 18 - 21, 2015 Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed:	 2012: Living Supports (Supported Living, Family Living); Inclusion Supports (Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment Services) and Other (Customized In-Home Supports) 2007: Community Living (Supported Living, Family Living, Independent Living) and Community Inclusion (Adult Habilitation, Supported Employment)
Survey Type:	Routine
Team Leader:	Erica Nilsen, BA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau
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Dear Ms. Karcz;

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.

DIVISION OF HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

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Plan of Correction:

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

Submission of your Plan of Correction:

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

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

1. Quality Management Bureau, Attention: Amanda Castaneda, Plan of Correction Coordinator 1170 North Solano Suite D Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

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

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

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

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,

Erica Nilsen

Erica Nilsen, BA Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Survey Process Employed:

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	, Community Inclusion Coordinator
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10 - Community Integrated Employment Services

5 - Customized In-Home Supports

Total Homes Visited	Number:	7
Supported Living Homes Visited	Number:	7
		 Note: The following Individuals share a residence: ▶ #2, 6 ▶ #8, 14 ▶ #10, 24 ▶ #12, 25
Persons Served Records Reviewed	Number:	25
Persons Served Interviewed	Number:	10
Persons Served Observed	Number:	15 (Fifteen individuals were not available during the on-site survey)
Direct Support Personnel Interviewed	Number:	17
Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed	Number:	89
Service Coordinator Records Reviewed	Number:	3

Administrative Processes and Records Reviewed:

- Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement Records for all Services Provided
- Accreditation Records
- Oversight of Individual Funds
- Individual Medical and Program Case Files, including, but not limited to:
 - Individual Service Plans
 - Progress on Identified Outcomes
 - Healthcare Plans
 - Medication Administration Records
 - Medical Emergency Response Plans
 - Therapy Evaluations and Plans
 - o 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 <u>AmandaE.Castaneda@state.nm.us</u>. Requests for technical assistance must be requested through your Regional DDSD Office.

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

Instructions for Completing Agency POC:

Required Content

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

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

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

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

sustained. This QA plan must be implemented, and the corrective action evaluated for its effectiveness. The plan of correction is integrated into the agency quality assurance system; and

- 5. Include dates when corrective action will be completed. The corrective action completion dates must be acceptable to the State.
- 6. The POC must be signed and dated by the agency director or other authorized official.

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

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

Note: <u>Instruction or in-service of staff alone may not be a sufficient plan of correction.</u> 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 <u>AmandaE.Castaneda@state.nm.us</u> 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 <u>AmandaE.Castaneda@state.nm.us</u> (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).
- All submitted documents <u>must be annotated</u>; please be sure the tag numbers and Identification numbers are indicated on each document submitted. Documents which are not annotated with the Tag number and Identification number may not be accepted.
- 4. Do not submit original documents; Please provide copies or scanned electronic files for evidence. Originals must be maintained in the agency file(s) per DDSD Standards.
- 5. In lieu of some documents, you may submit copies of file or home audit forms that clearly indicate cited deficiencies have been corrected, other attestations of correction must be approved by the Plan of Correction Coordinator prior to their submission.
- 6. When billing deficiencies are cited, you must provide documentation to justify billing and/or void and adjust forms submitted to Xerox State Healthcare, LLC for the deficiencies cited in the Report of Findings. In addition to this, we ask that you submit:
 - Evidence of an internal audit of billing/reimbursement conducted for a sample of individuals and timeframes of your choosing to verify POC implementation;
 - Copies of "void and adjust" forms submitted to Xerox State Healthcare, LLC to correct all unjustified units identified and submitted for payment during your internal audit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Case Management Services:

- Level of Care
- Plan of Care
- Qualified Providers

Community Inclusion Supports/ Living Supports:

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

Conditions of Participation (CoPs)

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

QMB surveyors use professional judgment when reviewing the critical elements of each standard and regulation to determine when non-compliance with a standard level deficiency rises to the level of a CoP out of compliance. Only some deficiencies can rise to the level of a CoP (See the next section for a list of CoPs). The QMB survey team analyzes the relevant finding in terms of scope, actual harm or potential for harm, unique situations, patterns of performance, and other factors to determine if there is the potential for a negative outcome which would rise to the level of a CoP. A Standard level deficiency becomes a CoP out of compliance when the team's analysis establishes that there is an identified potential for significant harm or actual harm. It is then cited as a CoP out of compliance. If the deficiency does not rise to the level of a CoP out of a CoP out of compliance, it is cited as a Standard Level Deficiency.

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

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

Service Domain: Level of Care

Condition of Participation:

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

Service Domain: Plan of Care

Condition of Participation:

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

Condition of Participation:

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

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

Service Domain: Qualified Providers

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

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

Service Domain: Plan of Care

Condition of Participation:

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

Service Domain: Health, Welfare and Safety

Condition of Participation:

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

Condition of Participation:

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

QMB Determinations of Compliance

Compliance with Conditions of Participation

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

Partial-Compliance with Conditions of Participation

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

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

Non-Compliance with Conditions of Participation

The QMB determination of *Non-Compliance with Conditions of Participation* indicates a provider is significantly out of compliance with Conditions of Participation in multiple Service Domains. The agency may have one or more Condition level tags in each of 3 relevant Service Domains. This non-compliance, if not corrected, may result in a serious negative outcome or the potential for more than minimal harm to individuals' health and safety. The agency may also have Standard level deficiencies (deficiencies which are not at the condition level) in any of the Service Domains

Providers receiving a <u>repeat</u> 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 <u>within 10 business days</u> 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: <u>http://dhi.health.state.nm.us/qmb</u>
- 3. The written request for an IRF must specify in detail the request for reconsideration and why the finding is inaccurate.
- 4. The IRF request must include all supporting documentation or evidence.
- 5. If you have questions about the IRF process, email the IRF Chairperson, Crystal Lopez-Beck at <u>Crystal.Lopez-Beck@state.nm.us</u> for assistance.

The following limitations apply to the IRF process:

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

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

The IRF Committee will review the request, the Provider will be notified in writing of the ruling; no face-toface 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:	A Better Way of Living, Inc Metro Region
Program:	Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service:	2012: Living Supports (Supported Living, Family Living); Inclusion Supports (Customized Community
	Supports, Community Integrated Employment Services) and Other (Customized In-Home Supports)
	2007: Community Living (Supported Living, Family Living, Independent Living) and Community Inclusion
	(Adult Habilitation, Supported Employment)
Monitoring Type:	Routine Survey
Survey Date:	May 18 - 21, 2015

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Date Due
Service Domain: Service Plans: ISP Im	plementation – Services are delivered in a	accordance with the service plan, including	type,
scope, amount, duration and frequency s	pecified in the service plan.		
Tag # 1A08	Standard Level Deficiency		
Agency Case File			
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013 Chapter 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements H. Consumer Records Policy: All Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file at the administrative office for 4 of 25 individuals.	Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: \rightarrow	
a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Consumer Records Policy. Additional documentation that is required to be	Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:		
 maintained at the administrative office includes: 1. Vocational Assessments that are of quality and contain content acceptable to DVR and DDSD; 2. Career Development Plans as incorporated in the ISP; and 	 ISP budget forms MAD 046 Not Current (#17, 20) (No POC required as budget is delayed due to Third Party Assessor) 		
 Documentation of evidence that services provided under the DDW are not otherwise available under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (DVR). 	 Positive Behavioral Support Plan (#4) Auditory Exam Individual #23 - As indicated by collateral documentation reviewed, exam was 	Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: \rightarrow	
Chapter 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements: G. Consumer Records Policy: All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to	completed on 3/8/2013. Follow-up was to be completed in 2 years. No evidence of follow-up found.		

 comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. Additional documentation that is required to be maintained at the administrative office includes: 1. Vocational Assessments (if applicable) that are of quality and contain content acceptable to DVR and DDSD. 		
Chapter 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements: E. Consumer Records Policy: All Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.		
Chapter 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy: All Family Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.		
Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy: All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.		
 Chapter 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements: C. Documents to be maintained in the agency administrative office, include: (This is not an all-inclusive list refer to standard as it includes other items) Emergency contact information; Personal identification; ISP budget forms and budget prior authorization; 		
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(PBSP), Behavior Crisis Intervention Plan		
(BCIP), or other relevant behavioral plans,		
Medical Emergency Response Plan (MERP),		
Healthcare Plan, Comprehensive Aspiration Risk		
Management Plan (CARMP), and Written Direct		
Support Instructions (WDSI);		
Dated and signed evidence that the individual		
has been informed of agency		
grievance/complaint procedure at least annually,		
or upon admission for a short term stay;		
Copy of Guardianship or Power of Attorney		
documents as applicable;		
Behavior Support Consultant, Occupational		
Therapist, Physical Therapist and Speech-		
Language Pathology progress reports as		
applicable, except for short term stays;		
Written consent by relevant health decision		
maker and primary care practitioner for self-		
administration of medication or assistance with		
medication from DSP as applicable;		
 Progress notes written by DSP and nurses; 		
 Signed secondary freedom of choice form; 		
Transition Plan as applicable for change of		
provider in past twelve (12) months.		
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS		
DIVISION (DDSD): Director's Release: Consumer		
Record Requirements eff. 11/1/2012		
III. Requirement Amendments(s) or		
Clarifications:		
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.		
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 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY		
REQUIREMENTS: D. Provider Agency Case		
File for the Individual: All Provider Agencies shall		
maintain at the administrative office a confidential		
case file for each individual. Case records belong		
to the individual receiving services and copies shall		
be provided to the receiving agency whenever an		
individual changes providers. The record must		
also be made available for review when requested		
by DOH, HSD or federal government		
representatives for oversight purposes. The		
individual's case file shall include the following		
requirements:		
(1) Emergency contact information, including the		
individual's address, telephone number, names		
and telephone numbers of relatives, or guardian		
or conservator, physician's name(s) and		
telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address		
and telephone number, and health plan if		
appropriate;		
(2) The individual's complete and current ISP, with		
all supplemental plans specific to the individual,		
and the most current completed Health		
Assessment Tool (HAT);		
(3) Progress notes and other service delivery		
documentation;		
(4) Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plans, if there		
are any for the individual;		
(5) A medical history, which shall include at least		
demographic data, current and past medical		
diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the		
developmental disability, psychiatric diagnoses,		
allergies (food, environmental, medications),		
immunizations, and most recent physical exam;		
(6) When applicable, transition plans completed for		
individuals at the time of discharge from Fort		
Stanton Hospital or Los Lunas Hospital and		
Training School; and (7) Case records belong to the individual receiving		
services and copies shall be provided to the		
individual upon request.		
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 (8) The receiving Provider Agency shall be provided at a minimum the following records whenever an individual changes provider agencies: (a) Complete file for the past 12 months; (b) ISP and quarterly reports from the current and prior ISP year; (c) Intake information from original admission to services; and (d) When applicable, the Individual Transition Plan at the time of discharge from Los Lunas Hospital and Training School or Ft. Stanton Hospital. 		
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 # IS22 / 5I22 SE Agency Case File	Standard Level Deficiency		
 New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy Policy Title: Vocational Assessment Profile Policy Eff July 16, 2008 I. PURPOSE: The intent of the policy is to ensure that individuals are identified who could benefit from Vocational Assessment Profiles (VAPs) and are supported to access this support. II. POLICY STATEMENT: Individuals served under the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver (DDW) who express an interest in obtaining employment or exploring employment opportunities, or individuals who desire a VAP and those whose teams identify that they could benefit from a VAP, will have access to a VAP in accordance to the DDW Service Standards and related procedures. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013 CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements H. Consumer Records Policy: All Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Consumer Records Policy. Additional documentation that is required to be maintained at the administrative office includes: 1. Vocational Assessments that are of quality and contain content acceptable to DVR and DDSD; 2. Career Development Plans as incorporated in the ISP; and 	 Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a confidential case file for each individual receiving Community Integrated Employment Services for 1 of 13 individuals. Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: Vocational Assessment (#17) 	Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: → Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →	

3. Documentation of evidence that services provided under the DDW are not otherwise available under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (DVR).		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 CHAPTER 5 VII. SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES REQUIREMENTS D. Provider Agency Requirements (1) Provider Agency Records: The provider adheres to the Department of Labor (DOL) wage laws and maintains required certificates and documentation. These documents are subject to review by the DDSD. Each individual's earnings and benefits shall be monitored by the Provider Agency in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act. Each individual's earnings and benefits shall be reviewed at least semi-annually by the Supported Employment Provider to ensure the appropriateness of pay rates and benefits.		
(2) The Provider Agency shall maintain a confidential case file for each individual that includes all items listed in section IV.D. above and the following additional items:		
 (a) Quarterly progress reports; (b) Vocational assessments (A vocational assessment or profile is an objective analysis of a person's interests, skills, needs, career goals, preferences, concerns, in areas that can pertain to an employment outcome and can ultimately be compared to the requirements and attributes of a potential job in order to determine the degree of compatibility as well as identification of training needs). A vocational assessment 		

must be of a quality and content to be acceptable to DVR or DDSD;		
(c) Career development plan as incorporated in the ISP; a career development plan consists of the vocational assessment and the ISP Work/Learn Action Plan that specifies steps necessary towards a successful employment outcome and identifies the people who will complete specific tasks including the individual, as well and a review and reporting mechanism for mutual accountability; and		
(d) Documentation of decisions concerning the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation that services provided under the Waiver are not otherwise available under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.		

Residential Case File			
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service	Depend on record review, the Ageney did not	Provider:	
Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013 CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements C. Residence Case File: The Agency must naintain in the individual's home a complete and current confidential case file for each individual. Residence case files are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file in the residence for 4 of 11 Individuals receiving Supported Living Services. Review of the residential individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:	State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →	
CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements C. Residence Case File: The Agency must naintain in the individual's home a complete and current confidential case file for each individual. Residence case files are required to comply with he DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.	 Current Emergency and Personal Identification Information Did not contain Pharmacy Phone Number (#1) Did not contain Individual's Address (#6) 	Provider:	
 CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements 3.1. Documents To Be Maintained In The Home: 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; b. Personal identification; 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; d. Dated and signed consent to release information forms as applicable; e. Current orders from health care practitioners; f. Documentation and maintenance of accurate medical history in Therap website; g. Medication Administration Records for the current month; n. Record of medical and dental appointments for the current year, or during the period of stay for 	 Did not contain Individual's Address (#6) Annual ISP (#2) Individual Specific Training Section of ISP (#2) ISP Teaching and Support Strategies Individual #2 - TSS not found for the following Action Steps: (Live) Outcome Statement "Will choose a snack." (Fun) Outcome Statement "When the weather is nice, will walk around his new home." Positive Behavioral Support Plan (#2) Behavior Crisis Intervention Plan (#2) Speech Therapy Plan (#2) Occupational Therapy Plan (#6) 	Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →	

short term stays, including any treatment provided:	Healthcare Passport (#1, 14)	
 i. Progress notes written by DSP and nurses; j. Documentation and data collection related to ISP implementation; k. Medicaid card; l. Salud membership card or Medicare card as applicable; and m. A Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) document and/or Advanced Directives as applicable. DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION (DDSD): Director's Release: Consumer Record Requirements eff. 11/1/2012 III. Requirement Amendments(s) or Clarifications: A. All case management, living supports, customized in-home supports, community integrated employment and customized community supports providers must maintain records for individuals	 Health Care Plans Aspiration (#6) Constipation (#6) Neuro Device (#6) Medical Emergency Response Plans Aspiration (#6) Neuro Device (#6) Pain (#1) Seizures (#6) 	
director's release.		
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		
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);		
(5) Data collected to desumant ICD Action Dian		
(5) Data collected to document ISP Action Plan		
implementation		
(6) Progress notes written by direct care staff and		
by nurses regarding individual health status and		
physical conditions including action taken in		
response to identified changes in condition for at		
least the past month;		
(7) Physician's or qualified health care providers		
written orders;		
(8) Progress notes documenting implementation of		
a physician's or qualified health care provider's		
order(s);		
(9) Medication Administration Record (MAR) for		
the past three (3) months which includes:		
 (a) The name of the individual; (b) A transaciption of the healthcare practitioners 		
(b) A transcription of the healthcare practitioners		
prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication;		
(c) Diagnosis for which the medication is		
prescribed;		
(d) Dosage, frequency and method/route of		
delivery;		
(e) Times and dates of delivery;		

(f) Initials of person administering or assisting		
with medication; and		
(g) An explanation of any medication irregularity,		
allergic reaction or adverse effect.		
 (h) For PRN medication an explanation for the use of the PRN must include: 		
(i) Observable signs/symptoms or		
circumstances in which the medication is		
to be used, and		
(ii) Documentation of the effectiveness/result		
of the PRN delivered.		
(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.		
(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		
(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.		

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Date Due
		fied providers to assure adherence to waive rovider training is conducted in accordance	
Tag # 1A11.1	Standard Level Deficiency		
Transportation Training	Paged on report review, the Ageney did not	Providor	
 Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy Eff. Date: March 1, 2007 II. POLICY STATEMENTS: 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: Operating a fire extinguisher Proper lifting procedures General vehicle safety precautions (e.g., pre-trip inspection, removing keys from the ignition when not in the driver's seat) 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) Operating wheelchair lifts (if applicable to the staff's role) Emergency and evacuation procedures (if applicable to the staff's role) MAAC 7.9.2 F. TRANSPORTATION: 	 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 25 of 89 Direct Support Personnel. No documented evidence was found of the following required training: Transportation (DSP #206, 208, 209, 217, 221, 223, 228, 231, 236, 237, 244, 246, 248, 258, 259, 265, 266, 268, 269, 270, 278, 279, 280, 281, 287) 	Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: → Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →]	
(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		
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.		
(c) A valid New Mexico driver's license for the		
type of vehicle being operated consistent with		
State of New Mexico requirements. (3) Each regulated facility and agency shall		
(3) Each regulated facility and agency shall establish and enforce written polices (including		
establish and enforce written polices (including		

training) and procedures for employees who		
provide assistance to clients with boarding or		
alighting from motor vehicles.		
(4) Each regulated facility and agency shall		
establish and enforce written polices (including		
training and procedures for employees who		
operate motor vehicles to transport clients.		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service		
Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013		
CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements		
G. Training Requirements: 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.		
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CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements		
F. Meet all training requirements as follows:		
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;		
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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		
Direct Service Agency Stall Fully		
CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements		
B. Living Supports- Family Living Services		
Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3.		
Training:		
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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.	
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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;		

employment and before working alone with an individual receiving service.	
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013 CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements G. Training Requirements: 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.	
CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements F. Meet all training requirements as follows: 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;	
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	
Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, the services that a provider renders	
requirements, the services that a provider renders	
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	Standard Level Deficiency		
Agency Personnel Competency			
Department of Health (DOH) Developmental	Based on interview, the Agency did not ensure	Provider:	
Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy	training competencies were met for 4 of 17	State your Plan of Correction for the	
- Policy Title: Training Requirements for	Direct Support Personnel.	deficiencies cited in this tag here: \rightarrow	
Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff.			
March 1, 2007 - II. POLICY STATEMENTS:	When DSP were asked if the Individual had		
A. Individuals shall receive services from	an Occupational Therapy Plan and if so, what		
competent and qualified staff.	the plan covered, the following was reported:		
B. Staff shall complete individual specific	DCD #212 stated "No." Assorting to the		
(formerly known as "Addendum B") training requirements in accordance with the	DSP #212 stated, "No." According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the		
specifications described in the individual service	Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP, the Individual requires an Occupational		
plan (ISP) for each individual serviced.	Therapy Plan. (Individual #24)		
	Therapy Plan. (Individual #24)		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service	 DSP #242 stated, "No." According to the 		
Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013	Individual Specific Training Section of the	Provider:	
CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements	ISP, the Individual requires an Occupational	Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality	
G. Training Requirements: 1. All Community	Therapy Plan. (Individual #8)	Improvement processes as it related to this tag	
Inclusion Providers must provide staff training in	morapy rian. (marriadar no)	number here: \rightarrow	
accordance with the DDSD policy T-003:	When DSP were asked if the Individual had		
Training Requirements for Direct Service	Health Care Plans and if so, what the plan(s)	1	
Agency Staff Policy. 3. Ensure direct service	covered, the following was reported:		
personnel receives Individual Specific Training	····· · ···· ·························		
as outlined in each individual ISP, including	 DSP #212 stated, "Asthma, Hypoxia, 		
aspects of support plans (healthcare and	Seizures and Aspiration." As indicated by the		
behavioral) or WDSI that pertain to the	Electronic Comprehensive Health		
employment environment.	Assessment Tool, the Individual also requires		
	Health Care Plans for Body Mass Index.		
CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements	(Individual #24)		
F. Meet all training requirements as follows:			
1. All Customized Community Supports	When DSP were asked if the Individual had a		
Providers shall provide staff training in	Medical Emergency Response Plans and if		
accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003:	so, what the plan(s) covered, the following		
Training Requirements for Direct Service	was reported:		
Agency Staff Policy;			
CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements	DSP #256 stated, "Asthma, Falls and		
C. Training Requirements: The Provider	Psychogenic Seizures." As indicated by the		
Agency must report required personnel training	Electronic Comprehensive Health		
status to the DDSD Statewide Training	Assessment Tool, as well as the Individual		
status to the Dood Statewide Halling			

Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-	Specific Training section of the ISP, the	
001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD	Individual also requires Medical Emergency	
Training Requirements Policy. The Provider	Response Plans for: Allergies and Pain.	
Agency must ensure that the personnel support	(Individual #1)	
staff have completed training as specified in the		
DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for	When DSP were asked what the individual's	
Direct Service Agency Staff Policy. 3. Staff shall	Diagnosis were, the following was reported:	
complete individual specific training	Diagnosis were, the following was reported.	
requirements in accordance with the	 DSP #203 stated, "Bi-polar Disorder." 	
specifications described in the ISP of each	According to the Electronic Comprehensive	
individual served; and 4. Staff that assists the	Health Assessment Tool the Individual is also	
individual with medication (e.g., setting up	diagnosed with Impulse Control Disorder,	
medication, or reminders) must have completed	Learning Disorder, Microcephalus, Mood	
Assisting with Medication Delivery (AWMD)	Disorder, Impaired Fasting Glucose, and	
Training.	Depression. Staff did not discuss the listed	
	diagnosis. (Individual #5)	
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.		
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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.		
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.		
B Individual specific training must be arranged		

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.		
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 # 1A25	Standard Level Deficiency		
Criminal Caregiver History Screening			
NMAC 7.1.9.8 CAREGIVER AND HOSPITAL CAREGIVER EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS: F. Timely Submission: Care providers shall submit all fees and pertinent application information for all individuals who meet the definition of an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver as described in Subsections B, D and	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain documentation indicating no "disqualifying convictions" or documentation of the timely submission of pertinent application information to the Caregiver Criminal History Screening Program was on file for 1 of 92 Agency Personnel.	Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →	
K of 7.1.9.7 NMAC, no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the first day of employment or effective date of a contractual relationship with the care provider.	The following Agency Personnel Files contained Caregiver Criminal History Screenings, which was not submitted within 20 days of hire:		
NMAC 7.1.9.9 CAREGIVERS OR HOSPITAL	Direct Support Personnel (DSP):	Deviden	
 CAREGIVERS AND APPLICANTS WITH DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS: A. Prohibition on Employment: A care provider shall not hire or continue the employment or contractual services of any applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver for whom the care provider has received notice of a disqualifying conviction, except as provided in Subsection B of this section. (1) In cases where the criminal history record lists an arrest for a crime that would constitute a disqualifying conviction and no final disposition is listed for the arrest, the department will attempt to notify the applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver and request information from the applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver within timelines set forth in the department's notice regarding the final disposition of the arrest. Information requested by the department may be evidence, for example, a certified copy of an acquittal, dismissal or conviction of a lesser included crime. (2) An applicant's, caregiver's or hospital caregiver's failure to respond within the required 	 #244 – Date of hire 12/12/2012. Screening Letter was dated 5/15/2015. 	Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →	

arrest for a crime that would constitute a	
disqualifying conviction shall result in the	
applicant's, caregiver's or hospital caregiver's	
temporary disqualification from employment as a	
caregiver or hospital caregiver pending written	
documentation submitted to the department	
evidencing the final disposition of the arrest.	
Information submitted to the department may be	
evidence, for example, of the certified copy of an	
acquittal, dismissal or conviction of a lesser	
included crime. In instances where the applicant,	
caregiver or hospital caregiver has failed to	
respond within the required timelines the	
department shall provide notice by certified mail	
that an employment clearance has not been	
granted. The Care Provider shall then follow the	
procedure of Subsection A., of Section 7.1.9.9.	
(3) The department will not make a final	
determination for an applicant, caregiver or	
hospital caregiver with a pending potentially	
disqualifying conviction for which no final	
disposition has been made. In instances of a	
pending potentially disqualifying conviction for	
which no final disposition has been made, the	
department shall notify the care provider,	
applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver by	
certified mail that an employment clearance has	
not been granted. The Care Provider shall then	
follow the procedure of Subsection A, of Section	
7.1.9.9.	
B. Employment Pending Reconsideration	
Determination: At the discretion of the care	
provider, an applicant, caregiver or hospital	
caregiver whose nationwide criminal history	
record reflects a disqualifying conviction and	
who has requested administrative	
reconsideration may continue conditional	
supervised employment pending a determination	
on reconsideration.	

NMAC 7.1.9.11 DISQUALIFYING		
CONVICTIONS. The following felony		
convictions disqualify an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver from employment or		
contractual services with a care provider:		
A. homicide;		
B. trafficking, or trafficking in controlled		
substances;		
C. kidnapping, false imprisonment, aggravated		
assault or aggravated battery;		
D. rape, criminal sexual penetration, criminal		
sexual contact, incest, indecent exposure, or		
other related felony sexual offenses;		
E. crimes involving adult abuse, neglect or		
financial exploitation;		
E primes involving shild shugs or neglectu		
F. crimes involving child abuse or neglect;		
G. crimes involving robbery, larceny, extortion,		
burglary, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, credit		
card fraud, or receiving stolen property; or		
H. an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy		
involving any of the felonies in this subsection.		

documentation must include evidence, based on		
the response to such inquiry received from the		
custodian by the provider, that the employee		
was not listed on the registry as having a		
substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse,		
neglect or exploitation.		
E. Documentation for other staff. With		
respect to all employed or contracted individuals		
providing direct care who are licensed health		
care professionals or certified nurse aides, the		
provider shall maintain documentation reflecting		
the individual's current licensure as a health		
care professional or current certification as a		
nurse aide.		
F. Consequences of noncompliance.		
The department or other governmental agency		
having regulatory enforcement authority over a		
provider may sanction a provider in accordance		
with applicable law if the provider fails to make		
an appropriate and timely inquiry of the registry,		
or fails to maintain evidence of such inquiry, in		
connection with the hiring or contracting of an		
employee; or for employing or contracting any		
person to work as an employee who is listed on		
the registry. Such sanctions may include a		
directed plan of correction, civil monetary		
penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars		
(\$5000) per instance, or termination or non-		
renewal of any contract with the department or		
other governmental agency.		

Tag # 1A28.1	Standard Level Deficiency		
Incident Mgt. System - Personnel			
Training NMAC 7.1.14 ABUSE, NEGLECT,	Based on record review and interview, the	Provider:	
EXPLOITATION, AND DEATH REPORTING, TRAINING AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS	Agency did not ensure Incident Management Training for 11 of 92 Agency Personnel.	State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: \rightarrow	
FOR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS			
NMAC 7.1.14.9 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT	Direct Support Personnel (DSP):		
SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:	 Incident Management Training (Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation) (DSP# 208, 219, 		
A. General: All community-based service	221, 226, 228, 244, 253, 258, 270, 279)		
providers shall establish and maintain an incident management system, which emphasizes the	When DSP were asked to give examples of		
principles of prevention and staff involvement.	Exploitation, the following was reported:		
The community-based service provider shall			
ensure that the incident management system policies and procedures requires all employees	 DSP #211 stated, "When staff has a discussion about people with other people. 		
and volunteers to be competently trained to	Like HIPPA information."	Provider:	
respond to, report, and preserve evidence related		Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality	
to incidents in a timely and accurate manner. B. Training curriculum: Prior to an employee or		Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: \rightarrow	
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.			
C. Incident management system training curriculum requirements:			

(1) The community-based service provider		
shall conduct training or designate a		
knowledgeable representative to conduct		
training, in accordance with the written training		
curriculum provided electronically by the		
division that includes but is not limited to:		
(a) an overview of the potential risk of		
abuse, neglect, or exploitation;		
(b) informational procedures for properly		
filing the division's abuse, neglect, and		
exploitation or report of death form;		
(c) specific instructions of the employees'		
legal responsibility to report an incident of		
abuse, neglect and exploitation, suspicious		
injury, and all deaths;		
(d) specific instructions on how to respond to		
abuse, neglect, or exploitation;		
(e) emergency action procedures to be		
followed in the event of an alleged incident or		
knowledge of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or		
suspicious injury.		
(2) All current employees and volunteers		
shall receive training within 90 days of the		
effective date of this rule.		
(3) All new employees and volunteers shall		
receive training prior to providing services to		
consumers.		
D. Training documentation: All community-		
based service providers shall prepare training		
documentation for each employee and volunteer		
to include a signed statement indicating the date,		
time, and place they received their incident		
management reporting instruction. The		
community-based service provider shall maintain		
documentation of an employee or volunteer's		
training for a period of at least three years, or six		
months after termination of an employee's		
employment or the volunteer's work. Training		
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. 		

Tag # 1A36	Standard Level Deficiency		
 Service Coordination Requirements 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: K. In addition to the applicable requirements described in policy statements B – I (above), direct support staff, direct support supervisors, and internal service coordinators shall complete DDSD-approved core curriculum training. Attachments A and B to this policy identify the specific competency requirements for the following levels of core curriculum training: Introductory Level – must be completed within thirty (30) days of assignment to his/her position with the agency. Orientation – must be completed within ninety (90) days of assignment to his/her position with the agency. Level I – must be completed within one (1) year of assignment to his/her position with the 	 Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure that Orientation and Training requirements were met for 1 of 3 Service Coordinators. Review of Service Coordinators training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings being completed: Advocacy Strategies (SC #291) Sexuality for People with Developmental Disabilities (SC #291) Level 1 Health (SC #291) 	Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: → Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: → j	
agency. NMAC 7.26.5.7 "service coordinator": the community provider staff member, sometimes called the program manager or the internal case manager, who supervises, implements and monitors the service plan within the community service provider agency NMAC 7.26.5.11 (b) service coordinator: the service coordinators of the community provider agencies shall assure that appropriate staff develop strategies specific to their responsibilities in the ISP; the service coordinators shall assure the action plans and strategies are implemented consistent with the provisions of the ISP, and shall report to the			

case manager on ISP implementation and the		
individual's progress on action plans within their		
agencies; for persons funded solely by state		
general funds, the service coordinator shall		
assume all the duties of the independent case		
manager described within these regulations; if		
there are two or more "key" community service		
provider agencies with two or more service		
coordinator staff, the IDT shall designate which		
service coordinator shall assume the duties of		
the case manager; the criteria to guide the IDTs		
selection are set forth as follows:		
(i) the designated service coordinator shall		
have the skills necessary to carry out the		
duties and responsibilities of the case		
manager as defined in these regulations;		
(ii) the designated service coordinator shall		
have the time and interest to fulfill the		
functions of the case manager as defined in		
these regulations;		
(iii) the designated service coordinator shall be		
familiar with and understand community		
service delivery and supports;		
(iv) the designated service coordinator shall		
know the individual or be willing to become		
familiar and develop a relationship with the		
individual being served;		
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Tag # 1A37	Standard Level Deficiency		
Individual Specific Training			
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: A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff. B. Staff shall complete individual specific (formerly known as "Addendum B") training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the individual service	 Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure that Individual Specific Training requirements were met for 2 of 92 Agency Personnel. Review of personnel records found no evidence of the following: Direct Support Personnel (DSP): Individual Specific Training (DSP #269, 280) 	Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →	
 plan (ISP) for each individual serviced. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013 CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements G. Training Requirements: 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. 		Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →	
 CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements F. Meet all training requirements as follows: 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; 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	
Documentation for DDSD Training	
Requirements.	

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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.	
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CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements B Living Supports- Supported Living	
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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.		
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;		

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Date Due		
		addresses and seeks to prevent occurrence			
needed healthcare services in a timely ma	buse, neglect and exploitation. Individuals shall be afforded their basic human rights. The provider supports individuals to access				
Tag # 1A09	Standard Level Deficiency				
Medication Delivery					
Routine Medication Administration					
NMAC 16.19.11.8 MINIMUM STANDARDS:	Medication Administration Records (MAR) were	Provider:			
A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE	reviewed for the months of April and May 2015	State your Plan of Correction for the	1 1		
DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, HANDLING AND		deficiencies cited in this tag here: \rightarrow			
RECORD KEEPING OF DRUGS:	Based on record review, 3 of 25 individuals had				
(d) The facility shall have a Medication	Medication Administration Records (MAR),				
Administration Record (MAR) documenting	which contained missing medications entries				
medication administered to residents,	and/or other errors:				
including over-the-counter medications.					
This documentation shall include:	Individual #1				
(i) Name of resident;	April 2015				
(ii) Date given;	Medication Administration Records did not				
(iii) Drug product name;	contain the diagnosis for which the medication				
(iv) Dosage and form;	is prescribed:				
(v) Strength of drug;	 Ferrous Sulfate 325mg (2 times daily) 	Previden			
(vi) Route of administration;	A state the second state of a state of the second state of the sec	Provider:			
(vii) How often medication is to be taken; (viii) Time taken and staff initials;	As indicated by the Medication Administration Records the individual is to take Ferrous	Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag			
(ix) Dates when the medication is		number here: \rightarrow			
discontinued or changed;	Sulfate 325mg (2 times daily). According to the Physician's Orders, Ferrous Sulfate				
(x) The name and initials of all staff	324mg is to be taken 2 times daily. Medication				
administering medications.	Administration Record and Physician's Orders				
	do not match.				
Model Custodial Procedure Manual					
D. Administration of Drugs	May 2015				
Unless otherwise stated by practitioner,	Medication Administration Records contained				
patients will not be allowed to administer their	missing entries. No documentation found				
own medications.	indicating reason for missing entries:				
Document the practitioner's order authorizing	• Azo Cranberry 450mg (1 time daily) – Blank				
the self-administration of medications.	5/18				
All PRN (As needed) medications shall have					
complete detail instructions regarding the					

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administering of the medication. This shall	 Serevent Diskus 50mcg (2 times daily) – 	
include:	Blank 5/18	
symptoms that indicate the use of the		
medication,	 Pantoprazole Sodium 40mg (1 time daily) – 	
exact dosage to be used, and	Blank 5/18	
the exact amount to be used in a 24		
hour period.	 Flax Seed Oil 1,000mg (1 time daily) – 	
	Blank 5/18	
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service	Blank 9/10	
Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013	Individual #8	
CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 1. Scope of Service B.		
Self Employment 8. Providing assistance with	May 2015	
medication delivery as outlined in the ISP; C.	Medication Administration Records contained	
Individual Community Integrated	missing entries. No documentation found	
	indicating reason for missing entries:	
Employment 3. Providing assistance with	 Eucerin Cream (1 time daily) – Blank 5/9, 10 	
medication delivery as outlined in the ISP; D.	(8pm)	
Group Community Integrated Employment 4.		
Providing assistance with medication delivery as	 Urea Lotion 40% (1 time daily) – Blank 5/9, 	
outlined in the ISP; and	10 (8pm)	
B. Community Integrated Employment		
Agency Staffing Requirements: o. Comply	Individual #21	
with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery	April 2015	
Policy and Procedures;	Medication Administration Records did not	
	contain the diagnosis for which the medication	
CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 1. Scope of Services A.	is prescribed:	
Individualized Customized Community	 Azithhromycin 250mg (1 time daily) 	
Supports 19. Providing assistance or supports	• Aziumioniyun 250mg (Tume daliy)	
with medications in accordance with DDSD		
Medication Assessment and Delivery policy. C.	 Quetiapine Fumarate 50mg (1 time daily) 	
Small Group Customized Community		
Supports 19. Providing assistance or supports		
with medications in accordance with DDSD		
Medication Assessment and Delivery policy. D .		
Group Customized Community Supports 19.		
Providing assistance or supports with		
medications in accordance with DDSD		
Medication Assessment and Delivery policy.		
CHAPTER 11 (FL) 1 SCOPE OF SERVICES		
A. Living Supports- Family Living Services:		
The scope of Family Living Services includes,		

but is not limited to the following as identified by	
the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT):	
19. Assisting in medication delivery, and related	
monitoring, in accordance with the DDSD's	
Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy,	
New Mexico Nurse Practice Act, and Board of	
Pharmacy regulations including skill	
development activities leading to the ability for	
individuals to self-administer medication as	
appropriate; and	
I. Healthcare Requirements for Family Living.	
3. B. Adult Nursing Services for medication	
oversight are required for all surrogate Lining	
Supports- Family Living direct support personnel	
if the individual has regularly scheduled	
medication. Adult Nursing services for	
medication oversight are required for all	
surrogate Family Living Direct Support	
Personnel (including substitute care), if the	
individual has regularly scheduled medication.	
6. Support Living- Family Living Provider	
Agencies must have written policies and	
procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and	
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.	
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 transprinting of	
i. The name of the individual, a transcription of	
the physician's or licensed health care	
provider's prescription including the brand	

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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.		
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		
d. Information from the prescribing pharmacy		
regarding medications must be kept in the		
home and community inclusion service		
locations and must include the expected		
desired outcomes of administering the		
medication, signs and symptoms of adverse		
events and interactions with other		
medications.		
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 L.		
Training and Requirements: 3. Medication		
Delivery: Supported Living Provider Agencies		
must have written policies and procedures		
regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking		
and reporting of medication errors in accordance		
with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery		
Policy and Procedures, New Mexico Nurse		
Practice Act, and Board of Pharmacy standards		
and regulations.		
a. All twenty-four (24) hour residential home		
sites serving two (2) or more unrelated		
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	ndividuals must be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy, per current regulations;		
l l	When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) must be naintained 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.		
	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		

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 administrating the medication, signs, and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications.	
CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements. B. There must be compliance with all policy requirements for Intensive Medical Living Service Providers, including written policy and procedures regarding medication delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors consistent with the DDSD Medication Delivery Policy and Procedures, relevant Board of Nursing Rules, and Pharmacy Board standards and regulations.	
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: E. Medication Delivery: Provider Agencies that provide Community Living, Community Inclusion or Private Duty Nursing services shall have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the Board of Nursing Rules and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.	
 (2) When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) shall be maintained and include: (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;		
(b)	Prescribed dosage, frequency and		
	method/route of administration, times		
	and dates of administration;		
	Initials of the individual administering or		
	assisting with the medication;		
	Explanation of any medication		
	irregularity;		
	Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and		
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Tag # 1A09.1	Standard Level Deficiency		
Medication Delivery			
PRN Medication Administration			
NMAC 16.19.11.8 MINIMUM STANDARDS:	Medication Administration Records (MAR) were	Provider:	
A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE	reviewed for the months of April and May 2015.	State your Plan of Correction for the	l l
DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, HANDLING AND		deficiencies cited in this tag here: \rightarrow	
RECORD KEEPING OF DRUGS:	Based on record review, 1 of 25 individuals had		
(d) The facility shall have a Medication	PRN Medication Administration Records (MAR),		
Administration Record (MAR) documenting	which contained missing elements as required		
medication administered to residents,	by standard:		
including over-the-counter medications.			
This documentation shall include:	Individual #21		
(i) Name of resident;	April 2015		
(ii) Date given;	Medication Administration Records did not		
(iii) Drug product name;	contain the route of administration for the		
(iv) Dosage and form;	following medications:		
(v) Strength of drug;	 Ativan .5 (PRN) 		
(vi) Route of administration;		Provider:	
(vii) How often medication is to be taken;	Medication Administration Record did not	Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality	
(viii) Time taken and staff initials;	contain the form (i.e. liquid, tablet, capsule,	Improvement processes as it related to this tag	
(ix) Dates when the medication is	etc.) of medication to be taken for the	number here: →	
discontinued or changed;	following:		
(x) The name and initials of all staff	 Ativan .5 (PRN) 		
administering medications.			
	Medication Administration Records did not		
Model Custodial Procedure Manual	contain the strength of the medication which is		
D. Administration of Drugs	to be given:		
Unless otherwise stated by practitioner,	 Ativan .5 (PRN) 		
patients will not be allowed to administer their			
own medications.			
Document the practitioner's order authorizing			
the self-administration of medications.			
All PRN (As needed) medications shall have			
complete detail instructions regarding the			
administering of the medication. This shall			
include:			
 symptoms that indicate the use of the medication, 			
exact dosage to be used, and			

the exact amount to be used in a 24 hour period.	
Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy - Eff. November 1, 2006	
F. PRN Medication 3. Prior to self-administration, self- administration with physical assist or assisting with delivery of PRN medications, the direct support staff must contact the agency nurse to	
describe observed symptoms and thus assure that the PRN medication is being used according to instructions given by the ordering PCP. In cases of fever, respiratory distress (including coughing), severe pain, vomiting, distributed of	
diarrhea, change in responsiveness/level of consciousness, the nurse must strongly consider the need to conduct a face-to-face assessment to assure that the PRN does not mask a condition better treated by seeking medical attention. This does not apply to home based/family living settings where the provider is related by affinity or by consanguinity to the individual.	
4. The agency nurse shall review the utilization of PRN medications routinely. Frequent or escalating use of PRN medications must be reported to the PCP and discussed by the Interdisciplinary for changes to the overall support plan (see Section H of this policy).	
H. Agency Nurse Monitoring 1. Regardless of the level of assistance with medication delivery that is required by the individual or the route through which the medication is delivered, the agency nurses must monitor the individual's response to the effects of their routine and PRN medications.	

The frequency and type of monitoring must be based on the nurse's assessment of the individual and consideration of the individual's diagnoses, health status, statistilly, utilization of PRN medications and level of support required by the individual's condition and the skill level and needs of the direct care staff. Nursing monitoring should be based on prudent nursing practice and should support the safety and independence of the individual in the community setting. The health care plan shall reflect the planned monitoring of the individual's response to medication. Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) - Procedure Title: Medication Assessment and Delivery Procedure Title: Medication Assessment and Delivery Procedure If the: Network of the dering PCP. In cases of fever, respiratory distress (including coughing), severe pain, vomits, diarthea, change in responsels/level of consciousness, the nurse must strongly consider the need to conduct a face-to-face assessment to assure that PRN being used according to instructions given pskits, findleding, coughing), severe pain, vomits, diarthea, change in responsens/level of Medication Lever treated by seeking medical attention. (References: Psychotropic Medication Lever Pointy, Omerica Passessment and Approval – Use of PRN Medications).		
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all reported signs and symptoms, advice given		
and action taken by staff.		
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4. Document on the MAR each time a PRN		
medication is used and describe its effect on		
the individual (e.g., temperature down, vomiting		
lessened, anxiety increased, the condition is		
the same, improved, or worsened, etc.).		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service		
Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013		
CHAPTER 11 (FL) 1 SCOPE OF SERVICES		
A. Living Supports- Family Living Services:		
The scope of Family Living Services includes,		
but is not limited to the following as identified by		
the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT):		
19. Assisting in medication delivery, and related		
monitoring, in accordance with the DDSD's		
Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy,		
New Mexico Nurse Practice Act, and Board of		
Pharmacy regulations including skill		
development activities leading to the ability for		
individuals to self-administer medication as		
appropriate; and		
I. Healthcare Requirements for Family Living.		
3. B. Adult Nursing Services for medication		
oversight are required for all surrogate Lining		
Supports- Family Living direct support personnel		
if the individual has regularly scheduled		
medication. Adult Nursing services for		
medication oversight are required for all		
surrogate Family Living Direct Support		
Personnel (including substitute care), if the		
individual has regularly scheduled medication.		
6. Support Living- Family Living Provider		
Agencies must have written policies and		
procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and		
tracking and reporting of medication errors in		
accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment		
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and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the New	
Mexico Nurse Practice Act and Board of	
Pharmacy standards and regulations.	
f. All twenty-four (24) hour residential home	
sites serving two (2) or more unrelated individuals must be licensed by the Board of	
Pharmacy, per current regulations;	
g. 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.	
h. 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	
i. Information from the prescribing pharmacy	
regarding medications must be kept in the	

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	tions and must include the expected		
	red outcomes of administering the		
	ication, signs and symptoms of adverse		
	nts and interactions with other		
	lications.		
	ication Oversight is optional if the		
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	affinity or consanguinity). If Medication		
	rsight is not selected as an Ongoing		
	sing Service, all elements of medication		
	inistration and oversight are the sole		
	onsibility of the individual and their		
	ogical family. Therefore, a monthly		
	ication administration record (MAR) is		
	equired unless the family requests it		
	continually communicates all medication		
	nges to the provider agency in a timely		
	ner to insure accuracy of the MAR.		
	e family must communicate at least		
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	arding the current medications and the		
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	sing assessments.		
	per the DDSD Medication Assessment		
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	dication Delivery (AWMD) training. DSP		
	y also be under a delegation relationship		
	n a DDW agency nurse or be a Certified		
	dication Aide (CMA). Where CMAs are		
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	intaining compliance with New Mexico		
	ard of Nursing requirements.		
	ne substitute care provider is a surrogate		
(no	t related by affinity or consanguinity)		

Medication Oversight must be selected and	
provided. CHAPTER 12 (SL) 2. Service Requirements L. Training and Requirements: 3. Medication Delivery: Supported Living Provider Agencies must have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, New Mexico Nurse Practice Act, and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.	
 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; 	
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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.	
g. 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	
 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 administrating the medication, signs, and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications. 	
CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements. B. There must be compliance with all policy requirements for Intensive Medical Living Service Providers, including written policy and procedures regarding medication delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors consistent with the DDSD Medication Delivery Policy and Procedures, relevant Board of Nursing Rules, and Pharmacy Board standards and regulations.	
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: The objective of these	

standards is to establish Provider Agency		
policy, procedure and reporting requirements		
for DD Medicaid Waiver program. These		
requirements apply to all such Provider Agency		
staff, whether directly employed or		
subcontracting with the Provider Agency.		
Additional Provider Agency requirements and		
personnel qualifications may be applicable for		
specific service standards.		
E. Medication Delivery: Provider Agencies		
that provide Community Living, Community		
Inclusion or Private Duty Nursing services shall		
have written policies and procedures regarding		
medication(s) delivery and tracking and		
reporting of medication errors in accordance		
with DDSD Medication Assessment and		
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 Chapter 6 (CCS) 2. Service Requirements. E. The agency nurse(s) for Customized Community Supports providers must provide the following services: 1. Implementation of pertinent PCP orders; ongoing oversight and monitoring of the individual's health status and medically related supports when receiving this service; Agency Requirements: Consumer Records Policy: All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. Chapter 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements: E. Consumer Records Policy: All Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. Chapter 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy: All Family Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. Lhealth Care Requirements for Family Living: 5. A nurse employed or contracted by the Family Living Supports provider must complete the e- 	 Quarterly Nursing Review of HCP/Medical Emergency Response Plans: None found for 2/2015 - 4/2015 (#16) Special Health Care Needs: Nutritional Plan Individual #7 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. Medical Emergency Response Plans Constipation Individual #7 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. Medical Emergency Response Plans Constipation Individual #7 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. GERD Individual #7 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. Violence Individual #7 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. 	Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →	

CHAT, the Aspiration Risk Screening Tool,	
(ARST), and the Medication Administration	
Assessment Tool (MAAT) and any other	
assessments deemed appropriate on at least an	
annual basis for each individual served, upon	
significant change of clinical condition and upon	
return from any hospitalizations. In addition, the	
MAAT must be updated for any significant change	
of medication regime, change of route that requires	
delivery by licensed or certified staff, or when an	
individual has completed training designed to	
improve their skills to support self-administration.	
a. For newly-allocated or admitted individuals,	
assessments are required to be completed	
within three (3) business days of admission or	
two (2) weeks following the initial ISP meeting,	
whichever comes first.	
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assessments are to be completed no more than	
forty-five (45) calendar days and at least	
fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the annual	
ISP meeting.	
c. Assessments must be updated within three (3)	
business days following any significant change	
of clinical condition and within three (3)	
business days following return from	
hospitalization.	
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d. Other nursing assessments conducted to	
determine current health status or to evaluate a	
change in clinical condition must be	
documented in a signed progress note that	
includes time and date as well as subjective	
information including the individual complaints,	
signs and symptoms noted by staff, family	
members or other team members; objective	
information including vital signs, physical	
examination, weight, and other pertinent data	
for the given situation (e.g., seizure frequency,	
method in which temperature taken);	

assessment of the clinical status, and plan of action addressing relevant aspects of all active health problems and follow up on any recommendations of medical consultants.	
e. Develop any urgently needed interim Healthcare Plans or MERPs per DDSD policy pending authorization of ongoing Adult Nursing services as indicated by health status and individual/guardian choice.	
Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy: All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.	
2. Service Requirements. L. Training and Requirements. 5. Health Related Documentation: For each individual receiving Living Supports- Supported Living, the provider agency must ensure and document the following:	
a. That an individual with chronic condition(s) with the potential to exacerbate into a life threatening condition, has a MERP developed by a licensed nurse or other appropriate professional according to the DDSD Medical Emergency Response Plan Policy, that DSP have been trained to implement such plan(s), and ensure that a copy of such plan(s) are readily available to DSP in the home;	
 b. That an average of five (5) hours of documented nutritional counseling is available annually, if recommended by the IDT and clinically indicated; 	
c. That the nurse has completed legible and signed progress notes with date and time indicated that describe all interventions or interactions conducted with individuals served, as well as all interactions with other healthcare providers	

serving the individual. All interactions must be documented whether they occur by phone or in person; and	
d. Document for each individual that:	
 The individual has a Primary Care Provider (PCP); 	
The individual receives an annual physical examination and other examinations as specified by a PCP;	
iii. The individual receives annual dental check- ups and other check-ups as specified by a licensed dentist;	
 The individual receives a hearing test as specified by a licensed audiologist; 	
 The individual receives eye examinations as specified by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist; and 	
vi. Agency activities occur as required for follow- up activities to medical appointments (e.g. treatment, visits to specialists, and changes in medication or daily routine).	
vii. The agency nurse will provide the individual's team with a semi-annual nursing report that discusses the services provided and the status of the individual in the last six (6) months. This may be provided electronically or in paper format to the team no later than (2) weeks prior to the ISP and semi-annually.	
f. The Supported Living Provider Agency must ensure that activities conducted by agency nurses comply with the roles and responsibilities identified in these standards.	
Chapter 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements:	

C. Documents to be maintained in the agency administrative office, include: A. All assessments completed by the agency nurse, including the Intensive Medical Living Eligibility Parameters tool; for e-CHAT a printed copy of the current e-CHAT summary report shall suffice: F. Annual physical exams and annual dental exams (not applicable for short term stays); G. Tri-annual vision exam (Not applicable for short term stays. See Medicaid policy 8.310.6 for allowable exceptions for more frequent vision exam; H. Audiology/hearing exam as applicable (Not applicable for short term stays); I. All other evaluations called for in the ISP for which the Services provider is responsible to arrange; J. Medical screening, tests and lab results (for short term stays, only those which occur during the period of the stay); L. Record of medical and dental appointments; Including any hose which occur during the stay); D. Semi-annual ISP progress reports and MERP reviews (not applicable for short term stays); provides (not applicable for short term stays); provides must print the stay); P. Quarterly nursing summary reports (not applicable for short term stays); provider must maintain all the records necessary to fully disclose the nature, quality, amount and medical precessity of services turnished to an eligible			
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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.		
Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Policy. Medical Emergency Response Plan Policy MERP-001 eff.8/1/2010		
F. The MERP shall be written in clear, jargon free language and include at a minimum the following information: 1. A brief, simple description of the condition or		
illness. 2. A brief description of the most likely life threatening complications that might occur and what those complications may look like to an		
observer. 3. A concise list of the most important measures that may prevent the life threatening complication from occurring (e.g., avoiding		
allergens that trigger an asthma attack or making sure the person with diabetes has snacks with them to avoid hypoglycemia). 4. Clear, jargon free, step-by-step instructions		
regarding the actions to be taken by direct support personnel (DSP) and/or others to intervene in the emergency, including criteria for when to call 911.		
 5. Emergency contacts with phone numbers. 6. Reference to whether the individual has advance directives or not, and if so, where the advance directives are located. 		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY		
REQUIREMENTS: D. Provider Agency Case		

File for the Individual: All Provider Agencies shall		
maintain at the administrative office a confidential		
case file for each individual. Case records belong		
to the individual receiving services and copies shall		
be provided to the receiving agency whenever an		
individual changes providers. The record must		
also be made available for review when requested		
by DOH, HSD or federal government		
representatives for oversight purposes. The		
individual's case file shall include the following		
requirements1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,		
CHAPTER 1. III. PROVIDER AGENCY		
DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY		
AND LOCATION - Healthcare Documentation		
by Nurses For Community Living Services,		
Community Inclusion Services and Private		
Duty Nursing Services: Chapter 1. III. E. (1 - 4)		
(1) Documentation of nursing assessment		
activities (2) Health related plans and (4)		
General Nursing Documentation		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service		
Standards effective 4/1/2007		
CHAPTER 5 IV. COMMUNITY INCLUSION		
SERVICES PROVIDER AGENCY		
REQUIREMENTS B. IDT Coordination		
(2) Coordinate with the IDT to ensure that each		
individual participating in Community Inclusion Services who has a score of 4, 5, or 6 on the HAT		
has a Health Care Plan developed by a licensed		
nurse, and if applicable, a Crisis		
Prevention/Intervention Plan.		

Tag # 1A27	Standard Level Deficiency		
Incident Mgt. Late and Failure to Report			
NMAC 7.1.14 ABUSE, NEGLECT,	Based on the Incident Management Bureau's	Provider:	
EXPLOITATION, AND DEATH REPORTING,	Late and Failure Reports, the Agency did not	State your Plan of Correction for the	
TRAINING AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS	report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation,	deficiencies cited in this tag here: \rightarrow	
FOR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS	unexpected and natural/expected deaths; or		
	other reportable incidents to the Division of		
NMAC 7.1.14.8 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT	Health Improvement, as required by regulations		
SYSTEM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR	for 2 of 26 individuals.		
COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS:			
	Individual #22		
A. Duty to report:(1) All community-based providers shall	• Incident date 7/7/2014. Allegation was Abuse.		
immediately report alleged crimes to law	Incident report was received on 7/9/2014. IMB issued a Late Reporting for Abuse.		
enforcement or call for emergency medical			
services as appropriate to ensure the safety of	Individual #26		
consumers.	 Incident date 00/00/0000. Allegation was 	Provider:	
(2) All community-based service providers, their	Exploitation. Incident report was received	Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality	
employees and volunteers shall immediately call	on 11/5/2014. Late Reporting IMB Late and	Improvement processes as it related to this tag	
the department of health improvement (DHI)	Failure Report indicated incident of	number here: →	
hotline at 1-800-445-6242 to report abuse,	Exploitation was "Unconfirmed."		
neglect, exploitation, suspicious injuries or any			
death and also to report an environmentally			
hazardous condition which creates an immediate			
threat to health or safety.			
B. Reporter requirement. All community-based			
service providers shall ensure that the			
employee or volunteer with knowledge of the			
alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, suspicious injury, or death calls the division's hotline to			
report the incident.			
C. Initial reports, form of report, immediate			
action and safety planning, evidence			
preservation, required initial notifications:			
(1) Abuse, neglect, and exploitation,			
suspicious injury or death reporting: Any			
person may report an allegation of abuse,			
neglect, or exploitation, suspicious injury or a			
death by calling the division's toll-free hotline			
number 1-800-445-6242. Any consumer,			
family member, or legal guardian may call the			

division's hotline to report an allegation of		
abuse, neglect, or exploitation, suspicious		
injury or death directly, or may report through		
the community-based service provider who, in		
addition to calling the hotline, must also utilize		
the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation		
or report of death form. The abuse, neglect,		
and exploitation or report of death form and		
instructions for its completion and filing are		
available at the division's website,		
http://dhi.health.state.nm.us, or may be		
obtained from the department by calling the		
division's toll free hotline number, 1-800-445-		
6242.		
(2) Use of abuse, neglect, and exploitation		
or report of death form and notification by		
community-based service providers: In		
addition to calling the division's hotline as		
required in Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of		
7.1.14.8 NMAC, the community-based service		
provider shall also report the incident of abuse,		
neglect, exploitation, suspicious injury, or death		
utilizing the division's abuse, neglect, and		
exploitation or report of death form consistent		
with the requirements of the division's abuse,		
neglect, and exploitation reporting guide. The		
community-based service provider shall ensure all abuse, neglect, exploitation or death reports		
describing the alleged incident are completed		
on the division's abuse, neglect, and		
exploitation or report of death form and		
received by the division within 24 hours of the		
verbal report. If the provider has internet		
access, the report form shall be submitted via		
the division's website at		
http://dhi.health.state.nm.us; otherwise it may		
be submitted via fax to 1-800-584-6057. The		
community-based service provider shall ensure		
that the reporter with the most direct		
knowledge of the incident participates in the		
preparation of the report form.		
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(3) Limited provider investigation: No		
investigation beyond that necessary in order to		
be able to report the abuse, neglect, or		
exploitation and ensure the safety of		
consumers is permitted until the division has		
completed its investigation.		
(4) Immediate action and safety planning:		
Upon discovery of any alleged incident of		
abuse, neglect, or exploitation, the community-		
based service provider shall:		
(a) develop and implement an immediate		
action and safety plan for any potentially		
endangered consumers, if applicable;		
(b) be immediately prepared to report that		
immediate action and safety plan verbally,		
and revise the plan according to the division's		
direction, if necessary; and		
(c) provide the accepted immediate action		
and safety plan in writing on the immediate		
action and safety plan form within 24 hours of		
the verbal report. If the provider has internet		
access, the report form shall be submitted via		
the division's website at		
http://dhi.health.state.nm.us; otherwise it may		
be submitted by faxing it to the division at 1-		
800-584-6057.		
(5) Evidence preservation: The		
community-based service provider shall		
preserve evidence related to an alleged		
incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation,		
including records, and do nothing to disturb the		
evidence. If physical evidence must be		
removed or affected, the provider shall take		
photographs or do whatever is reasonable to		
document the location and type of evidence		
found which appears related to the incident.		
(6) Legal guardian or parental		
notification: The responsible community-		
based service provider shall ensure that the		
consumer's legal guardian or parent is notified		
of the alleged incident of abuse, neglect and		

exploitation within 24 hours of notice of the		
alleged incident unless the parent or legal		
guardian is suspected of committing the		
alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation, in which		
case the community-based service provider		
shall leave notification to the division's		
investigative representative.		
(7) Case manager or consultant		
notification by community-based service		
providers: The responsible community-based		
service provider shall notify the consumer's		
case manager or consultant within 24 hours		
that an alleged incident involving abuse,		
neglect, or exploitation has been reported to		
the division. Names of other consumers and		
employees may be redacted before any		
documentation is forwarded to a case manager		
or consultant.		
(8) Non-responsible reporter: Providers		
who are reporting an incident in which they are		
not the responsible community-based service		
provider shall notify the responsible		
community-based service provider within 24		
hours of an incident or allegation of an incident		
of abuse, neglect, and exploitation		
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Tag # 1A31	Standard Level Deficiency		
 Tag # 1A31 Client Rights/Human Rights 7.26.3.11 RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITATION OF CLIENT'S RIGHTS: A. A service provider shall not restrict or limit a client's rights except: (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 (2) where the interdisciplinary team has determined that the client's limited capacity to exercise the right threatens his or her physical safety; or (3) as provided for in Section 10.1.14 [now Subsection N of 7.26.3.10 NMAC]. 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 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. 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] 	Standard Level Deficiency Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure the rights of Individuals were not restricted or limited for 2 of 25 Individuals. A review of Agency Individual files indicated Human Rights Committee Approval was required for restrictions. No documentation was found regarding Human Rights Approval for the following: Physical Restraint - No evidence found of Human Rights Committee approval. (Individual #8) Door Chimes - No evidence found of Human Rights Committee approval. (Individual #8) Therapeutic Restraining Techniques - No evidence found of Human Rights Committee approval. (Individual #25)	Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: → Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →	
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 UseBehavioral 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 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 Plans approved by the Human Rights Committee will be reviewed at least quarterly.		
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.		

Department of Health Developmental	
Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) -	
Procedure Title:	
Medication Assessment and Delivery	
Procedure Eff Date: November 1, 2006	
3. 1. e. If the PRN medication is to be used in	
esponse to psychiatric and/or behavioral	
symptoms in addition to the above	
equirements, obtain current written consent	
rom the individual, guardian or surrogate	
nealth decision maker and submit for review by	
he 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).	

Community Living Healthcare Reqts.		
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NMAC 8.302.1.17 RECORD KEEPING ANDBased on record review, the Agency did		
DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: A provide documentation of annual physica		
provider must maintain all the records examinations and/or other examinations	0	
necessary to fully disclose the nature, quality, specified by a licensed physician for 4 of		
amount and medical necessity of services individuals receiving Community Living S	ervices.	
furnished to an eligible recipient who is		
currently receiving or who has received Review of the administrative individual ca		
services in the past. revealed the following items were not four	ind,	
incomplete, and/or not current:		
B. Documentation of test results: Results of tests and services must be documented, which • Annual Physical (#5, 17, 25)		
 tests and services must be documented, which includes results of laboratory and radiology Annual Physical (#5, 17, 25) 		
procedures or progress following therapy or • Vision Exam		
treatment.		
 Individual #24 - As indicated by the I 	Provider:	
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service file matrix, Vision Exams are to be	Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality	
Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013 conducted every other year. No evid		
exam was found.	number here: \rightarrow	
Chapter 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements:		
D. Consumer Records Policy: All Family • Individual #25- As indicated by the D		
Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the file matrix. Vision Exams are to be		
administrative office a confidential case file for conducted every other year. No evid	ence of	
each individual. Provider agency case files for exam was found.		
individuals are required to comply with the		
DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.		
Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements:		
D. Consumer Records Policy: All Living		
Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies		
must maintain at the administrative office a		
confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are		
required to comply with the DDSD Individual		
Case File Matrix policy.		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver		
Service Standards effective 4/1/2007		
CHAPTER 6. VI. GENERAL		
REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING		

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G. Health Care Requirements for	
Community Living Services.	
(1) The Community Living Service providers	
shall ensure completion of a HAT for each	
individual receiving this service. The HAT shall	
be completed 2 weeks prior to the annual ISP	
meeting and submitted to the Case Manager	
and all other IDT Members. A revised HAT is	
required to also be submitted whenever the	
individual's health status changes significantly.	
For individuals who are newly allocated to the	
DD Waiver program, the HAT may be	
completed within 2 weeks following the initial	
ISP meeting and submitted with any strategies	
and support plans indicated in the ISP, or	
within 72 hours following admission into direct	
services, whichever comes first.	
(2) Each individual will have a Health Care	
Coordinator, designated by the IDT. When the	
individual's HAT score is 4, 5 or 6 the Health	
Care Coordinator shall be an IDT member,	
other than the individual. The Health Care	
Coordinator shall oversee and monitor health	
care services for the individual in accordance	
with these standards. In circumstances where	
no IDT member voluntarily accepts designation	
as the health care coordinator, the community	
living provider shall assign a staff member to	
this role.	
(3) For each individual receiving Community	
Living Services, the provider agency shall	
ensure and document the following:	
(a)Provision of health care oversight	
consistent with these Standards as	
detailed in Chapter One section III E:	
Healthcare Documentation by Nurses For	
Community Living Services, Community	
Inclusion Services and Private Duty	
Nursing Services.	

b) That each individual with a score of 4, 5,		
or 6 on the HAT, has a Health Care Plan		
developed by a licensed nurse.		
(c) That an individual with chronic		
condition(s) with the potential to		
exacerbate into a life threatening		
condition, has Crisis Prevention/		
Intervention Plan(s) developed by a		
licensed nurse or other appropriate		
professional for each such condition.		
(4) That an average of 3 hours of documented		
nutritional counseling is available annually, if		
recommended by the IDT.		
(5) That the physical property and grounds are		
free of hazards to the individual's health and		
safety.		
(6) In addition, for each individual receiving		
Supported Living or Family Living Services, the		
provider shall verify and document the		
following: (a)The individual has a primary licensed		
physician;		
(b)The individual receives an annual		
physical examination and other		
examinations as specified by a licensed		
physician;		
(c) The individual receives annual dental		
check-ups and other check-ups as		
specified by a licensed dentist;		
(d)The individual receives eye examinations		
as specified by a licensed optometrist or		
ophthalmologist; and		
(e)Agency activities that occur as follow-up		
to medical appointments (e.g. treatment,		
visits to specialists, changes in		
medication or daily routine).		
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Tag # LS25 / 6L25	Standard Level Deficiency		
Residential Health and Safety (SL/FL)			
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013 CHAPTER 11 (FL) Living Supports – Family	Based on observation, the Agency did not ensure that each individuals' residence met all requirements within the standard for 5 of 7	Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: \rightarrow	
Living Agency Requirements G. Residence Requirements for Living Supports- Family Living Services: 1.Family Living Services	Supported Living residences. Review of the residential records and		
providers must assure that each individual's residence is maintained to be clean, safe and comfortable and accommodates the individuals' daily living, social and leisure activities. In addition	observation of the residence revealed the following items were not found, not functioning or incomplete:		
the residence must:	Supported Living Requirements:		
a. Maintain basic utilities, i.e., gas, power, water and telephone;	 Water temperature in home exceeds safe temperature (110° F) 		
b. Provide environmental accommodations and assistive technology devices in the residence including modifications to the bathroom (i.e., shower chairs, grab bars, walk in shower, raised	 Water temperature in home measured 113°F (#8, 14) 	Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: \rightarrow	
toilets, etc.) based on the unique needs of the individual in consultation with the IDT;	 Water temperature in home measured 117°F (#1) 		
 c. Have a battery operated or electric smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguisher, or a sprinkler system; 	 Water temperature in home measured 120^o F (#21) 		
d. Have a general-purpose first aid kit;	 Water temperature in home measured 125.6° F (#2, 6) 		
e. Allow at a maximum of two (2) individuals to share, with mutual consent, a bedroom and each individual has the right to have his or her	 Water temperature in home measured 129.3^o F (#12, 25) 		
own bed;	 Accessible written procedures for emergency placement and relocation of individuals in the 		
f. Have accessible written documentation of actual evacuation drills occurring at least three (3) times a year;	event of an emergency evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable for occupancy. The emergency evacuation procedures shall		
g. Have accessible written procedures for the safe storage of all medications with dispensing instructions for each individual that are	address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding (#2, 6)		

consistent with the Assisting with Medication	Nata, The following Individuals share a	
Delivery training or each individual's ISP; and	Note: The following Individuals share a residence:	
Derivery training of each individual's for , and	⊁ #2, 6	
h. Have accessible written procedures for		
emergency placement and relocation of	▶ #8, 14	
individuals in the event of an emergency	> #10, 24	
evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable	▶ #12, 25	
for occupancy. The emergency evacuation		
procedures must address, but are not limited to,		
fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills,		
and flooding.		
CHAPTER 12 (SL) Living Supports –		
Supported Living Agency Requirements G.		
Residence Requirements for Living Supports-		
Supported Living Services: 1. Supported Living		
Provider Agencies must assure that each individual's residence is maintained to be clean,		
safe, and comfortable and accommodates the		
individual's daily living, social, and leisure		
activities. In addition the residence must:		
a. Maintain basic utilities, i.e., gas, power, water,		
and telephone;		
b. Provide environmental accommodations and		
assistive technology devices in the residence		
including modifications to the bathroom (i.e.,		
shower chairs, grab bars, walk in shower, raised toilets, etc.) based on the unique needs of the		
individual in consultation with the IDT;		
c. Ensure water temperature in home does not		
exceed safe temperature (110° F);		
d. Have a battery operated or electric smoke		
detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, fire		
extinguisher, or a sprinkler system;		
e. Have a general-purpose First Aid kit;		
f. Allow at a maximum of two (2) individuals to		
share, with mutual consent, a bedroom and		

each individual has the right to have his or her own bed;		
 g. Have accessible written documentation of actual evacuation drills occurring at least three (3) times a year. For Supported Living evacuation drills must occur at least once a year during each shift; 		
 h. Have accessible written procedures for the safe storage of all medications with dispensing instructions for each individual that are consistent with the Assisting with Medication Delivery training or each individual's ISP; and 		
 i. Have accessible written procedures for emergency placement and relocation of individuals in the event of an emergency evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable for occupancy. The emergency evacuation procedures must address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding. 		
CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements		
R. Staff Qualifications: 3. Supervisor Qualifications And Requirements:		
S Each residence shall include operable safety		
equipment, including but not limited to, an operable smoke detector or sprinkler system, a		
carbon monoxide detector if any natural gas		
appliance or heating is used, fire extinguisher, general purpose first aid kit, written procedures		
for emergency evacuation due to fire or other		
emergency and documentation of evacuation drills occurring at least annually during each		
shift, phone number for poison control within		
line of site of the telephone, basic utilities, general household appliances, kitchen and		
dining utensils, adequate food and drink for		
three meals per day, proper food storage, and cleaning supplies.		

T Each residence shall have a blood borne pathogens kit as applicable to the residents' health status, personal protection equipment, and any ordered or required medical supplies shall also be available in the home.		
U If not medically contraindicated, and with mutual consent, up to two (2) individuals may share a single bedroom. Each individual shall have their own bed. All bedrooms shall have doors that may be closed for privacy. Individuals have the right to decorate their bedroom in a style of their choosing consistent with safe and sanitary living conditions.		
V For residences with more than two (2) residents, there shall be at least two (2) bathrooms. Toilets, tubs/showers used by the individuals shall provide for privacy and be designed or adapted for the safe provision of personal care. Water temperature shall be maintained at a safe level to prevent injury and ensure comfort and shall not exceed one hundred ten (110) degrees.		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS L. Residence Requirements for Family Living Services and Supported Living Services		

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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going	Date	
		QA/QI and Responsible Party	Due	

Service Domain: Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement – State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver.

TAG #1A12

All Services Reimbursement (No Deficiencies Found)

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CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 6. REIMBURSEMENT All 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 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.

- 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 HSD. For each unit billed, the record must contain the following:
 - a. Date, start, and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;
 - b. A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and
 - c. The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.

CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 4. REIMBURSEMENT A. Required Records: All 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 Provider Agency records must be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, individual name, servicing Provider Agency, nature of services, and length of a session of service billed.

- 1. The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the Human Services Department (HSD). For each unit billed, the record shall contain the following:
 - a. Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;
 - b. A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and
 - c. The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.

CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 4. REIMBURSEMENT. A. 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.

- 1. The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the Human Services Department (HSD). For each unit billed, the record shall contain the following:
 - a. Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;
 - b. A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and
 - c. The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.

CHAPTER 12 (SL) 2. REIMBURSEMENT

A. Supported Living 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 Supported 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.

- 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:
- a. Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;
- b. A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval;
- c. The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service;

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

Billing for 2012: Living Supports (Supported Living); Inclusion Supports (Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment Services) and Other (Customized In-Home Supports) and 2007: Community Living (Supported Living and Independent Living) and Community Inclusion (Adult Habilitation and Supported Employment) services was reviewed for 25 of 25 individuals. Progress notes and billing records supported billing activities for the months of February, March and April 2015.



Date:	November 30, 2015
To: Provider: Address: State/Zip:	Susan Karcz, Director A Better Way of Living, Inc. 202 Central Avenue SE, Suite 200 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
E-mail Address:	susank@abetterwaynm.org
Region: Survey Date: Program Surveyed:	Metro May 18 - 21, 2015 Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed:	 2012: Living Supports (Supported Living, Family Living); Inclusion Supports (Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment Services) and Other (Customized In-Home Supports) 2007: Community Living (Supported Living, Family Living, Independent Living) and Community Inclusion (Adult Habilitation, Supported Employment)
Survey Type:	Routine

Dear Ms. Karcz;

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

The Plan of Correction process is now complete.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Amanda Castañeda

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