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Date:	August 16, 2021
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Region: Survey Date:	Southwest July 2 - 19, 2021
Program Surveyed:	Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed:	***2018:*** Supported Living, Family Living, Customized Community Supports, and Community Integrated Employment Services
Survey Type:	Routine
Team Leader:	Beverly Estrada, ADN, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau
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Dear Ms. Noemi Olivas;

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

Determination of Compliance:

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

Partial Compliance with Standard Level Tags and Conditions of Participation Level Tags: This determination is based on noncompliance with one to five (1 – 5) Condition of Participation Level Tags *(refer to Attachment D for details)*. The attached QMB Report of Findings indicates Standard Level and Condition of Participation Level deficiencies identified and requires completion and implementation of a Plan of Correction.

The following tags are identified as Condition of Participation Level:

- Tag # LS14 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)
- Tag # 1A09 Medication Delivery Routine Medication Administration
- Tag # 1A09.1 Medication Delivery PRN Medication Administration

The following tags are identified as Standard Level:

- Tag # 1A32.2 Individual Service Plan Implementation (Residential Implementation)
- Tag # LS14.1 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (Other Req. Documentation)
- Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency
- Tag # 1A43.1 General Events Reporting: Individual Reporting
- Tag # 1A03 Continuous Quality Improvement System & Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Tag # 1A27.2 Duty to Report IRs Filed During On-Site and/or IRs Not Reported by Provider

Plan of Correction:

The attached Report of Findings identifies the deficiencies found during your agency's on-site 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.

You were provided information during the exit meeting portion of your on-site survey. Please refer to this information (Attachment A) for specific instruction on completing your Plan of Correction. At a minimum your Plan of Correction should address the following for each Tag cited:

Corrective Action for Current Citation:

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

On-going Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Processes:

- What is going to be done on an ongoing basis? (i.e. file reviews, etc.)
- How many individuals is this going to effect? (i.e. percentage of individuals reviewed, number of files reviewed, etc.)
- How often will this be completed? (i.e. weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc.)
- Who is responsible? (responsible position within your agency)
- What steps will be taken if issues are found? (i.e. retraining, requesting documents, filing RORA, etc.)
- How is this integrated in your agency's QIS, QI Committee reviews and annual report?

Submission of your Plan of Correction:

Please submit your agency's Plan of Correction in the available space on the two right-hand 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: Monica Valdez, Plan of Correction Coordinator in any of the following ways:**
   a. Electronically at MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us ***(preferred method)***
   b. Fax to 505-222-8661, or
   c. Mail to POC Coordinator, 5301 Central Ave NE Suite 400, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108

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

Upon notification from QMB that your *Plan of Correction has been approved*, you must implement all remedies and corrective actions to come into compliance. If your Plan of Correction is denied, you must resubmit a revised plan as

soon as possible for approval, as your POC approval and all remedies must be completed within 45 business days of the receipt of this letter.

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

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

Attention: *Lisa Medina-Lujan*
HSD/OIG/Program Integrity Unit
1474 Rodeo Road
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

If you have questions and would like to speak with someone at HSD/OIG/PIU, please contact:

Lisa Medina-Lujan (Lisa.medina-lujan@state.nm.us)

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

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

ATTN: QMB Bureau Chief
Request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings
5301 Central Ave NE Suite #400
Albuquerque, NM 87108
Attention: IRF request/QMB

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 contact the Plan of Correction Coordinator, Monica Valdez at 505-273-1930 or email at: MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us 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,

Beverly Estrada, ADN

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

Survey Process Employed:

Administrative Review Start Date:	July 2, 2021
Contact:	**Community Options, Inc.** Noemi Olivas, Executive Director **DOH/DHI/QMB** Beverly Estrada, ADN, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
On-site Entrance Conference Date:	July 2, 2021
Present:	**Community Options, Inc.** Noemi Olivas, Executive Director Karen Rey Sanchez, Registered Nurse **DOH/DHI/QMB** Beverly Estrada, ADN, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Amanda Castaneda-Holguin, MPA, Healthcare Surveyor Supervisor Verna Newman-Sikes, AA, Healthcare Surveyor Caitlin Wall, BSW, BA, Healthcare Surveyor Sally Rel, MS, Healthcare Surveyor
Exit Conference Date:	July 16, 2021
Present:	**Community Options, Inc.** Noemi Olivas, Executive Director Hector Johnson, State Director Crystal Garcia, Health Service Manager Karen Rey Sanchez, Registered Nurse Linda Price, State Quality Assurance Coordinator Denise Mirabal, Quality Assurance Luz Mendoza, Service Coordinator **DOH/DHI/QMB** Beverly Estrada, ADN, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Jamie Pond, BS, QMB Quality Manager Verna Newman-Sikes, AA, Healthcare Surveyor Caitlin Wall, BSW, BA, Healthcare Surveyor **DDSD – SW Regional Office** Angie Brooks, Regional Office Director
Administrative Locations Visited:	0 (*Note: No administrative locations visited due to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency*)
Total Sample Size:	13 0 - *Jackson* Class Members 13 - Non-*Jackson* Class Members 8 - Supported Living 3 - Family Living 9 - Customized Community Supports 3 - Community Integrated Employment
Total Homes Visited	9

❖ Supported Living Homes Visited	6 *Note: The following Individuals share a SL residence:* ➢ #4, 5 ➢ #8, 9
❖ Family Living Homes Visited	3
Persons Served Records Reviewed	13
Persons Served Interviewed	11
Persons Served Not Seen and/or Not Available	2 *(Note: 2 Individuals were not available during the on-site survey.)*
Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed	129
Direct Support Personnel Interviewed	16 *(Note: Interviews conducted by video / phone due to COVID- 19 Public Health Emergency. Additionally, one Service Coordinator interviewed in lieu of Direct Support Personnel)*
Substitute Care/Respite Personnel Records Reviewed	4
Service Coordinator Records Reviewed	3
Nurse Interview	1

Administrative Processes and Records Reviewed:

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

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

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 DDSD Regional Office for purposes of contract management or the Internal Review Committee [IRC] for possible actions or sanctions).

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

If you have questions about the Plan of Correction process, call the Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-273-1930 or email at MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us. Requests for technical assistance must be requested through your Regional DDSD Office.

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

Instructions for Completing Agency POC:

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

If a deficiency has already been corrected since the on-site survey, 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 following details should be considered when developing your Plan of Correction:

The Plan of Correction must address each deficiency cited in the Report of Findings unless otherwise noted with a "No Plan of Correction Required statement." The Plan of Correction must address the five (5) areas listed below:

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 those individuals in similar situations.
3. What Quality Assurance measures will be put into place and what systemic changes made to ensure the deficient practice will not recur.
4. Indicate how the agency plans to monitor its performance to make certain solutions are sustained. The agency must develop a QA plan for ensuring correction is achieved and sustained. This QA plan must be implemented, and the corrective action is evaluated for its effectiveness. The plan of correction is integrated into the agency quality assurance system; and
5. Include dates when corrective actions will be completed. The corrective action completion dates must be acceptable to the State.

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

- Details about how and when Individual Served, agency personnel and administrative and service delivery site 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 to service sites, as they are being used, and after they are completed;
- Your processes for ensuring that all required agency personnel are trained on required DDSD required trainings;
- How accuracy in billing/reimbursement documentation is assured;
- How health, safety is assured;
- For Case Management providers, how Individual Service Plans are reviewed to verify they meet requirements, how the timeliness of level of care (LOC) packet submissions and consumer visits are tracked;
- Your process for gathering, analyzing and responding to quality data indicators; and,
- Details about Quality Targets in various areas, current status, analyses about why targets were not met, and remedies implemented.

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

Completion Dates

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

Initial Submission of the Plan of Correction Requirements

1. The Plan of Correction must be completed on the official QMB Survey Report of Findings/Plan of Correction Form and received by QMB within ten (10) business days from the date you received the report of findings.
2. For questions about the POC process, call the POC Coordinator, Monica Valdez at 505-273-1930 or email at MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your Regional DDSD Office.
4. Submit your POC to Monica Valdez, POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
    a. Electronically at MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us ***(preferred method)***
    b. Fax to 505-222-8661, or
    c. Mail to POC Coordinator, 5301 Central Ave NE Suite 400, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108
5. *Do not submit supporting documentation* (evidence of compliance) to QMB *until after* your POC has been approved by the QMB.
6. QMB will notify you when your POC has been "approved" or "denied."
    a. During this time, whether your POC is "approved," or "denied," you will have a maximum of 45-business days from the date of receipt of your Report of Findings to correct all survey deficiencies.
    b. If your POC is denied, it must be revised and resubmitted as soon as possible, as the 45-business day limit is in effect.
    c. If your POC is denied a second time your agency may be referred to the Internal Review Committee.
    d. You will receive written confirmation when your POC has been approved by QMB and a final deadline for completion of your POC.
    e. Please note that all POC correspondence will be sent electronically unless otherwise requested.
7. Failure to submit your POC within 10 business days without prior approval of an extension by QMB will result in a referral to the Internal Review Committee and the possible implementation of monetary penalties and/or sanctions.

POC Document Submission Requirements

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

1. Your internal documents are due within a *maximum* of 45-business days of receipt of your Report of Findings.

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

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

Attachment B

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

The Division of Health Improvement, Quality Management Bureau (QMB) surveys compliance of the Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) standards and other state and federal regulations. For the purpose of the LCA / CI survey the CMS waiver assurances have been grouped into four (4) Service Domains: Plan of Care (ISP Implementation); 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 Assurance 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 during the on-site survey process and as reported in the QMB Report of Findings. All areas reviewed by QMB have been agreed to by DDSD and DHI/QMB and are reflective of CMS requirements. 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.

Each deficiency in your Report of Findings has been predetermined to be a Standard Level Deficiency, a Condition of Participation Level Deficiency, if below 85% compliance or a non-negotiable Condition of Participation Level Deficiency. Your Agency's overall Compliance Determination is based on a Scope and Severity Scale which takes into account the number of Standard and Condition Level Tags cited as well as the percentage of Individuals affected in the sample.

Conditions of Participation (CoPs)

CoPs are based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Home and Community-Based Waiver required assurances, in addition to the New Mexico Developmental Disability Waiver (DDW) Service Standards. The Division of Health Improvement (DHI), in conjunction with the Developmental Disability Support Division (DDSD), has identified certain deficiencies that have the potential to be a Condition of Participation Level, if the tag falls below 85% compliance based on the number of people affected. Additionally, there are what are called non-negotiable Conditions of Participation, regardless if one person or multiple people are affected. In this context, a CoP is defined as an essential / fundamental regulation or standard, which when out of compliance directly affects the health and welfare of the Individuals served. If no deficiencies within a Tag are at the level of a CoP, it is cited as a Standard Level Deficiency.

Service Domains and CoPs for <u>Living Care Arrangements and Community Inclusion</u> are as follows:

<u>Service Domain: Service Plan: ISP Implementation -</u> *Services are delivered in accordance with the service plan, including type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the service plan.*

Potential Condition of Participation Level Tags, if compliance is below 85%:

- **1A08.3 –** Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan / ISP Components
- **1A32 –** Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan Implementation
- **LS14 –** Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)
- **IS14 –** CCS / CIES Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)

<u>Service Domain: Qualified Providers -</u> *The State monitors non-licensed/non-certified providers to assure adherence to waiver requirements. The State implements its policies and procedures for verifying that provider training is conducted in accordance with State requirements and the approved waiver.*

Potential Condition of Participation Level Tags, if compliance is below 85%:

- **1A20 -** Direct Support Personnel Training
- **1A22 -** Agency Personnel Competency
- **1A37 –** Individual Specific Training

Non-Negotiable Condition of Participation Level Tags (one or more Individuals are cited):

- **1A25.1 –** Caregiver Criminal History Screening
- **1A26.1 –** Consolidated On-line Registry Employee Abuse Registry

Service Domain: Health, Welfare and Safety - *The State, on an ongoing basis, identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent occurrences of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Individuals shall be afforded their basic human rights. The provider supports individuals to access needed healthcare services in a timely manner.*

Potential Condition of Participation Level Tags, if compliance is below 85%:

- **1A08.2 –** Administrative Case File: Healthcare Requirements & Follow-up
- **1A09 –** Medication Delivery Routine Medication Administration
- **1A09.1 –** Medication Delivery PRN Medication Administration
- **1A15.2 –** Administrative Case File: Healthcare Documentation (Therap and Required Plans)

Non-Negotiable Condition of Participation Level Tags (one or more Individuals are cited):

- **1A05 –** General Requirements / Agency Policy and Procedure Requirements
- **1A07 –** Social Security Income (SSI) Payments
- **1A09.2 –** Medication Delivery Nurse Approval for PRN Medication
- **1A15 –** Healthcare Coordination - Nurse Availability / Knowledge
- **1A31 –** Client Rights/Human Rights
- **LS25.1 –** Residential Reqts. (Physical Environment - Supported Living / Family Living / Intensive Medical Living)

Attachment C

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 Bureau Chief **within 10 business days** of receipt of the final Report of Findings **(*Note: No extensions are granted for the IRF)*.**
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: https://nmhealth.org/about/dhi/cbp/irf/
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, Valerie V. Valdez at valerie.valdez@state.nm.us for assistance.

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

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

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

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

Attachment D

QMB Determinations of Compliance

Compliance:

The QMB determination of *Compliance* indicates that a provider has either no deficiencies found during a survey or that no deficiencies at the Condition of Participation Level were found. 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*, the provider must have received no Conditions of Participation Level Deficiencies and have a minimal number of Individuals on the sample affected by the findings indicated in the Standards Level Tags.

Partial-Compliance with Standard Level Tags:

The QMB determination of *Partial-Compliance with Standard Level Tags* indicates that a provider is in compliance with all Condition of Participation Level deficiencies but is out of compliance with a certain percentage of Standard Level deficiencies. This partial-compliance, if not corrected, may result in a negative outcome or the potential for more than minimal harm to individuals' health and safety. There are two ways to receive a determination of Partial Compliance with Standard Level Tags:

1. Your Report of Findings includes 16 or fewer Standards Level Tags with between 75% and 100% of the survey sample affected in any tag.

2. Your Report of Findings includes 17 or more Standard Level Tags with between 50% to 74% of the survey sample affected in any tag.

Partial-Compliance with Standard Level Tags and Condition of Participation Level Tags:

The QMB determination of *Partial-Compliance with Standard Level Tags and Condition of Participation Level Tags* indicates that a provider is out of compliance with one to five (1 – 5) Condition of Participation Level Tags. 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.

Non-Compliance:

The QMB determination of *Non-Compliance* indicates a provider is significantly out of compliance with both Standard Level deficiencies and Conditions of Participation level deficiencies. 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. There are three ways an agency can receive a determination of Non-Compliance:

1. Your Report of Findings includes 17 or more total Tags with 0 to 5 Condition of Participation Level Tags with 75% to 100% of the survey sample affected in any Condition of Participation Level tag.

2. Your Report of Findings includes any amount of Standard Level Tags with 6 or more Condition of Participation Level Tags.

Compliance Determination	Weighting						
	LOW		MEDIUM			HIGH	
Total Tags:	up to 16	17 or more	up to 16	17 or more	Any Amount	17 or more	Any Amount
	and	and	and	and	And/or	and	And/or
COP Level Tags:	0 COP	0 COP	0 COP	0 COP	1 to 5 COP	0 to 5 CoPs	6 or more COP
	and	and	and	and		and	
Sample Affected:	0 to 74%	0 to 49%	75 to 100%	50 to 74%		75 to 100%	
"Non-Compliance"						**17 or more** Total Tags with **75 to 100%** of the Individuals in the sample cited in any CoP Level tag.	**Any Amount** of Standard Level Tags and **6 or more** Conditions of Participation Level Tags.
"Partial Compliance with Standard Level tags and Condition of Participation Level Tags"					**Any Amount** Standard Level Tags, plus **1 to 5** Conditions of Participation Level tags.		
"Partial Compliance with Standard Level tags"			**up to 16** Standard Level Tags with **75 to 100%** of the individuals in the sample cited in any tag.	**17 or more** Standard Level Tags with **50 to 74%** of the individuals in the sample cited any tag.			
"Compliance"	**Up to 16** Standard Level Tags with **0 to 74%** of the individuals in the sample cited in any tag.	**17 or more** Standard Level Tags with **0 to 49%** of the individuals in the sample cited in any tag.					

Agency: **Community Options, Inc. - Southwest Region**
Program: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service: ***2018:*** Supported Living, Family Living, Customized Community Supports, and Community Integrated Employment Services
Survey Type: Routine
Survey Date: **July 2 – 19, 2021**

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Completion Date
Service Domain: Service Plans: ISP Implementation – *Services are delivered in accordance with the service plan, including type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the service plan.*			
Tag # 1A32.2 Individual Service Plan Implementation (Residential Implementation)	**Standard Level Deficiency**		
NMAC 7.26.5.16.C and D Development of the ISP. Implementation of the ISP. The ISP shall be implemented according to the timelines determined by the IDT and as specified in the ISP for each stated desired outcomes and action plan. C. The IDT shall review and discuss information and recommendations with the individual, with the goal of supporting the individual in attaining desired outcomes. The IDT develops an ISP based upon the individual's personal vision statement, strengths, needs, interests and preferences. The ISP is a dynamic document, revised periodically, as needed, and amended to reflect progress towards personal goals and achievements consistent with the individual's future vision. This regulation is consistent with standards established for individual plan development as set forth by the commission on the accreditation of rehabilitation facilities (CARF) and/or other program accreditation approved and adopted by the developmental disabilities division and the department of health. It is the policy of the developmental disabilities division (DDD), that to the extent permitted by funding, each individual receive supports and services that will assist and encourage independence and productivity in	Based on residential record review, the Agency did not implement the ISP according to the timelines determined by the IDT and as specified in the ISP for each stated desired outcomes and action plan for 1 of 11 individuals. As indicated by Individuals ISP the following was found with regards to the implementation of ISP Outcomes: **Supported Living Data Collection/Data Tracking / Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes**: Individual #1 • None found regarding: Live Outcome/Action Step: "Work on being comfortable with one tactile" for 7/1 – 7, 2021. Action step is to be completed 1 time per week. *(Date of home visit: 7/8/2021)*	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

the community and attempt to prevent regression or loss of current capabilities. Services and supports include specialized and/or generic services, training, education and/or treatment as determined by the IDT and documented in the ISP. D. The intent is to provide choice and obtain opportunities for individuals to live, work and play with full participation in their communities. The following principles provide direction and purpose in planning for individuals with developmental disabilities. [05/03/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01] Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **Chapter 6: Individual Service Plan (ISP) 6.8 ISP Implementation and Monitoring:** All DD Waiver Provider Agencies with a signed SFOC are required to provide services as detailed in the ISP. The ISP must be readily accessible to Provider Agencies on the approved budget. (See Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and Client Records.) CMs facilitate and maintain communication with the person, his/her representative, other IDT members, Provider Agencies, and relevant parties to ensure that the person receives the maximum benefit of his/her services and that revisions to the ISP are made as needed. All DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to cooperate with monitoring activities conducted by the CM and the DOH. Provider Agencies are required to respond to issues at the individual level and agency level as described in Chapter 16: Qualified Provider Agencies. **Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and Client Records 20.2 Client Records Requirements:** All DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to create and maintain			

individual client records. The contents of client records vary depending on the unique needs of the person receiving services and the resultant information produced. The extent of documentation required for individual client records per service type depends on the location of the file, the type of service being provided, and the information necessary. DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to adhere to the following: 1. Client records must contain all documents essential to the service being provided and essential to ensuring the health and safety of the person during the provision of the service. 2. Provider Agencies must have readily accessible records in home and community settings in paper or electronic form. Secure access to electronic records through the Therap web-based system using computers or mobile devices is acceptable. 3. Provider Agencies are responsible for ensuring that all plans created by nurses, RDs, therapists or BSCs are present in all needed settings. 4. Provider Agencies must maintain records of all documents produced by agency personnel or contractors on behalf of each person, including any routine notes or data, annual assessments, semi-annual reports, evidence of training provided/received, progress notes, and any other interactions for which billing is generated. 5. Each Provider Agency is responsible for maintaining the daily or other contact notes documenting the nature and frequency of service delivery, as well as data tracking only for the services provided by their agency. 6. The current Client File Matrix found in Appendix A Client File Matrix details the minimum requirements for records to be stored in agency office files, the delivery site, or with DSP while providing services in the community.			

7. All records pertaining to JCMs must be retained permanently and must be made available to DDSD upon request, upon the termination or expiration of a provider agreement, or upon provider withdrawal from services.			

Tag # LS14 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and Client Records: 20.2** Client Records Requirements: All DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to create and maintain individual client records. The contents of client records vary depending on the unique needs of the person receiving services and the resultant information produced. The extent of documentation required for individual client records per service type depends on the location of the file, the type of service being provided, and the information necessary. DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to adhere to the following: 1. Client records must contain all documents essential to the service being provided and essential to ensuring the health and safety of the person during the provision of the service. 2. Provider Agencies must have readily accessible records in home and community settings in paper or electronic form. Secure access to electronic records through the Therap web-based system using computers or mobile devices is acceptable. 3. Provider Agencies are responsible for ensuring that all plans created by nurses, RDs, therapists or BSCs are present in all needed settings. 4. Provider Agencies must maintain records of all documents produced by agency personnel or contractors on behalf of each person, including any routine notes or data, annual assessments, semi-annual reports, evidence of training provided/received, progress notes, and any other interactions for which billing is generated. 5. Each Provider Agency is responsible for	After an analysis of the evidence, it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur. Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file in the residence for 2 of 11 Individuals receiving Living Care Arrangements. Review of the residential individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: **ISP Teaching and Support Strategies:** ***Individual #1:*** *TSS not found for the following Live Outcome Statement / Action Steps:* • "… will choose a safe activity to do with assistance twice a month." **Comprehensive Aspiration Risk Management Plan:** • Not Current (#1) **Health Care Plans:** • Aspiration Risk (#1) • Body Mass Index (#11) • Bowel & Bladder (#1) • Supports for Hydration/Dehydration (1)	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

maintaining the daily or other contact notes documenting the nature and frequency of service delivery, as well as data tracking only for the services provided by their agency. 6. The current Client File Matrix found in Appendix A Client File Matrix details the minimum requirements for records to be stored in agency office files, the delivery site, or with DSP while providing services in the community. 7. All records pertaining to JCMs must be retained permanently and must be made available to DDSD upon request, upon the termination or expiration of a provider agreement, or upon provider withdrawal from services. **20.5.3 Health Passport and Physician Consultation Form:** All Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies must use the *Health Passport* and *Physician Consultation* form from the Therap system. This standardized document contains individual, physician and emergency contact information, a complete list of current medical diagnoses, health and safety risk factors, allergies, and information regarding insurance, guardianship, and advance directives. The *Health Passport* also includes a standardized form to use at medical appointments called the *Physician Consultation* form. The *Physician Consultation* form contains a list of all current medications. Requirements for the *Health Passport* and *Physician Consultation* form are: 2. The Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies must ensure that a current copy of the *Health Passport* and *Physician Consultation* forms are printed and available at all service delivery sites. Both forms must be reprinted and placed at all service delivery sites each time the e-CHAT is updated for any reason and whenever there is a change to contact information contained			

in the IDF. **Chapter 13: Nursing Services: 13.2.9 Healthcare Plans (HCP)*:*** 1. At the nurse's discretion, based on prudent nursing practice, interim HCPs may be developed to address issues that must be implemented immediately after admission, readmission or change of medical condition to provide safe services prior to completion of the e-CHAT and formal care planning process. This includes interim ARM plans for those persons newly identified at moderate or high risk for aspiration. All interim plans must be removed if the plan is no longer needed or when final HCP including CARMPs are in place to avoid duplication of plans. 2. In collaboration with the IDT, the agency nurse is required to create HCPs that address all the areas identified as required in the most current e-CHAT summary **13.2.10 *Medical Emergency Response Plan (MERP):*** 1. The agency nurse is required to develop a Medical Emergency Response Plan (MERP) for all conditions marked with an "R" in the e-CHAT summary report. The agency nurse should use her/his clinical judgment and input from the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) to determine whether shown as "C" in the e-CHAT summary report or other conditions also warrant a MERP. 2. MERPs are required for persons who have one or more conditions or illnesses that present a likely potential to become a life-threatening situation.			

Tag # LS14.1 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (Other Req. Documentation)	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and Client Records: 20.2** Client Records Requirements: All DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to create and maintain individual client records. The contents of client records vary depending on the unique needs of the person receiving services and the resultant information produced. The extent of documentation required for individual client records per service type depends on the location of the file, the type of service being provided, and the information necessary. DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to adhere to the following: 1. Client records must contain all documents essential to the service being provided and essential to ensuring the health and safety of the person during the provision of the service. 2. Provider Agencies must have readily accessible records in home and community settings in paper or electronic form. Secure access to electronic records through the Therap web-based system using computers or mobile devices is acceptable. 3. Provider Agencies are responsible for ensuring that all plans created by nurses, RDs, therapists or BSCs are present in all needed settings. 4. Provider Agencies must maintain records of all documents produced by agency personnel or contractors on behalf of each person, including any routine notes or data, annual assessments, semi-annual reports, evidence of training provided/received, progress notes, and any other interactions for which billing is generated. 5. Each Provider Agency is responsible for maintaining the daily or other contact notes	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file in the residence for 1 of 11 Individuals receiving Living Care Arrangements. Review of the residential individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: **Positive Behavioral Supports Plan:** • Not Found (#13)	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

documenting the nature and frequency of service delivery, as well as data tracking only for the services provided by their agency. 6. The current Client File Matrix found in Appendix A Client File Matrix details the minimum requirements for records to be stored in agency office files, the delivery site, or with DSP while providing services in the community. 7. All records pertaining to JCMs must be retained permanently and must be made available to DDSD upon request, upon the termination or expiration of a provider agreement, or upon provider withdrawal from services.			

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Completion Date
Service Domain: Qualified Providers – *The State monitors non-licensed/non-certified providers to assure adherence to waiver requirements. The State implements its policies and procedures for verifying that provider training is conducted in accordance with State requirements and the approved waiver.*			
Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency	**Standard Level Deficiency**		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **Chapter 13: Nursing Services *13.2.11 Training and Implementation of Plans:*** 1. RNs and LPNs are required to provide Individual Specific Training (IST) regarding HCPs and MERPs. 2. The agency nurse is required to deliver and document training for DSP/DSS regarding the healthcare interventions/strategies and MERPs that the DSP are responsible to implement, clearly indicating level of competency achieved by each trainee as described in Chapter 17.10 Individual-Specific Training. **Chapter 17: Training Requirement** **17.10 Individual-Specific Training:** The following are elements of IST: defined standards of performance, curriculum tailored to teach skills and knowledge necessary to meet those standards of performance, and formal examination or demonstration to verify standards of performance, using the established DDSD training levels of awareness, knowledge, and skill. Reaching an **awareness level** may be accomplished by reading plans or other information. The trainee is cognizant of information related to a person's specific condition. Verbal or written recall of basic information or knowing where to access the information can verify awareness. Reaching a **knowledge level** may take the form of observing a plan in action, reading a plan more thoroughly, or having a plan	Based on interview, the Agency did not ensure training competencies were met for 2 of 15 Direct Support Personnel. **When DSP were asked, if the Individual had a Positive Behavioral Supports Plan (PBSP), have you been trained on the PBSP and what does the plan cover, the following was reported:** • DSP #527 stated, "Umm, let me look that up for you. I believe she does not." According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP, the Individual requires a Positive Behavioral Supports Plan. (Individual #4) • DSP #615 stated, "He doesn't have a supports plan, but we are aware of his behaviors. But I think it's the PT or SLP that goes over his history of behaviors." According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP, the Individual requires a Positive Behavioral Supports Plan. (Individual #6) **When DSP were asked, if they received training on the Individual's Behavioral Crisis Intervention Plan (BCIP) and if so, what the plan covered, the following was reported:** • DSP #615 stated, "No." According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP, the individual has Behavioral Crisis Intervention Plan. (Individual #6)	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

described by the author or their designee. Verbal or written recall or demonstration may verify this level of competence. Reaching a **skill level** involves being trained by a therapist, nurse, designated or experienced designated trainer. The trainer shall demonstrate the techniques according to the plan. Then they observe and provide feedback to the trainee as they implement the techniques. This should be repeated until competence is demonstrated. Demonstration of skill or observed implementation of the techniques or strategies verifies skill level competence. Trainees should be observed on more than one occasion to ensure appropriate techniques are maintained and to provide additional coaching/feedback. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified Provider Agency personnel who must successfully complete IST requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the ISP of each person supported. 1. IST must be arranged and conducted at least annually. IST includes training on the ISP Desired Outcomes, Action Plans, strategies, and information about the person's preferences regarding privacy, communication style, and routines. More frequent training may be necessary if the annual ISP changes before the year ends. 2. IST for therapy-related WDSI, HCPs, MERPs, CARMPs, PBSA, PBSP, and BCIP, must occur at least annually and more often if plans change, or if monitoring by the plan author or agency finds incorrect implementation, when new DSP or CM are assigned to work with a person, or when an existing DSP or CM requires a refresher. 3. The competency level of the training is based on the IST section of the ISP. 4. The person should be present for and involved in IST whenever possible.			

5. Provider Agencies are responsible for tracking of IST requirements. 6. Provider Agencies must arrange and ensure that DSP's are trained on the contents of the plans in accordance with timelines indicated in the Individual-Specific Training Requirements: Support Plans section of the ISP and notify the plan authors when new DSP are hired to arrange for trainings. 7. If a therapist, BSC, nurse, or other author of a plan, healthcare or otherwise, chooses to designate a trainer, that person is still responsible for providing the curriculum to the designated trainer. The author of the plan is also responsible for ensuring the designated trainer is verifying competency in alignment with their curriculum, doing periodic quality assurance checks with their designated trainer, and re-certifying the designated trainer at least annually and/or when there is a change to a person's plan.			

Tag # 1A43.1 General Events Reporting: Individual Reporting	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **Chapter 19: Provider Reporting Requirements: 19.2 General Events Reporting (GER):** The purpose of General Events Reporting (GER) is to report, track and analyze events, which pose a risk to adults in the DD Waiver program, but do not meet criteria for ANE or other reportable incidents as defined by the IMB. Analysis of GER is intended to identify emerging patterns so that preventative action can be taken at the individual, Provider Agency, regional and statewide level. On a quarterly and annual basis, DDSD analyzes GER data at the provider, regional and statewide levels to identify any patterns that warrant intervention. Provider Agency use of GER in Therap is required as follows: 1. DD Waiver Provider Agencies approved to provide Customized In-Home Supports, Family Living, IMLS, Supported Living, Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment, Adult Nursing and Case Management must use GER in the Therap system. 2. DD Waiver Provider Agencies referenced above are responsible for entering specified information into the GER section of the secure website operated under contract by Therap according to the GER Reporting Requirements in Appendix B GER Requirements. 3. At the Provider Agency's discretion additional events, which are not required by DDSD, may also be tracked within the GER section of Therap. 4. GER does not replace a Provider Agency's obligations to report ANE or other	Based on record review, the Agency did not follow the General Events Reporting requirements as indicated by the policy for 4 of 13 individuals. **The following General Events Reporting records contained evidence that indicated the General Events Report was not entered and / or approved within the required timeframe:** **Individual #1** • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 1/16/2021 the Individual received vaccination. (COVID-19 vaccine). GER was approved 2/6/2021. • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 2/13/2021 the Individual received vaccination. (COVID-19 vaccine). GER was approved 2/18/2021. • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 3/10/2021 the Individual had bruises. (Injury). GER was approved 3/15/2021. **Individual #5** • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 1/16/2021 the Individual received vaccination. (COVID-19 vaccine). GER was approved 2/18/2021. • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 2/6/2021 the Individual received vaccination. (COVID-19 vaccine). GER was approved 2/13/2021. **Individual #11** • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 1/16/2021 the Individual received	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

reportable incidents as described in Chapter 18: Incident Management System. 5. GER does not replace a Provider Agency's obligations related to healthcare coordination, modifications to the ISP, or any other risk management and QI activities. **Appendix B GER Requirements:** DDSD is pleased to introduce the revised General Events Reporting (GER), requirements. There are two important changes related to medication error reporting: 1. *Effective immediately*, DDSD requires ALL medication errors be entered into Therap GER with the exception of those required to be reported to Division of Health Improvement-Incident Management Bureau. 2. No alternative methods for reporting are permitted. **The following events need to be reported in the Therap GER:** • Emergency Room/Urgent Care/Emergency Medical Services • Falls Without Injury • Injury (including Falls, Choking, Skin Breakdown and Infection) • Law Enforcement Use • Medication Errors • Medication Documentation Errors • Missing Person/Elopement • Out of Home Placement- Medical: Hospitalization, Long Term Care, Skilled Nursing or Rehabilitation Facility Admission • PRN Psychotropic Medication • Restraint Related to Behavior • Suicide Attempt or Threat **Entry Guidance:** Provider Agencies must complete the following sections of the GER with detailed information: profile information, event information, other event information,	vaccination. (COVID-19 vaccine). GER was approved 2/6/2021. • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 2/13/2021 the Individual received vaccination. (COVID-19 vaccine). GER was approved 5/3/2021. **Individual #13** • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 1/16/2021 the Individual received vaccination. (COVID-19 vaccine). GER was approved 2/6/2021. • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 2/13/2021 the Individual received vaccination. (COVID-19 vaccine). GER was approved 2/18/2021.		

general information, notification, actions taken or planned, and the review follow up comments section. Please attach any pertinent external documents such as discharge summary, medical consultation form, etc. Provider Agencies must enter and approve GERs within 2 business days with the exception of Medication Errors which must be entered into GER on at least a monthly basis.			

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Completion Date
Service Domain: Health and Welfare – *The state, on an ongoing basis, identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent occurrences of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Individuals shall be afforded their basic human rights. The provider supports individuals to access needed healthcare services in a timely manner.*			
Tag # 1A03 Continuous Quality Improvement System & Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	**Standard Level Deficiency**		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **Chapter 22:Quality Improvement Strategy (QIS):** A QIS at the provider level is directly linked to the organization's service delivery approach or underlying provision of services. To achieve a higher level of performance and improve quality, an organization is required to have an efficient and effective QIS. The QIS is required to follow four key principles: 1. quality improvement work in systems and processes; 2. focus on participants; 3. focus on being part of the team; and 4. focus on use of the data. As part of a QIS, Provider Agencies are required to evaluate their performance based on the four key principles outlined above. Provider Agencies are required to identify areas of improvement, issues that impact quality of services, and areas of non-compliance with the DD Waiver Service Standards or any other program requirements. The findings should help inform the agency's QI plan. ***22.2 QI Plan and Key Performance Indicators (KPI):*** Findings from a discovery process should result in a QI plan. The QI plan is used by an agency to continually determine whether the agency is performing within program requirements, achieving goals, and identifying opportunities for improvement. The QI plan describes the processes that the	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain or implement a Quality Improvement System (QIS), as required by standards. Review of the Agency's Quality Improvement Plan provided during the on-site survey did not address the following as required by Standards: **The Agency's QI Plan did not address on or more of the following KPI applies to the following provider types:** 1. % of appointments attended as recommended by medical professionals (physician, nurse practitioner or specialist). 2. % of people accessing Customized Community Supports in a non-disability specific setting.	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

Provider Agency uses in each phase of the QIS: discovery, remediation, and sustained improvement. It describes the frequency of data collection, the source and types of data gathered, as well as the methods used to analyze data and measure performance. The QI plan must describe how the data collected will be used to improve the delivery of services and must describe the methods used to evaluate whether implementation of improvements is working. The QI plan shall address, at minimum, three key performance indicators (KPI). The KPI are determined by DOH-DDSQI) on an annual basis or as determined necessary. ***22.3 Implementing a QI Committee:*** A QI committee must convene on at least a quarterly basis and more frequently if needed. The QI Committee convenes to review data; to identify any deficiencies, trends, patterns, or concerns; to remedy deficiencies; and to identify opportunities for QI. QI Committee meetings must be documented and include a review of at least the following: 1. Activities or processes related to discovery, i.e., monitoring and recording the findings; 2. The entities or individuals responsible for conducting the discovery/monitoring process; 3. The types of information used to measure performance; 4. The frequency with which performance is measured; and 5. The activities implemented to improve performance. ***22.4 Preparation of an Annual Report:*** The Provider Agency must complete an annual report based on the quality assurance (QA) activities and the QI Plan that the agency has implemented during the year. The annual report shall:			

1. Be submitted to the DDSD PEU by February 15th of each calendar year. 2. Be kept on file at the agency, and made available to DOH, including DHI upon request. 3. Address the Provider Agency's QA or compliance with at least the following: a. compliance with DDSD Training Requirements; b. compliance with reporting requirements, including reporting of ANE; c. timely submission of documentation for budget development and approval; d. presence and completeness of required documentation; e. compliance with CCHS, EAR, and Licensing requirements as applicable; and f. a summary of all corrective plans implemented over the last 24 months, demonstrating closure with any deficiencies or findings as well as ongoing compliance and sustainability. Corrective plans include but are not limited to: i. IQR findings; ii. CPA Plans related to ANE reporting; iii. POCs related to QMB compliance surveys; and iv. PIPs related to Regional Office Contract Management. 4. Address the Provider Agency QI with at least the following: a. data analysis related to the DDSD required KPI; and b. the five elements required to be discussed by the QI committee each quarter.			

NMAC 7.1.14.8 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS: **F. Quality assurance/quality improvement program for community-based service providers:** The community-based service provider shall establish and implement a quality improvement program for reviewing alleged complaints and incidents of abuse, neglect, or exploitation against them as a provider after the division's investigation is complete. The incident management program shall include written documentation of corrective actions taken. The community-based service provider shall take all reasonable steps to prevent further incidents. The community-based service provider shall provide the following internal monitoring and facilitating quality improvement program: **(1)** community-based service providers shall have current abuse, neglect, and exploitation management policy and procedures in place that comply with the department's requirements; **(2)** community-based service providers providing intellectual and developmental disabilities services must have a designated incident management coordinator in place; and **(3)** community-based service providers providing intellectual and developmental disabilities services must have an incident management committee to identify any deficiencies, trends, patterns, or concerns as well as opportunities for quality improvement, address internal and external incident reports for the purpose of examining internal root causes, and to take action on identified issues.			

Tag # 1A09 Medication Delivery Routine Medication Administration	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and Client Records 20.6 Medication Administration Record (MAR):** A current Medication Administration Record (MAR) must be maintained in all settings where medications or treatments are delivered. Family Living Providers may opt not to use MARs if they are the sole provider who supports the person with medications or treatments. However, if there are services provided by unrelated DSP, ANS for Medication Oversight must be budgeted, and a MAR must be created and used by the DSP. Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies are responsible for: 1. Creating and maintaining either an electronic or paper MAR in their service setting. Provider Agencies may use the MAR in Therap, but are not mandated to do so. 2. Continually communicating any changes about medications and treatments between Provider Agencies to assure health and safety. 7. Including the following on the MAR: a. The name of the person, a transcription of the physician's or licensed health care provider's orders including the brand and generic names for all ordered routine and PRN medications or treatments, and the diagnoses for which the medications or treatments are prescribed; b. The prescribed dosage, frequency and method or route of administration; times and dates of administration for all ordered routine or PRN prescriptions or treatments; over the	After an analysis of the evidence it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur. Medication Administration Records (MAR) were reviewed for the months of June 2021 and July 2021. Based on record review, 2 of 9 individuals had Medication Administration Records (MAR), which contained missing medications entries and/or other errors: Individual #1 June 2021 As indicated by the Medication Administration Records the individual is to take Famotidine 20 mg (1 time daily) at bedtime. According to the Physician's Orders, Famotidine 20 mg is to be taken (1 time daily) every morning. Medication Administration Record and Physician's Orders do not match. Individual #4 June 2021 As indicated by the Medication Administration Records, Levothyroxine 100 mcg is to be taken (1 time daily). Per the medication bottle label the individual is to take Levothyroixine 75 mcg (1 time daily). Medication Administration Record and medication bottle label do not match.	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

counter (OTC) or "comfort" medications or treatments and all self-selected herbal or vitamin therapy; c. Documentation of all time limited or discontinued medications or treatments; d. The initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication delivery and a signature page or electronic record that designates the full name corresponding to the initials; e. Documentation of refused, missed, or held medications or treatments; f. Documentation of any allergic reaction that occurred due to medication or treatments; and g. For PRN medications or treatments: i. instructions for the use of the PRN medication or treatment which must include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication or treatment is to be used and the number of doses that may be used in a 24-hour period; ii. clear documentation that the DSP contacted the agency nurse prior to assisting with the medication or treatment, unless the DSP is a Family Living Provider related by affinity of consanguinity; and iii. documentation of the effectiveness of the PRN medication or treatment. **Chapter 10 Living Care Arrangements** ***10.3.4 Medication Assessment and Delivery:*** Living Supports Provider Agencies must support and comply with: 1. the processes identified in the DDSD AWMD training;			

2. the nursing and DSP functions identified in the Chapter 13.3 Part 2- Adult Nursing Services; 3. all Board of Pharmacy regulations as noted in Chapter 16.5 Board of Pharmacy; and 4. documentation requirements in a Medication Administration Record (MAR) as described in Chapter 20.6 Medication Administration Record (MAR). **NMAC 16.19.11.8 MINIMUM STANDARDS:** A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, HANDLING AND RECORD KEEPING OF DRUGS: (d) The facility shall have a Medication Administration Record (MAR) documenting medication administered to residents, **including over-the-counter medications.** This documentation shall include: (i) Name of resident; (ii) Date given; (iii) Drug product name; (iv) Dosage and form; (v) Strength of drug; (vi) Route of administration; (vii) How often medication is to be taken; (viii) Time taken and staff initials; (ix) Dates when the medication is discontinued or changed; (x) The name and initials of all staff administering medications. **Model Custodial Procedure Manual** ***D. Administration of Drugs*** Unless otherwise stated by practitioner, patients will not be allowed to administer their own medications. Document the practitioner's order authorizing the self-administration of medications. 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.			

Tag # 1A09.1 Medication Delivery PRN Medication Administration	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
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2. the nursing and DSP functions identified in the Chapter 13.3 Part 2- Adult Nursing Services; 3. all Board of Pharmacy regulations as noted in Chapter 16.5 Board of Pharmacy; and 4. documentation requirements in a Medication Administration Record (MAR) as described in Chapter 20.6 Medication Administration Record (MAR).			

Tag # 1A27.2 Duty to Report IRs Filed During On-Site and/or IRs Not Reported by Provider	Standard Level Deficiency		
NMAC 7.1.14.8 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS: **A. Duty to report:** **(1)** All community-based providers shall immediately report alleged crimes to law enforcement or call for emergency medical services as appropriate to ensure the safety of consumers. **(2)** All community-based service providers, their employees and volunteers shall immediately call the department of health improvement (DHI) hotline at 1-800-445-6242 to report abuse, 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,	Based on interview, the Agency did not report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation**,** unexpected and natural/expected deaths; or other reportable incidents as required to the Division of Health Improvement. **As a result of what was stated during the interview the following incident(s) was reported:** **Individual #10** • A State ANE Report was filed as a result of the following: On July 13, 2021 at 2:25 pm the Individual was interviewed and asked, Are you comfortable with staff? Individual #10 reported that graveyard staff are not checking on the individuals as required and believes staff are sleeping during this time. The individual additionally reported they attempted to report the incident to the "House Manager" who reported to the individual, they are not supposed to sleep.	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

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. **(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.			

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Completion Date
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 Deficient Practices Found**		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **Chapter 21: Billing Requirements: 21.4 Recording Keeping and Documentation Requirements:** DD Waiver Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to demonstrate proper provision of services for Medicaid billing. At a minimum, Provider Agencies must adhere to the following: 1. The level and type of service provided must be supported in the ISP and have an approved budget prior to service delivery and billing. 2. Comprehensive documentation of direct service delivery must include, at a minimum: a. the agency name; b. the name of the recipient of the service; c. the location of the service; d. the date of the service; e. the type of service; f. the start and end times of the service; g. the signature and title of each staff member who documents their time; and h. the nature of services. 3. A Provider Agency that receives payment for treatment, services, or goods must retain all medical and business records for a period of at least six years from the last payment date, until ongoing audits are settled, or until involvement of the state Attorney General is completed regarding settlement of any claim, whichever is longer. 4. A Provider Agency that receives payment for treatment, services or goods must retain all medical and business records relating to any of the following for a period of at least six years	Based on record review, the Agency maintained 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 for 13 of 13 individuals. *Progress notes and billing records supported billing activities for the months of April, May and June 2021 for the following services:* • Supported Living • Family Living • Customized Community Supports • Community Integrated Services		

from the payment date: a. treatment or care of any eligible recipient; b. services or goods provided to any eligible recipient; c. amounts paid by MAD on behalf of any eligible recipient; and d. any records required by MAD for the administration of Medicaid. **21.9 Billable Units:** The unit of billing depends on the service type. The unit may be a 15-minute interval, a daily unit, a monthly unit or a dollar amount. The unit of billing is identified in the current DD Waiver Rate Table. Provider Agencies must correctly report service units. **21.9.1 Requirements for Daily Units:** For services billed in daily units, Provider Agencies must adhere to the following: 1. A day is considered 24 hours from midnight to midnight. 2. If 12 or fewer hours of service are provided, then one-half unit shall be billed. A whole unit can be billed if more than 12 hours of service is provided during a 24-hour period. 3. The maximum allowable billable units cannot exceed 340 calendar days per ISP year or 170 calendar days per six months. 4. When a person transitions from one Provider Agency to another during the ISP year, a standard formula to calculate the units billed by each Provider Agency must be applied as follows: a. The discharging Provider Agency bills the number of calendar days that services were provided multiplied by .93 (93%). b. The receiving Provider Agency bills the remaining days up to 340 for the ISP year. **21.9.2 Requirements for Monthly Units:** For services billed in monthly units, a Provider Agency must adhere to the following: 1. A month is considered a period of 30			

calendar days. 2. At least one hour of face-to-face billable services shall be provided during a calendar month where any portion of a monthly unit is billed. 3. Monthly units can be prorated by a half unit. 4. Agency transfers not occurring at the beginning of the 30-day interval are required to be coordinated in the middle of the 30-day interval so that the discharging and receiving agency receive a half unit. **21.9.3 Requirements for 15-minute and hourly units**: For services billed in 15-minute or hourly intervals, Provider Agencies must adhere to the following: 1. When time spent providing the service is not exactly 15 minutes or one hour, Provider Agencies are responsible for reporting time correctly following NMAC 8.302.2. 2. Services that last in their entirety less than eight minutes cannot be billed. **NMAC 8.302.1.17 Effective Date 9-15-08 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. **Detail Required in Records -** Provider Records must be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, eligible recipient name, rendering, attending, ordering or prescribing provider; level and quantity of services, length of a session of service billed, diagnosis and medical necessity of any service . . . Treatment plans or other plans of care must be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the level of need, supervision, and direction and service(s) needed by the eligible recipient. **Services Billed by Units of Time -**			

Services billed on the basis of time units spent with an eligible recipient must be sufficiently detailed to document the actual time spent with the eligible recipient and the services provided during that time unit. **Records Retention -** A provider who receives payment for treatment, services or goods must retain all medical and business records relating to any of the following for a period of at least six years from the payment date: (1) treatment or care of any eligible recipient (2) services or goods provided to any eligible recipient (3) amounts paid by MAD on behalf of any eligible recipient; and (4) any records required by MAD for the administration of Medicaid.			

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Dear Ms. Olivas:

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

The Plan of Correction process is now complete.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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