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 case management survey the CMS waiver assurances have been grouped into five (5) Service Domains: Plan of Care (Development and Monitoring); Level 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 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 Case Management are as follows:

Service Domain: Plan of Care ISP Development & Monitoring - Service plans address all participates’ assessed needs (including health and safety risk factors) and goals, either by waiver services or through other means. Services plans are updated or revised at least annually or when warranted by changes in the waiver participants’ needs.

Potential Condition of Participation Level Tags, if compliance is below 85%:
- 1A08.3 – Administrative Case File - Individual Service Plan (ISP) / ISP Components
- 4C07 – Individual Service Planning (Visions, measurable outcome, action steps)
- 4C07.1 – Individual Service Planning – Paid Services
- 4C10 – Apprv. Budget Worksheet Waiver Review Form / MAD 046
- 4C12 – Monitoring & Evaluation of Services
• **4C16** – Requirements for Reports & Distribution of ISP (Provider Agencies, Individual and/or Guardian)

**Service Domain: Level of Care** - Initial and annual Level of Care (LOC) evaluations are completed within timeframes specified by the State.

**Potential Condition of Participation Level Tags, if compliance is below 85%:**
• **4C04** – Assessment Activities

**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.

**Potential Condition of Participation Level Tags, if compliance is below 85%:**
• **1A22/4C02** – Case Manager: Individual Specific Competencies
• **1A22.1 / 4C02.1** – Case Manager Competencies: Knowledge of Service

**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
• **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