Date: December 23, 2008

To: Patrick Garrity, Executive Director
Provider: Ability First, LLC
Address: 2403 San Mateo NE Suite W-6
State/Zip: Albuquerque, NM 87110
Region: Metro & Southwest
Survey Date: December 1 - 4, 2008
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed: Community Living (Independent Living & Family Living)
Survey Type: Routine
Team Leader: Crystal Lopez-Beck, BA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau
Team Members: Nadine Romero, LBSW, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Marti Madrid, LBSW, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Barbara Czingar, MSW/LISW, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Cynthia Nielsen, RN, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Survey #: Q09.02.24883310.METRO & SW.001.RTN.01

Dear Mr. Garrity,

The Division of Health Improvement Quality Management Bureau has completed a quality review 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.

Quality Management Approval Rating:
In conjunction with a survey completed of your Agency’s Metro Regional office, The Division of Health Improvement is granting your agency a “SUB-STANDARD” certification for basic compliance with DDSD Standards and regulations; in addition your agency will be referred to the Internal Review Committee for review and possible sanction.

Plan of Correction:
The attached Report of Findings identifies deficiencies found during your agency’s survey. You are required to complete and implement a Plan of Correction (POC). Please submit your agency’s Plan of Correction (POC) in the space on the two right columns of the Report of Findings. See attachment A for additional guidance in completing the POC. The response is due to the parties below within 10 working days of the receipt of this letter:

1. Quality Management Bureau, Attention: Plan of Correction Coordinator
   5301 Central Ave. NE Suite 900 Albuquerque, NM 87108

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

Upon notification from QMB that your Plan of Correction has been approved, you must implement all remedies and corrective actions within 45 working days. If your plan of correction is denied, you must resubmit a revised plan ASAP for approval. All remedies must still be completed within 45 working days of the original submission.

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Failure to submit, complete or implement your POC within the required time frames will result in the imposition of a $200 per day Civil Monetary Penalty until it is received, completed and/or implemented.

**Request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings (IRF):**
If you disagree with a determination of noncompliance (finding) you have 10 working days upon receipt of this notice to request an IRF. Submit your request for an IRF in writing to:

QMB Deputy Bureau Chief  
5301 Central Ave NE Suite #900  
Albuquerque, NM 87108  
Attention: IRF request

A request for an IRF will not delay the implementation of your Plan of Correction which must be completed within 45 working days. Providers may not appeal the nature or interpretation of the standard or regulation, the team composition, sampling methodology or the Scope and Severity of the finding.

If the IRF approves the change or removal of a finding, you will be advised of any changes.

This IRF process is separate and apart from the Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR) and Fair Hearing Process for Sanctions from DOH.

Please call the Team Leader at 505-222-6625, if you have questions about the survey or the report. Thank you for your cooperation and for the work you perform.

Sincerely,

Crystal Lopez-Beck  
Crystal Lopez-Beck, BA  
Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor  
Division of Health Improvement  
Quality Management Bureau
**Survey Process Employed:**

**Entrance Conference Date:** December 1, 2008

**Present:**
- **Ability First, LLC**  
  Elizabeth Rodriguez, Service Coordinator  
  Zuly Abrego, Service Coordinator  
  Aisle McGrath, Service Coordinator

- **DOH/DHI/QMB**  
  Crystal Lopez-Beck, BA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor  
  Cynthia Nielsen, RN, Healthcare Surveyor  
  Nadine Romero, LBSW, Healthcare Surveyor  
  Barbara Czinger, MSW/LISW, Healthcare Surveyor

**Exit Conference Date:** December 4, 2008

**Present:**
- **Ability First, LLC**  
  Patrick Garrity, Executive Director

- **DOH/DHI/QMB**  
  Crystal Lopez - Beck, BA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor  
  Cynthia Nielsen, RN, Healthcare Surveyor  
  Scott Good, MRC, CRC, Deputy Bureau Chief  
  Nadine Romero, LBSW, Healthcare Surveyor

- **DDSD - Metro Regional Office**  
  Carol Sena, Social & Community Services Coordinator

**Homes Visited**  
**Number:** 12

**Administrative Locations Visited**  
**Number:** 1

**Total Sample Size**  
**Number:** 15  
- 12 - Family Living  
- 3 - Independent Living

**Persons Served Interviewed**  
**Number:** 7

**Persons Served Observed**  
**Number:** 8 (Three declined to be interview & five were not available during the on-site week of December 1, 2008)

**Records Reviewed (Persons Served)**  
**Number:** 15

**Administrative Files Reviewed**
- Billing Records  
- Medical Records  
- Incident Management Records  
- Personnel Files  
- Training Records  
- Agency Policy and Procedure  
- Caregiver Criminal History Screening Records  
- Employee Abuse Registry  
- Human Rights Notes and/or Meeting Minutes  
- Nursing personnel files  
- Evacuation Drills  
- Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance Plan

CC: Distribution List:
DOH - Division of Health Improvement
DOH - Developmental Disabilities Supports Division
DOH - Office of Internal Audit
HSD - Medical Assistance Division
Provider Instructions for Completing the QMB Plan of Correction (POC) Process

- After a QMB Quality Review, your Survey Report will be sent to you via certified mail. You may request that it also be sent to you electronically by calling George Perrault, Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-222-8624.
- Within 10 business days of the date you received your survey report, you must develop and send your Plan of Correction response to the QMB office. (Providers who do not pick up their mail will be referred to the Internal Review Committee [IRC]).
- For each Deficiency in your Survey Report, include specific information about HOW you will correct each Deficiency, WHO will fix each Deficiency (“Responsible Party”), and by WHEN (“Date Due”).
- Your POC must not only address HOW, WHO and WHEN each Deficiency will be corrected, but must also address overall systemic issues to prevent the Deficiency from reoccurring, i.e., Quality Assurance (QA). Your description of your QA must include specifics about your self-auditing processes, such as HOW OFTEN you will self-audit, WHO will do it, and WHAT FORMS will be used.
- Corrective actions should be incorporated into your agency’s Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement policies and procedures.
- You may send your POC response electronically to George.Perrault@state.nm.us, by fax (505-841-5815), or by postal mail.
- Do not send supporting documentation to QMB until after your POC has been approved by QMB.
- QMB will notify you if your POC has been “Approved” or “Denied”.
- Whether your POC is “Approved” or “Denied”, you have a maximum of 45 business days to correct all survey Deficiencies from the date of receipt of your Survey Report. If your POC is “Denied” it must be revised and resubmitted ASAP, as the 45 working day limit is in effect. Providers whose revised POC is denied will be referred to the IRC.
- The POC must be completed on the official QMB Survey Report and Plan of Correction Form, unless approved in advance by the POC Coordinator.
- The following Deficiencies must be corrected within the deadlines below (after receipt of your Survey Report):
  - CCHS and EAR: 10 working days
  - Medication errors: 10 working days
  - IMS system/training: 20 working days
  - ISP related documentation: 30 working days
  - DDSD Training 45 working days

- If you have questions about the POC process, call the QMB POC Coordinator, George Perrault at 505-222-8624 for assistance.
• For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your local DDSD Regional Office.
• Once your POC has been approved by QMB, the POC may not be altered or the dates changed.
• Requests for an extension or modification of your POC (post approval) must be made in writing and submitted to the POC Coordinator at QMB, and are approved on a case-by case basis.
• When submitting supporting documentation, organize your documents by Tag #s, and annotate or label each document using Individual #s.
• Do not submit original documents, copies are fine. Originals must be maintained in the agency/client file(s) as per DDSD Standards.
• Failure to submit, complete or implement your POC within the required timeframes will result in a referral to the IRC and the possible imposition of a $200 per day Civil Monetary Penalty until it is received, completed and/or implemented.
QMB Scope and Severity Matrix of survey results

Each deficiency in your Report of Findings is scored on a Scope and Severity Scale. The culmination of each deficiency’s Scope and Severity is used to determine degree of compliance to standards and regulations and level of QMB Certification.

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<tr>
<th>SEVERITY</th>
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<td>F. (3 or more)</td>
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<td>No Actual Harm Minimal potential for harm.</td>
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Scope and Severity Definitions:

**Key to Scope scale:**

**Isolated:**
A deficiency that is limited to 1% to 15% of the sample, usually impacting no more than one or two individuals in the sample.

**Pattern:**
A deficiency that impacts a number or group of individuals from 16% to 79% of the sample is defined as a pattern finding. Pattern findings suggest the need for system wide corrective actions.

**Widespread:**
A deficiency that impacts most or all (80% to 100%) of the individuals in the sample is defined as widespread or pervasive. Widespread findings suggest the need for system wide corrective actions as well as the need to implement a Continuous Quality Improvement process to improve or build infrastructure. Widespread findings must be referred to the Internal Review Committee for review and possible actions or sanctions.
Key to Severity scale:

Low Impact Severity: (Blue)
Low level findings have no or minimal potential for harm to an individual. Providers that have no findings above a “C” level may receive a “Quality” Certification approval rating from QMB.

Medium Impact Severity: (Tan)
Medium level findings have a potential for harm to an individual. Providers that have no findings above a “F” level and/or no more than two F level findings and no F level Conditions of Participation may receive a “Merit” Certification approval rating from QMB.

High Impact Severity: (Green or Yellow)
High level findings are when harm to an individual has occurred. Providers that have no findings above “I” level may only receive a “Standard” Approval rating from QMB and will be referred to the IRC.

High Impact Severity: (Yellow)
“J, K, and L” Level findings:
This is a finding of Immediate Jeopardy. If a provider is found to have “I” level findings or higher, with an outcome of Immediate Jeopardy, including repeat findings or Conditions of Participation they will be referred to the Internal Review Committee.
Guidelines for the Provider
Informal Reconsideration of Finding (IRF) Process

Introduction:
Throughout the process, surveyors are openly communicating with providers. Open communication means that surveyors have clarified issues and/or requested missing information before completing the review. Regardless, there may still be instances where the provider disagrees with a specific finding.

To informally dispute a finding the provider must request in writing an Informal Reconsideration of the Finding (IRF) to the QMB Deputy Bureau Chief within 10 working days of receipt of the final report.

The written request for an IRF must be completed on the QMB Request for Informal Reconsideration of Finding Form (available on the QMB website) and must specify in detail the request for reconsideration and why the finding is inaccurate. The IRF request must include all supporting documentation or evidence that was not previously reviewed during the survey process.

The following limitations apply to the IRF process:

- The request for an IRF and all supporting evidence must be received in 10 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 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 Scope and Severity of a finding.
- 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 QMB Quality Approval Rating and the length of their DDSD provider contract.

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

QMB has 30 working days to complete the review and notify the provider of the decision. The request will be reviewed by the IRF committee. 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 successfully reconsidered, it will be noted and will be removed or modified from the report. 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.

Administrative Review Process:
If a Provider desires to challenge the decision of the IRF committee they may request an Administrative Review by the DHI and DDSD Director. The Request must be made in writing to the QMB Bureau Chief and received within 5 days of notification from the IRF decision.
Regarding IRC Sanctions:
The Informal Reconsideration of the Finding process is a separate process specific to QMB Survey Findings and should not be confused with any process associated with IRC Sanctions.

If a Provider desires to Dispute or Appeal an IRC Sanction that is a separate and different process. Providers may choose the Informal Dispute Resolution Process or the Formal Medicaid Fair Hearing Process to dispute or appeal IRC sanctions, please refer to the DOH Sanction policy and section 39 of the provider contract agreement.
### Agency Information

**Agency:** Ability First, LLC - Metro & Southwest Regions  
**Program:** Developmental Disabilities Waiver  
**Service:** Community Living (Family Living & Independent Living)  
**Monitoring Type:** Routine  
**Date of Survey:** December 1 - 4, 2008

### Tag # 1A03 CQI System

#### Statute


#### Deficiency

**I. PROVIDER AGENCY ENROLLMENT PROCESS**

**CHAPTER 1 I. PROVIDER AGENCY ENROLLMENT PROCESS**

Prior to approval or renewal of a DD Waiver Provider Agreement, the Provider Agency is required to submit in writing the current Continuous Quality Improvement Plan to the DOH for approval. In addition, on an annual basis DD Waiver Provider Agencies shall develop or update and implement the Continuous Quality Improvement Plan. The CQI Plan shall be used to 1) discover strengths and challenges of the provider agency, as well as strengths, and barriers individuals experience in receiving the quality, quantity, and meaningfulness of services that he or she desires; 2) build on strengths and remediate individual and provider level issues to improve the provider’s service provision over time. At a minimum the CQI Plan shall address how the agency will collect, analyze, act on data and evaluate results related to:

1. Individual access to needed services and supports;
2. Effectiveness and timeliness of implementation of Individualized Service Plans;
3. Trends in achievement of individual outcomes in the Individual Service Plans;
4. Trends in medication and medical incidents leading to adverse health events;
5. Trends in the adequacy of planning and coordination of healthcare supports at both supervisory and direct support levels;
6. Quality and completeness documentation;

When the Executive Director (#58) was asked about his QA process, Executive Director (#58)  

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<td>Scope and Severity Rating: C</td>
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<td>Based on record review, the Agency failed to update and implement their Continuous Quality Management System on an annual basis.</td>
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<td>Review of the Agency’s Continuous Quality Improvement Plan provided during the on-site survey (December 1, 2008) was dated 5/23/06. No evidence was found indicating the document had been updated.</td>
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<td>Review of the Agency’s Continuous Quality Improvement Plan did not contain all components required by DD Waiver Standards.</td>
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<td>The Agency’s CQI Plan did not contain the following components:</td>
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<td>1. Effectiveness and timeliness of implementation of Individualized Service Plans;</td>
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### Agency Plan of Correction and Responsible Party

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leading to adverse health events;

(5) Trends in the adequacy of planning and coordination of healthcare supports at both supervisory and direct support levels;

(6) Quality and completeness documentation; and

(7) Trends in individual and guardian satisfaction.

stated, “It needs a little work. We do have document checklists for files but have a hard time getting responses from case managers. We also really don’t do any trending.”
Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for 1 of 15 individuals.

Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:

- Physical Therapy Plan (#7)
known) of the developmental disability, psychiatric diagnoses, allergies (food, environmental, medications), immunizations, and most recent physical exam;

(6) When applicable, transition plans completed for individuals at the time of discharge from Fort Stanton Hospital or Los Lunas Hospital and Training School; and

(7) Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the individual upon request.

(8) The receiving Provider Agency shall be provided at a minimum the following records whenever an individual changes provider agencies:
   (a) Complete file for the past 12 months;
   (b) ISP and quarterly reports from the current and prior ISP year;
   (c) Intake information from original admission to services; and
   (d) When applicable, the Individual Transition Plan at the time of discharge from Los Lunas Hospital and Training School or Ft. Stanton Hospital.
**Tag # 1A09  Medication Delivery (MAR)**

**Scope and Severity Rating: F**

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<td><strong>CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS:</strong> The objective of these standards is to establish Provider Agency policy, procedure and reporting requirements for DD Medicaid Waiver program. These requirements apply to all such Provider Agency staff, whether directly employed or subcontracting with the Provider Agency. Additional Provider Agency requirements and personnel qualifications may be applicable for specific service standards.</td>
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<td><strong>E. Medication Delivery:</strong> Provider Agencies that provide Community Living, Community Inclusion or Private Duty Nursing services shall have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the Board of Nursing Rules and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.</td>
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<td>(2) When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) shall be maintained and include:</td>
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<td>(a) The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician's written or licensed health care provider's prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;</td>
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<td>(b) Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration;</td>
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<td>(c) Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication;</td>
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<td>(d) Explanation of any medication irregularity;</td>
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<td>(e) Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and</td>
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<td>(f) For PRN medication, an explanation for the use of the PRN medication shall</td>
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| Medication Administration Records (MAR) were reviewed for the months of August, September and October 2008. |
| Based on record review, 11 of 15 individuals had Medication Administration Records, which contained missing medications entries and/or other errors: |
| **Individual #1 August 2008** |
| Medication Administration Records did not contain the route & purpose of medications: |
| • Sertraline 50mg (1 time daily) |
| • Sertraline 100mg (1 time daily) |
| • Lithium 300mg (2 times daily) |
| • Loxapine 10mg (3 times daily) |
| • Clonidine 10mg (3 times daily) |
| **September 2008** |
| Medication Administration Records did not contain the route & purpose of medications: |
| • Sertraline 50mg (1 time daily) |
| • Sertraline 100mg (1 time daily) |
| • Lithium 300mg (2 times daily) |
| • Loxapine 10mg (3 times daily) |
| • Clonidine 10mg (3 times daily) |
| • Divalproex 250mg (2 times daily) |
| **October 2008** |
| During the on-site week of December 1, 2008, surveyors made numerous requests for October 2008 MARs. As of December 4, 2008 the October 2008 MARs were not provided. |
| **Individual #6 August 2008** |
| Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications: |
| • Levothroid 0.075mg (1 time daily) |
| • Fluticasone 16mg (1 time daily) |
include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.

(3) The Provider Agency shall also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose;

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

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

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;

• Naprosyn 1 Tablespoon (3 time daily)
• Triamcinolone 0.1% (2 when needed)

September 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
• Levothroid 0.075mg (1 time daily)
• Fluticasone 16mg (1 time daily)
• Naprosyn 1 Tablespoon (3 time daily)

October 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
• Levothroid 0.075mg (1 time daily)
• Naprosyn 1 Tablespoon (3 time daily)

Individual #7
August 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
• Tegretol 200mg (4 times daily)
• Baclofen 10mg (3 times daily)
• Baclofen 15mg (1 time daily)
• Baclofen 15mg (1 time daily)
• Propranolol 10mg (2 times daily)
• Phlexy-Vits ½ pkg (1 time daily)
• Magnesium Citrate mineral (1 time daily)
• Miralax 17gms (1 time every other day)
• Fosamax 35mg (1 time week)

September 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
• Tegretol 200mg (4 times daily)
• Lamictal 200mg (2 times daily)
• Baclofen 10mg (1 times daily)
• Baclofen 15mg (2 times daily)
• Propranolol 10mg (2 times daily)
• Phlexy-Vits ½ pkg (1 time daily)
• Magnesium Citrate mineral (1 time daily)
• Miralax 17gms (1 time every other day)
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.

- Fosamax 35mg (1 time week)

**October 2008**

Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:

- Tegretol 200mg (4 times daily)
- Lamictal 200mg (2 times daily)
- Lamictal 25mg (1 time daily)
- Lamictal 50mg (1 time daily)
- Lamictal 75mg (1 time daily)
- Baclofen 10mg (1 time daily)
- Baclofen 15mg (2 times daily)
- Propranolol 10mg (2 times daily)
- Phlexy-Vits ½ pkg (1 time daily)
- Magnesium Citrate mineral (1 time daily)
- Miralax 17gms (1 time every other day)
- Fosamax 35mg (1 time week)

**Individual #8**

August 2008

Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:

- BuSpar 10mg (3 times daily)
- Ritalin 10mg (1 time daily)
- Prozac 30mg (1 time daily)
- Trazodone 50mg (1 time daily)

September 2008

Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:

- BuSpar 10mg (3 times daily)
- Ritalin 10mg (1 time daily)
- Prozac 30mg (1 time daily)
- Trazodone 50mg (1 time daily)

**October 2008**

During the on-site week of December 1, 2008, surveyors made numerous requests for October 2008 MARs. As of December 4, 2008 the October 2008 MARs were not provided.
Individual #9
August 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
• Sertraline 100mg (1 time daily)

September 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
• Sertraline 100mg (1 time daily)

October 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
• Sertraline 100mg (1 time daily)

Individual #10
August 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
• Carbamazepine 400mg (2 times daily)
• Risperdal 0.5mg (1 time daily)
• Risperdal 1mg (1 time daily)
• Topamax 100mg (2 times daily)
• Clonidine 0.1mg (2 times daily)
• Gemfibrozil 600mg (2 times daily)
• Calcium Citrate + Vitamin D (2 times daily)
• Abilify 5mg (1 time daily)

Medication Administration Records did not contain the time medication is to be given.
MAR notes time as “AM” & “PM.”
• Carbamazepine 400mg (2 times daily)
• Risperdal 0.5mg (1 time daily)
• Risperdal 1mg (1 time daily)
• Topamax 100mg (2 times daily)
• Clonidine 0.1mg (2 times daily)
• Gemfibrozil 600mg (2 times daily)
• Calcium Citrate + Vitamin D (2 times daily)
• Abilify 5mg (1 time daily)

September 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
- Carbamazepine 400mg (2 times daily)
- Risperdal 0.5mg (1 time daily)
- Risperdal 1mg (1 time daily)
- Topamax 100mg (2 times daily)
- Clonidine 0.1mg (2 times daily)
- Gemfibrozil 600mg (2 times daily)
- Calcium Citrate + Vitamin D (2 times daily)
- Abilify 5mg (1 time daily)
- Oxybutynin 5mg (2 times daily)
- Acetaminophen w/ Codeine #3 (1 or 2 every 4 to 6 hrs)
- Sulfameth/trimethoprim 800/160mg (2 times daily)

Medication Administration Records did not contain the time medication is to be given. MAR notes time as “AM” & “PM.”
- Carbamazepine 400mg (2 times daily)
- Risperdal 0.5mg (1 time daily)
- Risperdal 1mg (1 time daily)
- Topamax 100mg (2 times daily)
- Clonidine 0.1mg (2 times daily)
- Gemfibrozil 600mg (2 times daily)
- Calcium Citrate + Vitamin D (2 times daily)
- Abilify 5mg (1 time daily)
- Oxybutynin 5mg (2 times daily)
- Acetaminophen w/ Codeine #3 (1 or 2 every 4 to 6 hrs)
- Sulfameth/trimethoprim 800/160mg (2 times daily)

October 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
- Carbamazepine 400mg (2 times daily)
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- Sulfameth/trimethoprim 800/160mg (2 times daily)

Individual #11
August 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
- Cozaar 50mg (1 time daily)

September 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
- Cozaar 50mg (1 time daily)

October 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
- Cozaar 50mg (1 time daily)

Individual #12
August 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
- Fluoxetine 20mg (1 time daily)
- Risperidone 0.5mg (1 time daily)
- Oxybutynin 5mg (2 times daily)

September 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
- Fluoxetine 20mg (1 time daily)
- Risperidone 0.5mg (1 time daily)
- Oxybutynin 5mg (2 times daily)

October 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
- Fluoxetine 20mg (1 time daily)
- Risperidone 0.5mg (1 time daily)
- Oxybutynin 5mg (2 times daily)

Individual #13 August 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
- Paxil 30mg (1 time daily)
- Doxycycline 100mg (2 times daily)
- Trileptal 600mg (2 times daily)
- Baclofen 10mg (3 times daily)

September 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain the purpose of medications:
- Paxil 30mg (1 time daily)
- Doxycycline 100mg (2 times daily)
- Trileptal 600mg (2 times daily)
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October 2008
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| August 2008  | Individual #14 | Medication Administration Record indicates medication is PRN. Review of physician’s orders state:  
|              |             | - **Nexium 40mg “BID” (2 times daily)**  
|              |             | Medication Administration Records contained missing entries. No documentation found indicating reason for missing entries:  
|              |             | - **Nexium 40mg** (2 times daily) – Blank 8/4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24, 2008 (8AM & 8PM).  
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|              |             | Medication Administration Record must indicate an exact time that medication is to be administered. MAR notes time range.  
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|              |             | - **Multivitamin 1 tablet (1 time daily)** – 4 - 6pm  
|              |             | Medication Administration Record indicates medication is PRN. Review of physician’s orders states:  
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- **Trileptal 600mg (2 times daily)**  
- **Baclofen 10mg (3 times daily)**
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  • Nexium 40mg (2 times daily) – Blank 10/5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27, 2008. (8AM & 8PM)

Medication Administration Record must indicate an exact time that medication is to be administered. MAR notes time range.
  • Calcium with Magnesium 2 tablespoons (1 time daily) – 6-7am
  • Multivitamin 1 tablet (1 time daily) – 4-6pm

Individual #15
August 2008
Medication Administration Records did not contain dose or purpose of medication:
  • Seroquel (1 time daily)

Medication Administration Records did not contain the time medication is to be given. MAR notes time as “AM” & “PM.”
  • Seroquel (1 time daily)

September 2008
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October 2008
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**Tag # 1A09 Medication Delivery - PRN**


**CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS:** The objective of these standards is to establish Provider Agency policy, procedure and reporting requirements for DD Medicaid Waiver program. These requirements apply to all such Provider Agency staff, whether directly employed or subcontracting with the Provider Agency. Additional Provider Agency requirements and personnel qualifications may be applicable for specific service standards.

**E. Medication Delivery:** Provider Agencies that provide Community Living, Community Inclusion or Private Duty Nursing services shall have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the Board of Nursing Rules and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.

(f) For PRN medication, an explanation for the use of the PRN medication shall include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.

**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;

Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain Medication Administration Records, which included an explanation for the use of the PRN medication including observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness for 3 of 15 individuals:

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<td>• Zyrtec 10mg – PRN – 9/1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 &amp; 30.</td>
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(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.

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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.

August 2008
No symptoms and effectiveness noted for PRN medication:
- Ibuprofen 600mg – PRN – 8/2, 3, 9, 10, 20, 21, 27 & 28.
- Zyrtec D 12hr tab – PRN – 8/1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31.

September 2008
Medication Administration Record states “Fiber or Colace”. Review of physician’s order states:
- Colace 160mg – PRN

No symptoms and effectiveness noted for PRN medication:
- Colace 160mg – PRN – 9/1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 & 24.
- Ibuprofen 600mg – PRN – 9/3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 & 25.
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<td>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain the required documentation in the Individuals Agency Record as required per standard for 5 of 15 individuals</td>
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<td>E. Healthcare Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services:</td>
<td>The following were not found or not current:</td>
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<td>Nursing services must be available as needed and documented for Provider Agencies delivering Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services.</td>
<td>• Quarterly Nursing Review of HCP/Crisis Plans (#7) (12/2007 - 12/2008)</td>
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<td>(1) Documentation of nursing assessment activities</td>
<td>• Healthcare Plans (#7)</td>
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<td>(a) The following hierarchy shall be used to determine which provider agency is responsible for completion of the HAT and MAAT and related subsequent planning and training:</td>
<td>• Crisis Plans</td>
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<td>(i) Community living services provider agency;</td>
<td>• Seizures (#2, 7, 10 &amp; 13)</td>
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<td>(ii) Private duty nursing provider agency;</td>
<td>• Aspiration (#7 &amp; 13)</td>
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<td>(iii) Adult habilitation provider agency;</td>
<td>• G-Tube (#7)</td>
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<td>(iv) Community access provider agency; and</td>
<td>• Asthma (#8)</td>
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<td>(v) Supported employment provider agency.</td>
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<td>(b) The provider agency must arrange for their nurse to complete the Health Assessment Tool (HAT) and the Medication Administration Assessment Tool (MAAT) on at least an annual basis for each individual receiving community living, community inclusion or private duty nursing services, unless the provider agency arranges for the individual’s Primary Care Practitioner (PCP) to voluntarily complete these assessments in lieu of the agency nurse. Agency nurses may also complete these assessments in collaboration with the Primary Care Practitioner if they believe such consultation is necessary for an accurate assessment. Family Living Provider Agencies have the option of having the subcontracted caregiver complete the HAT instead of the nurse or PCP, if the caregiver is</td>
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comfortable doing so. However, the agency nurse must be available to assist the caregiver upon request.

(c) For newly allocated individuals, the HAT and the MAAT must be completed within seventy-two (72) hours of admission into direct services or two weeks following the initial ISP, whichever comes first.

(d) For individuals already in services, the HAT and the MAAT must be completed at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual ISP meeting and submitted to all members of the interdisciplinary team. The HAT must also be completed at the time of any significant change in clinical condition and upon return from any hospitalizations. In addition to annually, the MAAT must be completed at the time of any significant change in clinical condition, when a medication regime or route change requires delivery by licensed or certified staff, or when an individual has completed additional training designed to improve their skills to support self-administration (see DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy).

(e) Nursing assessments conducted to determine current health status or to evaluate a change in clinical condition must be documented in a signed progress note that includes time and date as well as subjective information including the individual complaints, signs and symptoms noted by staff, family members or other team members; objective information including vital signs, physical examination, weight, and other pertinent data for the given situation (e.g., seizure frequency, method in which temperature taken); assessment of the clinical status, and plan of action addressing relevant aspects of all active health problems and follow up on any recommendations of medical consultants.

(2) Health related plans

(a) For individuals with chronic conditions that have the potential to exacerbate into a life-
threatening situation, a medical crisis prevention and intervention plan must be written by the nurse or other appropriately designated healthcare professional.

(b) Crisis prevention and intervention plans must be written in user-friendly language that is easily understood by those implementing the plan.

(c) The nurse shall also document training regarding the crisis prevention and intervention plan delivered to agency staff and other team members, clearly indicating competency determination for each trainee.

(d) If the individual receives services from separate agencies for community living and community inclusion services, nurses from each agency shall collaborate in the development of and training delivery for crisis prevention and intervention plans to assure maximum consistency across settings.

(3) For all individuals with a HAT score of 4, 5 or 6, the nurse shall develop a comprehensive healthcare plan that includes health related supports identified in the ISP (The healthcare plan is the equivalent of a nursing care plan; two separate documents are not required nor recommended):

(a) Each healthcare plan must include a statement of the person’s healthcare needs and list measurable goals to be achieved through implementation of the healthcare plan. Needs statements may be based upon supports needed for the individual to maintain a current strength, ability or skill related to their health, prevention measures, and/or supports needed to remediate, minimize or manage an existing health condition.

(b) Goals must be measurable and shall be revised when an individual has met the goal and has the potential to attain additional goals or no longer requires supports in order to maintain the goal.

(c) Approaches described in the plan shall be individualized to reflect the individual’s unique
needs, provide guidance to the caregiver(s) and designed to support successful interactions. Some interventions may be carried out by staff, family members or other team members, and other interventions may be carried out directly by the nurse – persons responsible for each intervention shall be specified in the plan.

(d) Healthcare plans shall be written in language that will be easily understood by the person(s) identified as implementing the interventions.

(e) The nurse shall also document training on the healthcare plan delivered to agency staff and other team members, clearly indicating competency determination for each trainee. If the individual receives services from separate agencies for community living and community inclusion services, nurses from each agency shall collaborate in the development of and training delivery for healthcare plans to assure maximum consistency across settings.

(f) Healthcare plans must be updated to reflect relevant discharge orders whenever an individual returns to services following a hospitalization.

(g) All crisis prevention and intervention plans and healthcare plans shall include the individual’s name and date on each page and shall be signed by the author.

(h) Crisis prevention and intervention plans as well as healthcare plans shall be reviewed by the nurse at least quarterly, and updated as needed.

(4) General Nursing Documentation

(a) The nurse shall complete legible and signed progress notes with date and time indicated that describe all interventions or interactions conducted with individuals served as well as all interactions with other healthcare providers serving the individual. All interactions shall be documented whether they occur by phone or in person.

(b) For individuals with a HAT score of 4, 5 or 6, or who have identified health concerns in their
ISP, the nurse shall provide the interdisciplinary team with a quarterly report that indicates current health status and progress to date on health related ISP desired outcomes and action plans as well as progress toward goals in the healthcare plan.
### Tag # 1A20 DSP Training Documents

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<td><strong>C. Orientation and Training Requirements:</strong> Orientation and training for direct support staff and his or her supervisors shall comply with the DDSD/DOH Policy Governing the Training Requirements for Direct Support Staff and Internal Service Coordinators Serving Individuals with Developmental Disabilities to include the following:</td>
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<td>(1) Each new employee shall receive appropriate orientation, including but not limited to, all policies relating to fire prevention, accident prevention, incident management and reporting, and emergency procedures; and</td>
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<td>(2) Individual-specific training for each individual under his or her direct care, as described in the individual service plan, prior to working alone with the individual.</td>
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<td>Based on record review, the Agency failed to ensure that Orientation and Training requirements were met for 4 of 39 Direct Service Personnel.</td>
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<td>Review of Direct Service Personnel training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings and certification being completed:</td>
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<td>- First Aid (DSP #29, 35 &amp; 53)</td>
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<td>- CPR (DSP #29, 35 &amp; 53)</td>
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<td>- Participatory Communication &amp; Choice Making (DSP #52)</td>
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Tag # 1A22  Staff Competence

Scope and Severity Rating: E

Based on interview and record review, the Agency failed to ensure that training competencies were met for 4 of 14 Direct Service Personnel.

When DSP were asked if the agency had an on-call procedure, the following was reported:

- DSP #19 stated, “Not an after hours one, but if I called the service coordinator I’m sure she’d call me back.” (Individual #5)
- DSP #25 stated, “There is nothing after hours. During the day I would just call the office.” (Individual #11)

Per Executive Director (#58) and Agency on-call procedure staff are to call the Executive Director when the agency office is closed.

When DSP were asked to describe the signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction to food, the following was reported:

- When asked specifically if a person’s throat could swell up because of an allergic reaction, DSP #18 stated, “no.” (Individual #4)

When DSP were asked if a nurse needed to be contacted prior to assisting the individual with a PRN medication, the following was reported:

- DSP #29 stated, “I would just give him what is on his PRN list.” (Individual #15).


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F. Qualifications for Direct Service Personnel: The following employment qualifications and competency requirements are applicable to all Direct Service Personnel employed by a Provider Agency:

1. Direct service personnel shall be eighteen (18) years or older. Exception: Adult Habilitation can employ direct care personnel under the age of eighteen 18 years, but the employee shall work directly under a supervisor, who is physically present at all times;
2. Direct service personnel shall have the ability to read and carry out the requirements in an ISP;
3. Direct service personnel shall be available to communicate in the language that is functionally required by the individual or in the use of any specific augmentative communication system utilized by the individual;
4. Direct service personnel shall meet the qualifications specified by DDSD in the Policy Governing the Training Requirements for Direct Support Staff and Internal Service Coordinators, Serving
Individuals with Developmental Disabilities; and

(5) Direct service Provider Agencies of Respite Services, Substitute Care, Personal Support Services, Nutritional Counseling, Therapists and Nursing shall demonstrate basic knowledge of developmental disabilities and have training or demonstrable qualifications related to the role he or she is performing and complete individual specific training as required in their ISP for each individual he or she support.

(6) Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD policies as related to training requirements as follows:
   (a) Initial comprehensive personnel status report (name, date of hire, Social Security number category) on all required personnel to be submitted to DDSD Statewide Training Database within the first ninety (90) calendar days of providing services;
   (b) Staff who do not wish to use his or her Social Security Number may request an alternative tracking number; and
   (c) Quarterly personnel update reports sent to DDSD Statewide Training Database to reflect new hires, terminations, inter-provider Agency position changes, and name changes.
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<td><strong>A. Prohibition on Employment:</strong> A care provider shall not hire or continue the employment or contractual services of any applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver for whom the care provider has received notice of a disqualifying conviction, except as provided in Subsection B of this section.</td>
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<td><strong>DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS.</strong> The following felony convictions disqualify an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver from employment or contractual services with a care provider:</td>
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<td><strong>B.</strong> trafficking, or trafficking in controlled substances;</td>
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<td><strong>C.</strong> kidnapping, false imprisonment, aggravated assault or aggravated battery;</td>
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<td><strong>D.</strong> rape, criminal sexual penetration, criminal sexual contact, incest, indecent exposure, or other related felony sexual offenses;</td>
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<td><strong>E.</strong> crimes involving adult abuse, neglect or financial exploitation;</td>
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<td><strong>G.</strong> crimes involving robbery, larceny, extortion, burglary, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, credit card fraud, or receiving stolen property; or</td>
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<td><strong>H.</strong> an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy involving any of the felonies in this subsection.</td>
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<td><strong>D. Criminal History Screening:</strong> All personnel shall be screened by the Provider Agency in regard to the employee’s qualifications, references, and employment history, prior to employment. All Provider Agencies shall comply with the Criminal Records Screening for Caregivers 7.1.12 NMAC and Employee Abuse Registry 7.1.12 NMAC as required by the Department of Health, Division of Health Improvement.</td>
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| #27 – Date of Hire 11/10/04 |
| #38 – Date of Hire 06/03/07 |
| #44 – Date of Hire 06/01/06 |
| #48 – Date of Hire - Not found in personnel record or provided when requested during on-site visit |
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<td><strong>NMAC 7.1.12.8</strong>&lt;br&gt;REGISTRY ESTABLISHED; PROVIDER INQUIRY REQUIRED: Upon the effective date of this rule, the department has established and maintains an accurate and complete electronic registry that contains the name, date of birth, address, social security number, and other appropriate identifying information of all persons who, while employed by a provider, have been determined by the department, as a result of an investigation of a complaint, to have engaged in a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person receiving care or services from a provider. Additions and updates to the registry shall be posted no later than two (2) business days following receipt. Only department staff designated by the custodian may access, maintain and update the data in the registry. A. <strong>Provider requirement to inquire of registry.</strong> A provider, prior to employing or contracting with an employee, shall inquire of the registry whether the individual under consideration for employment or contracting is listed on the registry. B. <strong>Prohibited employment.</strong> A provider may not employ or contract with an individual to be an employee if the individual is listed on the registry as having a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person receiving care or services from a provider. D. <strong>Documentation of inquiry to registry.</strong> The provider shall maintain documentation in the employee’s personnel or employment records that evidences the fact that the provider made an inquiry to the registry concerning that employee prior to employment. Such documentation must include evidence, based on the response to such inquiry received from the custodian by the provider, that the employee was not listed on the registry as having a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person receiving care or services from a provider.</td>
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<td>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain documentation in the employee’s personnel records that evidenced inquiry to the Employee Abuse Registry prior to employment for 13 of 43 Agency Personnel.</td>
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E. **Documentation for other staff.** With respect to all employed or contracted individuals providing direct care who are licensed health care professionals or certified nurse aides, the provider shall maintain documentation reflecting the individual’s current licensure as a health care professional or current certification as a nurse aide.

**Chapter 1.IV. General Provider Requirements.**

D. Criminal History Screening: All personnel shall be screened by the Provider Agency in regard to the employee’s qualifications, references, and employment history, prior to employment. All Provider Agencies shall comply with the Criminal Records Screening for Caregivers 7.1.12 NMAC and Employee Abuse Registry 7.1.12 NMAC as required by the Department of Health, Division of Health Improvement.
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<td>Based on record review and interview, the Agency failed to provide documentation verifying completion of Incident Management Training for 22 of 43 Agency Personnel.</td>
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<td>- Abuse, Neglect &amp; Exploitation (#18, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 44, 45, 48, 53, 55, 56, 57 &amp; 58)</td>
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<td>When DSP were asked what two State Agencies is suspected Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation reported; the following was reported:</td>
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<td>- DSP #17 stated, “The Department of Human Services.”</td>
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<td>- DSP #27 stated, “I would call the agency and DOH.” When asked if there were any other agencies they would notify DSP #27 failed to mention APS.</td>
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<td>- DSP #29 stated, “The Department of Health.” When asked if there were any other agencies they would notify DSP #29 failed to mention APS.</td>
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**NMAC 7.1.13.10 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:**

**A. General:** All licensed health care facilities and community based service providers shall establish and maintain an incident management system, which emphasizes the principles of prevention and staff involvement. The licensed health care facility or community based service provider shall ensure that the incident management system policies and procedures requires all employees to be competently trained to respond to, report, and document incidents in a timely and accurate manner.

**D. Training Documentation:** All licensed health care facilities and community based service providers shall prepare training documentation for each employee to include a signed statement indicating the date, time, and place they received their incident management reporting instruction. The licensed health care facility and community based service provider shall maintain documentation of an employee's training for a period of at least twelve (12) months, or six (6) months after termination of an employee's employment. Training curricula shall be kept on the provider premises and made available on request by the department. Training documentation shall be made available immediately upon a division representative’s request. Failure to provide employee training documentation shall subject the licensed health care facility or community based service provider to the penalties provided for in this rule.
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<td><strong>NMAC 7.1.13.10</strong>&lt;br&gt;INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:</td>
<td>Based on record review, the Agency failed to provide documentation indicating consumer, family members, or legal guardians had received an orientation packet including incident management system policies and procedural information concerning the reporting of abuse, neglect or exploitation for 9 of 15 individuals.</td>
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<td><strong>General:</strong> All licensed health care facilities and community based service providers shall establish and maintain an incident management system, which emphasizes the principles of prevention and staff involvement. The licensed health care facility or community based service provider shall ensure that the incident management system policies and procedures requires all employees to be competently trained to respond to, report, and document incidents in a timely and accurate manner.</td>
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<td><strong>E. Consumer and Guardian Orientation Packet:</strong> Consumers, family members and legal guardians shall be made aware of and have available immediate accessibility to the licensed health care facility and community based service provider incident reporting processes. The licensed health care facility and community based service provider shall provide consumers, family members or legal guardians an orientation packet to include incident management systems policies and procedural information concerning the reporting of abuse, neglect or misappropriation. The licensed health care facility and community based service provider shall include a signed statement indicating the date, time, and place they received their orientation packet to be contained in the consumer’s file. The appropriate consumer, family member or legal guardian shall sign this at the time of orientation.</td>
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<td>• Parent/Guardian Incident Management (Abuse, Neglect &amp; Exploitation) Training (#3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 &amp; 15)</td>
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  **F. Posting of Incident Management Information Poster:** All licensed health care facilities and community based service providers shall post two (2) or more posters, to be furnished by the division, in a prominent public location which states all incident management reporting procedures, including contact numbers and Internet addresses. All licensed health care facilities and community based service providers operating sixty (60) or more beds shall post three (3) or more posters, to be furnished by the division, in a prominent public location which states all incident management reporting procedures, including contact numbers and Internet addresses. The posters shall be posted where employees report each day and from which the employees operate to carry out their activities. Each licensed health care facility or community based service provider shall take steps to insure that the notices are not altered, defaced, removed, or covered by other material.  
  [7.1.13.10 NMAC - N, 02/28/06] | Based on observation, the Agency failed to post two (2) or more Incident Management Information posters in a prominent public location for 8 of 12 residences.  
  The following locations were identified:  
  Residence of:  
  • Individual #7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 15 |
### Tag # 1A29  Complaints / Grievances

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<td>A. These regulations set out rights that the department expects all providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities to respect. These regulations are intended to complement the department’s Client Complaint Procedures (7 NMAC 26.4) [now 7.26.4 NMAC].</td>
<td>Based on record review, the Agency failed to provide documentation that the complaint procedure had been made available to individuals or their legal guardians for 1 of 15 individuals.</td>
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<td><strong>NMAC 7.26.3.13 Client Complaint Procedure Available.</strong> A complainant may initiate a complaint as provided in the client complaint procedure to resolve complaints alleging that a service provider has violated a client’s rights as described in Section 10 [now 7.26.3.10 NMAC]. The department will enforce remedies for substantiated complaints of violation of a client’s rights as provided in client complaint procedure. [09/12/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01]</td>
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<td><strong>NMAC 7.26.4.13 Complaint Process:</strong> A. (2). The service provider’s complaint or grievance procedure shall provide, at a minimum, that: (a) the client is notified of the service provider’s complaint or grievance procedure</td>
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- Grievance/Complaint Procedure (#7)
Tag # 1A31 (CoP) Client Rights

NMAC 7.26.3.11
RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITATION OF CLIENT’S RIGHTS:
A. A service provider shall not restrict or limit a client's rights except:
   (1) where the restriction or limitation is allowed in an emergency and is necessary to prevent imminent risk of physical harm to the client or another person; or
   (2) where the interdisciplinary team has determined that the client's limited capacity to exercise the right threatens his or her physical safety; or
   (3) as provided for in Section 10.1.14 [now Subsection N of 7.26.3.10 NMAC].
B. Any emergency intervention to prevent physical harm shall be reasonable to prevent harm, shall be the least restrictive intervention necessary to meet the emergency, shall be allowed no longer than necessary and shall be subject to interdisciplinary team (IDT) review. The IDT upon completion of its review may refer its findings to the office of quality assurance. The emergency intervention may be subject to review by the service provider’s behavioral support committee or human rights committee in accordance with the behavioral support policies or other department regulation or policy.
C. The service provider may adopt reasonable program policies of general applicability to clients served by that service provider that do not violate client rights.

Scope and Severity Rating: D

Based on record review, the Agency failed to ensure the rights of Individuals was not restricted or limited.

A review of Agency Individual files indicated 1 of 15 individuals required Human Rights Committee Approval for restrictions.

No documentation was found regarding Human Rights Approval for the following:
- PRN Psychotropic Medications – Lorazepam (#1)
- Locked cabinets and refrigerator to restrict access to foods (#1)
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<td>Based on record review, the Agency failed to 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 15 individuals.</td>
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<td>Per Individual’s ISP the following was found with regards to the implementation of ISP Outcomes:</td>
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<td>Community Living Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:</td>
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<td>- None found 10/2008 (Individual #4)</td>
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**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 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]
Tag # 1A36  SC Training


CHAPTER 1 IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER AGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL: The objective of this section is to establish personnel standards for DD Medicaid Waiver Provider Agencies for the following services: Community Living Supports, Community Inclusion Services, Respite, Substitute Care and Personal Support Companion Services. These standards apply to all personnel who provide services, whether directly employed or subcontracting with the Provider Agency. Additional personnel requirements and qualifications may be applicable for specific service standards.

C. Orientation and Training Requirements:
   Orientation and training for direct support staff and his or her supervisors shall comply with the DDSD/DOH Policy Governing the Training Requirements for Direct Support Staff and Internal Service Coordinators Serving Individuals with Developmental Disabilities to include the following:

   (1) Each new employee shall receive appropriate orientation, including but not limited to, all policies relating to fire prevention, accident prevention, incident management and reporting, and emergency procedures; and

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<td>Based on record review, the Agency failed to ensure that Orientation and Training requirements were met for 1 of 4 Service Coordinators.</td>
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Review of Service Coordinators training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings being completed:

- ISP Critique (SC #55)
- Sexuality for People with Developmental Disabilities (SC #55)
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<td>(2) <strong>Individual-specific training</strong> for each individual under his or her direct care, as described in the individual service plan, prior to working alone with the individual.</td>
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**TAG 6L01 - Independent Living Definition**


**CHAPTER 6. I. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES:** Community Living services are individually tailored supports that assist individuals with the acquisition, retention, or improvement of skills related to living independently in the community. The objective of these standards is to establish requirements for DD Medicaid Waiver agencies providing services through Community Living Services Programs. This standard is applicable to individuals, organizations or legal entities that provide Community Living Services. Community Living Services consists of three types of living arrangements:

**A. Independent Living Services** are designed to increase or maintain the individual’s skills and independence and promote self-advocacy. Independent Living Services are for people who need less than 24-hour staff support per day. Independent Living supports are only provided in the individual’s home or family home in the community. Services include 24-hour on-site response capability to meet an individual’s scheduled or unpredictable needs.

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Based on record review and interview the agency failed to provide services which included 24-hour on-site response capability to meet an individual’s scheduled or unpredictable needs for 1 of 3 people in Independent Living.

Evidence found during record review indicated that the Individual #3 had not received Independent Living Services from 10/22/08-12/03/08.

When Individual #3 was asked if she was happy with the services provided by Ability First the individual stated, “No, I have not had any staff for over a month and I was not happy with the staff I had before because she was always late. When my other staff stopped working with me I had requested different hours, but the agency told me they were having a hard time trying to find someone to work those hours. At this point, I just need a staff member and don’t care when they come. I have issues with skin break down and feel I need staff at least once a week to do skin checks, since I can’t.”

When the Individual’s Services Coordinator (#55) was asked about what had been reported by the individual, #55 stated, “It has been at least a month that Individual #3 has not had staff. Individual #3 is asking for specific hours and we are having a hard time staffing her. A couple of staff members have read her book, but they are unable to work the hours Individual #3 wants. We should have her staffed in a few weeks though because there is a staff member that is willing to work the hours Individual #3 wants, but currently she is working with someone else.”
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<td><strong>B. Home Studies.</strong> The Family Living Services Provider Agency shall complete all DDSD requirements for approval of each direct support provider, including completion of an approved home study and training prior to placement. After the initial home study, an updated home study shall be completed annually. The home study must also be updated each time there is a change in family composition or when the family moves to a new home. The content and procedures used by the Provider Agency to conduct home studies shall be approved by DDSD.</td>
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<td>• DDSD Approval for Subcontractor (#1)</td>
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Based on record review, the Agency failed to provide documentation of annual physical examinations and/or other examinations as specified by a licensed physician for 4 of 15 individuals receiving Community Living Services.

- Vision Exam (#10) (wears glasses)
- Pap smear (#3) (per ISP, exam is to be complete with the annual history and physical. However, there is no documentation exam was completed as recommended.)
- Required Blood Work:
  - Lab Tests for Dec 2007 - Dec 2008 (#7)
- Psychotropic Medication Review (#14)

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

**CHAPTER 6. VI. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING**

**G. Health Care Requirements for Community Living Services.**

1. The Community Living Service providers shall ensure completion of a HAT for each individual receiving this service. The HAT shall be completed 2 weeks prior to the annual ISP meeting and submitted to the Case Manager and all other IDT Members. A revised HAT is required to also be submitted whenever the individual’s health status changes significantly. For individuals who are newly allocated to the DD Waiver program, the HAT may be completed within 2 weeks following the initial ISP meeting and submitted with any strategies and support plans indicated in the ISP, or within 72 hours following admission into direct services, which ever comes first.

2. Each individual will have a Health Care Coordinator, designated by the IDT. When the individual’s HAT score is 4, 5 or 6 the Health Care Coordinator shall be an IDT member, other than the individual. The Health Care Coordinator shall oversee and monitor health care services for the individual in accordance with these standards. In circumstances where no IDT member voluntarily accepts designation as the health care coordinator, the community living provider shall assign a staff member to this role.

3. For each individual receiving Community Living Services, the provider agency shall ensure and document the following:
   - Provision of health care oversight consistent with these Standards as detailed in Chapter One section III E: Healthcare Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services.
b) That each individual with a score of 4, 5, or 6 on the HAT, has a Health Care Plan developed by a licensed nurse.

c) That an individual with chronic condition(s) with the potential to exacerbate into a life threatening condition, has Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plan(s) developed by a licensed nurse or other appropriate professional for each such condition.

4) That an average of 3 hours of documented nutritional counseling is available annually, if recommended by the IDT.

5) That the physical property and grounds are free of hazards to the individual’s health and safety.

6) In addition, for each individual receiving Supported Living or Family Living Services, the provider shall verify and document the following:

   a) The individual has a primary licensed physician;

   b) The individual receives an annual physical examination and other examinations as specified by a licensed physician;

   c) The individual receives annual dental check-ups and other check-ups as specified by a licensed dentist;

   d) The individual receives eye examinations as specified by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist; and

   e) Agency activities that occur as follow-up to medical appointments (e.g. treatment, visits to specialists, changes in medication or daily routine).
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least the past month;
(7) Physician’s or qualified health care providers written orders;
(8) Progress notes documenting implementation of a physician’s or qualified health care provider’s order(s);
(9) Medication Administration Record (MAR) for the past three (3) months which includes:
(a) The name of the individual;
(b) A transcription of the healthcare practitioners prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication;
(c) Diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;
(d) Dosage, frequency and method/route of delivery;
(e) Times and dates of delivery;
(f) Initials of person administering or assisting with medication; and
(g) An explanation of any medication irregularity, allergic reaction or adverse effect.
(h) For PRN medication an explanation for the use of the PRN must include:
   (i) Observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and
   (ii) Documentation of the effectiveness/result of the PRN delivered.
(i) A MAR is not required for individuals participating in Independent Living Services who self-administer their own medication. However, when medication administration is provided as part of the Independent Living Service a MAR must be maintained at the individual’s home and an updated copy must be placed in the agency file on a weekly basis.
(10) Record of visits to healthcare practitioners including any treatment provided at the visit and a record of all diagnostic testing for the current ISP year; and

Nurses (#7, 9 & 11)
- Health Care Providers Written Orders (#7)
- Record of visits of healthcare practitioners (#7, 11 & 15)
(11) Medical History to include: demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability and any psychiatric diagnosis, allergies (food, environmental, medications), status of routine adult health care screenings, immunizations, hospital discharge summaries for past twelve (12) months, past medical history including hospitalizations, surgeries, injuries, family history and current physical exam.
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<td>L. Residence Requirements for Family Living Services and Supported Living Services</td>
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<td>(1) Supported Living Services and Family Living Services providers shall assure that each individual’s residence has:</td>
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<td>• August 2008 Agency billed 79 hours of Independent Living. Documentation received accounted for 71.75 hours. Per MAD046 and ISP individual receives Intensive Independent Living.</td>
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