

Date: January 5, 2011

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Provider: A.W. Holdings of New Mexico, LLC
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Region: Northeast
Survey Date: November 15 – 22, 2010
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed: Community Living (Supported Living, & Independent Living) & Community Inclusion (Adult Habilitation, Community Access & Supported Employment)
Survey Type: Routine
Team Leader: Nadine Romero, LBSW, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau
Team Members: Florie Alire, RN, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Stephanie Berenger, MPA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau & Suzanne Welch, Social Community Service Coordinator, Developmental Disabilities Supports Division

Dear Mr. Koltz,

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 contracts. Upon receipt of this letter and Report of Findings your agency must immediately correct all deficiencies which place Individuals served at risk of harm.

Quality Management Compliance Determination:

The Division of Health Improvement is issuing your agency a determination of "Substandard Compliance with Conditions of Participation."

Plan of Correction:

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



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Roger Gillespie, Acting Division Director • Division of Health Improvement

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QMB Report of Findings – A.W. Holdings of New Mexico, LLC - Northeast Region – Nov 15 - 22, 2010

Survey Report #: Q11.02.25230786.NE.001.RTN.01

**1. Quality Management Bureau, Attention: Plan of Correction Coordinator
5301 Central Ave. NE Suite 400 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 as soon as possible for approval, as all remedies must still be completed within 45 working days of the receipt of this letter.

Failure to submit, complete or implement your Plan of Correction within the 45 day required time frames may result in the imposition of a \$200 per day Civil Monetary Penalty until it is received, completed and/or implemented.

Request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings (IRF):

If you disagree with a finding of deficient practice, you have 10 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 #400
Albuquerque, NM 87108
Attention: IRF request

See Attachment "C" for additional guidance in completing the request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings. The request for an IRF will not delay the implementation of your Plan of Correction which must be completed within 45 working days. Providers may not appeal the nature or interpretation of the standard or regulation, the team composition or sampling methodology. If the IRF approves the modification or removal of a finding, you will be advised of any changes.

Please call the Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-222-8647 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,

Nadine Romero, LBSW

Nadine Romero, LBSW
Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Division of Health Improvement
Quality Management Bureau

Survey Process Employed:

Entrance Conference Date: November 15, 2010

Present: **A. W. Holdings of New Mexico, LLC**
Rick Koltz, Regional Director
Anthony Jaramillo, Supported Living Manager
Mara Garcia, Program Coordinator
Chris Taylor, Program Coordinator

DOH/DHI/QMB

Nadine Romero, LBSW, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Florie Alire, RN, Healthcare Surveyor
Stephanie Berenger, MPA, Healthcare Surveyor

Exit Conference Date: November 18, 2010

Present: **A. W. Holdings of New Mexico, LLC**
Rick Koltz, Regional Director
Ellen McClimans, Compliance Officer
Julie Pater, Vice President
Mara Garcia, Program Coordinator
Chris Taylor, Program Coordinator

DOH/DHI/QMB

Nadine Romero, LBSW, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Florie Alire, RN, Healthcare Surveyor

Total Homes Visited	Number:	5
❖ Supported Homes Visited	Number:	5
Administrative Locations Visited	Number:	1
Total Sample Size	Number:	10
		1 - Jackson Class Members
		9 - Non-Jackson Class Members
		6 - Supported Living
		1 - Independent Living
		6 - Adult Habilitation
		3 - Community Access
		2 - Supported Employment
Persons Served Interviewed	Number:	10
Direct Service Professionals Interviewed	Number:	10
Records Reviewed (Persons Served)	Number:	10
Administrative Files Reviewed		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• Evacuation Drills

- 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

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

Introduction:

After a QMB Compliance Review, your QMB Report of Findings will be sent to you via US 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 non compliance.

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

If you have questions about the Plan of Correction process, call the QMB Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-222-8647 or email at George.Perrault@state.nm.us. Requests for technical assistance must be requested through your DDSD Regional Office.

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) working days of receiving your report. The POC process cannot resolve disputes regarding findings. Please note that you must still submit a POC for findings that are in question (see Attachment "C").

Instructions for Completing Agency POC:

Required Content

Your Plan of Correction should provide a step-by-step description of the methods to correct each deficient practice to prevent recurrence and information that ensures the regulation cited is in compliance. The remedies noted in your POC are expected to be added to your Agency's required, annual Quality Assurance Plan. (see page 3, DDW standards, effective; April 1, 2007, Chapter 1, Section I Continuous Quality Management System)

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

The Plan of Correction you submit needs to address **each deficiency** in the two right hand columns with:

1. How the corrective action will be accomplished for all cited deficiencies in the report of findings;
2. How your Agency will identify all other individuals having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice;
3. What measures will be put into place or what systemic changes will be made to ensure that the deficient practice will not reoccur and corrective action is sustained;
4. How your Agency plans to monitor corrective actions utilizing its continuous Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Plan to assure solutions in the plan of correction are achieved and sustained, including (if appropriate):
 - Details about how and when Consumer, Personnel and Residential files are audited by Agency personnel to ensure they contain required documents;
 - Information about how Medication Administration Records are reviewed to verify they contain all required information before they are distributed, as they are being used, and after they are completed;
 - Your processes for ensuring that all staff are trained in Core Competencies, Incident Reporting, and Individual-Specific service requirements, etc;
 - How accuracy in Billing documentation is assured;

- How health, safety is assured;
 - For Case Management Providers, how ISPs are reviewed to verify they meet requirements, how the timeliness of LOC packet submissions and consumer visits are tracked;
 - Your process for gathering, analyzing and responding to Quality data, and
 - Details about Quality Targets in various areas, current status, Root Cause Analyses about why Targets were not met, and remedies implemented.
5. The individual's title responsible for the Plan of Correction and completion date.

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 should 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). Be sure the date is **realistic** in the amount of time your Agency will need to correct the deficiency; not to exceed 45 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.

Plan of Correction Submission Requirements

1. Your 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. If you have questions about the POC process, call the POC Coordinator, George Perrault at 505-222-8647 for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your local DDSD Regional Office.
4. Submit your POC to George Perrault, POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
 - a. Electronically at George.Perrault@state.nm.us
 - b. Faxed to 505-222-8661, or
 - c. Mailed to QMB, 5301 Central Avenue SW, Suite 400, Albuquerque, NM 87108
5. Do not send supporting documentation to QMB until after your POC has been approved by QMB.
6. QMB will notify you when your POC has been "approve" or "denied."
 - a. 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 working 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 that your POC has been approved by QMB and a final deadline for completion of your POC.
7. Failure to submit your POC within 10 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.
8. 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 at QMB, prior to the due date and are approved on a case-by-case basis. No changes may be made to your POC or the timeframes for implementation without written approval of the POC Coordinator.

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. You may submit your documents by postal mail, fax, or electronically on disc or 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; hard copies or scanned and electronically submitted copies are fine. 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. For billing deficiencies, you must submit:
 - a. Evidence of an internal audit of billing documentation for a sample of individuals and timeframes;
 - b. Copies of "void and adjust" forms submitted to correct all over-billed or unjustified units billed identified during your internal audit.

QMB Scope and Severity Matrix

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 Compliance Determination.

		SCOPE			
		Isolated 01% - 15%	Pattern 16% - 79%	Widespread 80% - 100%	
SEVERITY	High Impact	Immediate Jeopardy to individual health and or safety	J.	K.	L.
		Actual harm	G.	H.	I.
	Medium Impact	No Actual Harm Potential for more than minimal harm	D.	E.	F. (3 or more)
			D. (2 or less)		F. (no conditions of participation)
	Low Impact	No Actual Harm Minimal potential for harm.	A.	B.	C.

Scope and Severity Definitions:

- **Isolated:**
A deficiency that is limited to 1% to 15% of the sample, usually impacting few 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 could be referred to the Internal Review Committee for review and possible actions or sanctions.

QMB Determinations of Compliance

- “Substantial Compliance with Conditions of Participation”

The QMB determination of “Substantial Compliance with Conditions of Participation” indicates that a provider is in substantial compliance with all ‘Conditions of Participation’ and other standards and regulations. 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 Substantial Compliance with Conditions of Participation, the provider must be in compliance with all Conditions of Participation.

- “Non-Compliance with Conditions of Participation”

The QMB determination of “Non-Compliance with Conditions of Participation” indicates that a provider is out of compliance with one (1) or more ‘Conditions of Participation.’ This non-compliance, if not corrected, is likely to result in a serious negative outcome or the potential for more than minimal harm to individuals’ health and safety.

Providers receiving a repeat determination of ‘Non-Compliance’ may be referred by QMB to the Internal Review Committee (IRC) for consideration of remedies and possible actions.

- “Sub-Standard Compliance with Conditions of Participation”:

The QMB determination of “Sub-Standard Compliance with Conditions of Participation” indicates a provider is significantly out of compliance with Conditions of Participation and/or has:

- Multiple findings of widespread non-compliance with any standard or regulation with a significant potential for more than minimal harm.
- Any finding of actual harm or Immediate Jeopardy.

Providers receiving a repeat determination of ‘Substandard Compliance’ will be referred by QMB to the Internal Review Committee (IRC) for consideration of remedies and possible actions.

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 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. Providers may use the following process to informally dispute a finding.

Instructions:

1. The Informal Reconsideration of the Finding (IRF) request must be in writing to the QMB Deputy Bureau Chief **within 10 working days** of receipt of the final report.
2. The written request for an IRF must be completed on the QMB Request for Informal Reconsideration of Finding Form available on the QMB website: <http://dhi.health.state.nm.us/qmb>
3. The written request for an IRF must specify in detail the request for reconsideration and why the finding is inaccurate.
4. The IRF request must include all supporting documentation or evidence.

The following limitations apply to the IRF process:

- The request for an IRF and all supporting evidence must be received within 10 working 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 QMB compliance determination or 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/or 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 removed or modified, it will be noted and removed or modified from the Report of Findings. It should be noted that in some cases a Plan of Correction may be completed prior to the IRF process being completed. The provider will be notified in writing on the decisions of the IRF committee.

Agency: A.W. Holdings of New Mexico, LLC - Northeast Region
Program: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service: Community Living (Supported Living & Independent Living) & Community Inclusion (Adult Habilitation, Community Access & Supported Employment)
Monitoring Type: Routine Survey
Date of Survey: November 15 – 22, 2010

Standard of Care	Deficiency	Agency Plan of Correction and Responsible Party	Date Due
<p>Tag # 1A08 Agency Case File</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>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.</p> <p>D. Provider Agency Case File for the Individual: All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the receiving agency whenever an individual changes providers. The record must also be made available for review when requested by DOH, HSD or federal government representatives for oversight purposes. The individual's case file shall include the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) Emergency contact information, including the individual's address, telephone number, names and telephone numbers of relatives, or guardian or conservator, physician's name(s) and telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address and telephone number, and health plan if appropriate;</p> <p>(2) The individual's complete and current ISP, with</p>	<p>Scope and Severity Rating: A</p> <p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for 1 of 10 individuals.</p> <p>Review of the Agency individual case files found the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Behavioral Crisis Plan (#7) 		

<p>all supplemental plans specific to the individual, and the most current completed Health Assessment Tool (HAT);</p> <p>(3) Progress notes and other service delivery documentation;</p> <p>(4) Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plans, if there are any for the individual;</p> <p>(5) A medical history, which shall include at least demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability, psychiatric diagnoses, allergies (food, environmental, medications), immunizations, and most recent physical exam;</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(7) Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the individual upon request.</p> <p>(8) The receiving Provider Agency shall be provided at a minimum the following records whenever an individual changes provider agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. 			
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Tag # 1A09 Medication Delivery (MAR) - Routine Medication	Scope and Severity Rating: D	
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>(2) When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) shall be maintained and include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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; Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration; Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication; Explanation of any medication irregularity; Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and 	<p>Medication Administration Records (MAR) were reviewed for the months of July, August and September 2010.</p> <p>Based on record review, 1 of 10 individuals had Medication Administration Records, which contained missing medications entries and/or other errors:</p> <p>Individual #3 July 2010 Medication Administration Records contained missing entries. No documentation found indicating reason for missing entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seroquel 25 mg (3 tablets at Bedtime) – Blank 7/2 & 3 (PM) Lactulose 60cc (1 time daily) – Blank 7/6 (AM) <p>August 2010 Medication Administration Records contained missing entries. No documentation found indicating reason for missing entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tegretol 100 mg (3 times daily) – Blank 7/7 (PM) <p>September 2010 Medication Administration Records contained missing entries. No documentation found indicating reason for missing entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bisacodyl 5 mg (1 time daily) – Blank 7/14 (PM) 	

<p>(f) For PRN medication, an explanation for the use of the PRN medication shall include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.</p> <p>(3) The Provider Agency shall also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose;</p> <p>(4) MARs are not required for individuals participating in Independent Living who self-administer their own medications;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>NMAC 16.19.11.8 MINIMUM STANDARDS: A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, HANDLING AND RECORD KEEPING OF DRUGS:</p> <p>(d) The facility shall have a Medication Administration Record (MAR) documenting medication administered to residents, including over-the-counter medications. This documentation shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 			
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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 # 1A11.1 (CoP) Transportation Training	Scope and Severity Rating: E		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>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.</p> <p>G. Transportation: Provider agencies that provide Community Living, Community Inclusion or Non-Medical Transportation services shall have a written policy and procedures regarding the safe transportation of individuals in the community, which comply with New Mexico regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles to transport individuals, and which are consistent with DDS guidelines issued July 1, 1999 titled "Client Transportation Safety". The policy and procedures must address at least the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Drivers' requirements, (2) Individual safety, including safe locations for boarding and disembarking passengers, appropriate responses to hazardous weather and other adverse driving conditions, (3) Vehicle maintenance and safety inspections, (4) Staff training regarding the safe operation of the vehicle, assisting passengers and safe lifting procedures, (5) Emergency Plans, including vehicle evacuation techniques, (6) Documentation, and (7) Accident Procedures. <p>Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy Eff Date: March 1, 2007</p>	<p>Based on record review the Agency failed to provide staff training regarding the safe operation of the vehicle, assisting passengers and safe lifting procedures for 12 of 75 Direct Service Professionals.</p> <p>No documented evidence was found of the following required training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation (DSP #47, 51, 60, 64, 75, 83, 84, 93, 104, 105, 106 &108) 		

II. POLICY STATEMENTS:

1. Staff providing direct services shall complete safety training within the first thirty (30) days of employment and before working alone with an individual receiving services. The training shall address at least the following:

1. Operating a fire extinguisher
2. Proper lifting procedures
3. General vehicle safety precautions (e.g., pre-trip inspection, removing keys from the ignition when not in the driver's seat)
4. Assisting passengers with cognitive and/or physical impairments (e.g., general guidelines for supporting individuals who may be unaware of safety issues involving traffic or those who require physical assistance to enter/exit a vehicle)
5. Operating wheelchair lifts (if applicable to the staff's role)
6. Wheelchair tie-down procedures (if applicable to the staff's role)
7. Emergency and evacuation procedures (e.g., roadside emergency, fire emergency)

Tag # 1A20 DSP Training Documents	Scope and Severity Rating: E	
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER AGENCY SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>C. Orientation and Training Requirements: Orientation and training for direct support staff and his or her supervisors shall comply with the DDS/DOH Policy Governing the Training Requirements for Direct Support Staff and Internal Service Coordinators Serving Individuals with Developmental Disabilities to include the following:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy - Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007 - II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</p> <p>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</p> <p>B. Staff shall complete individual-specific (formerly known as "Addendum B") training requirements in</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to ensure that Orientation and Training requirements were met for 30 of 75 Direct Service Professionals.</p> <p>Review of Direct Service Professional training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings and certification being completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person-Centered Planning (1-Day) (DSP #96) • First Aid (DSP #41, 43, 58, 61, 66, 69, 70, 78, 81, 94 & 105) • CPR (DSP #41, 43, 49, 56, 58, 61, 66, 68, 69, 70, 78, 81, 87, 91, 92, 94, 97, 98, 99 & 105) • Assisting With Medication Delivery (DSP #63, 88, 97 & 98) • Rights & Advocacy (DSP #41, 65, 77 & 95) • Level 1 Health (DSP #41, 49, 50, 55, 59, 65, 76, 87 & 95) • Teaching & Support Strategies (DSP #41, 50 & 55) • Positive Behavior Supports Strategies (DSP #95) • Participatory Communication & Choice Making (DSP #55) 	

accordance with the specifications described in the individual service plan (ISP) of each individual served.

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

D. Staff providing direct services shall complete training in universal precautions on an annual basis. The training materials shall meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements.

E. Staff providing direct services shall maintain certification in first aid and CPR. The training materials shall meet OSHA requirements/guidelines.

F. Staff who may be exposed to hazardous chemicals shall complete relevant training in accordance with OSHA requirements.

G. Staff shall be certified in a DDSD-approved behavioral intervention system (e.g., Mandt, CPI) before using physical restraint techniques. Staff members providing direct services shall maintain certification in a DDSD-approved behavioral intervention system if an individual they support has a behavioral crisis plan that includes the use of physical restraint techniques.

H. Staff shall complete and maintain certification in a DDSD-approved medication course in accordance with the DDSD Medication Delivery Policy M-001.

I. Staff providing direct services shall complete safety training within the first thirty (30) days of employment and before working alone with an individual receiving services.

Tag # 1A22 Staff Competence	Scope and Severity Rating: D		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER AGENCY SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(2) Direct service personnel shall have the ability to read and carry out the requirements in an ISP;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(4) Direct service personnel shall meet the qualifications specified by DDSD in the Policy</p>	<p>Based on interview, the Agency failed to ensure that training competencies were met for 1 of 9 Direct Service Professionals.</p> <p>When DSP were asked if they received training on the Individual’s Occupational Therapy Plan and what the plan covered, the following was reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSP #86 stated, “I am not aware of an occupational (therapy) plan” According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP the Individual requires an Occupational Therapy Plan. (Individual #2) 		

<p>Governing the Training Requirements for Direct Support Staff and Internal Service Coordinators, Serving Individuals with Developmental Disabilities; and</p> <p>(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 the ISP for each individual he or she support.</p> <p>(6) Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD policies as related to training requirements as follows:</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(b) Staff who do not wish to use his or her Social Security Number may request an alternative tracking number; and</p> <p>(c) Quarterly personnel update reports sent to DDSD Statewide Training Database to reflect new hires, terminations, inter-provider Agency position changes, and name changes.</p> <p>Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy - Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007 - II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</p> <p>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</p>			
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Tag # 1A25 (CoP) CCHS	Scope and Severity Rating: D	
<p>NMAC 7.1.9.8 CAREGIVER AND HOSPITAL CAREGIVER EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS: F. Timely Submission: Care providers shall submit all fees and pertinent application information for all individuals who meet the definition of an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver as described in Subsections B, D and K of 7.1.9.7 NMAC, no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the first day of employment or effective date of a contractual relationship with the care provider.</p> <p>NMAC 7.1.9.9 CAREGIVERS OR HOSPITAL CAREGIVERS AND APPLICANTS WITH DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS: A. Prohibition on Employment: A care provider shall not hire or continue the employment or contractual services of any applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver for whom the care provider has received notice of a disqualifying conviction, except as provided in Subsection B of this section.</p> <p>NMAC 7.1.9.11 DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS. The following felony convictions disqualify an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver from employment or contractual services with a care provider: A. homicide; B. trafficking, or trafficking in controlled substances; C. kidnapping, false imprisonment, aggravated assault or aggravated battery; D. rape, criminal sexual penetration, criminal sexual contact, incest, indecent exposure, or other related felony sexual offenses; E. crimes involving adult abuse, neglect or financial exploitation; F. crimes involving child abuse or neglect; G. crimes involving robbery, larceny, extortion, burglary, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, credit card fraud, or receiving stolen property; or H. an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy involving</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain documentation indicating no “disqualifying convictions” or documentation of the timely submission of pertinent application information to the Caregiver Criminal History Screening Program was on file for 3 of 78 Agency Personnel.</p> <p>The following Agency Personnel Files contained no evidence of Caregiver Criminal History Screenings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #103 – Date of Hire 10/25/2010 • #111 – Date of Hire 10/25/2010 <p>The following Agency Personnel File contained a “Disqualifying Conviction” under the Caregiver Criminal History Screenings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #119 – Date of Hire 12/16/2009. <p>Note: Agency Personnel (#119) was found to have a disqualifying conviction. When Surveyor’s asked the Executive Director (#118) the status of this employee, it was reported to the Surveyor’s that #119 was presently working and would continue to work. It was additionally reported by the Executive Director (#118) that the Caregiver Criminal History Screening Program (CCHSP) had informed him Staff #119 could continue to work as long as the job title and functions were changed; the Staff was to have no contact with Individuals receiving services and would not have access to Individual’s funds. Nevertheless, Surveyor’s observed during the on-site survey, #119 was interacting directly with Individuals receiving services and receiving receipts from other staff regarding the Individuals served finances.</p> <p>The Agency met with DHI on November 18, 2010 and agreed to terminate #119.</p>	

any of the felonies in this subsection.

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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.

Tag # 1A26 (CoP) COR / EAR	Scope and Severity Rating: D		
<p>NMAC 7.1.12.8 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.</p> <p>A. Provider requirement to inquire of registry. 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.</p> <p>B. Prohibited employment. 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.</p> <p>D. Documentation of inquiry to registry. 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.</p> <p>E. Documentation for other staff. With</p>	<p>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 2 of 78 Agency Personnel.</p> <p>The following Agency Personnel records contained evidence that indicated the Employee Abuse Registry was completed after hire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #77 – Date of Hire 8/26/09. Completed 9/6/09. • #82 – Date of Hire 5/25/01. Completed 7/2/09 		

respect to all employed or contracted individuals providing direct care who are licensed health care professionals or certified nurse aides, the provider shall maintain documentation reflecting the individual's current licensure as a health care professional or current certification as a nurse aide.

F. **Consequences of noncompliance.** The department or other governmental agency having regulatory enforcement authority over a provider may sanction a provider in accordance with applicable law if the provider fails to make an appropriate and timely inquiry of the registry, or fails to maintain evidence of such inquiry, in connection with the hiring or contracting of an employee; or for employing or contracting any person to work as an employee who is listed on the registry. Such sanctions may include a directed plan of correction, civil monetary penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5000) per instance, or termination or non-renewal of any contract with the department or other governmental agency.

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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.

Tag # 1A27 (CoP) Late & Failure to Report	Scope and Severity Rating: E	
<p>7.1.13.9 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS:</p> <p>A. Duty To Report:</p> <p>(1) All community based service providers shall immediately report abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property to the adult protective services division.</p> <p>(2) All community based service providers shall report to the division within twenty four (24) hours : abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of property, unexpected and natural/expected deaths; and other reportable incidents to include:</p> <p>(a) an environmental hazardous condition, which creates an immediate threat to life or health; or</p> <p>(b) admission to a hospital or psychiatric facility or the provision of emergency services that results in medical care which is unanticipated or unscheduled for the consumer and which would not routinely be provided by a community based service provider.</p> <p>(3) All community based service providers shall ensure that the reporter with direct knowledge of an incident has immediate access to the division incident report form to allow the reporter to respond to, report, and document incidents in a timely and accurate manner.</p> <p>B. Notification: (1) Incident Reporting: Any consumer, employee, family member or legal guardian may report an incident independently or through the community based service provider to the division by telephone call, written correspondence or other forms of communication utilizing the division's incident report form. The incident report form and instructions for the completion and filing are available at the division's website, http://dhi.health.state.nm.us/elibrary/ironline/ir.php or may be obtained from the department by calling the toll free number.</p>	<p>Based on the Incident Management Bureau's Late and Failure Reports, the Agency failed to report suspected abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of property, unexpected and natural/expected deaths; or other reportable incidents to the Division of Health Improvement for 3 of 13 individuals.</p> <p>Individual #26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident date 2/07/10. Allegation was Neglect. Incident report was received 2/15/10. Late Reporting. IMB Late & Failure Report indicated incident of Neglect was "Confirmed." <p>Individual #27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident date 3/13/10. Allegation was Neglect. Incident report was received 3/24/10. Late Reporting. IMB Late & Failure Report indicated incident of Neglect was "Confirmed." <p>Individual #28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident date 5/08/10. Allegation was Neglect. Incident report was received 5/11/10. Late Reporting. IMB Late & Failure Report indicated incident of Neglect was "Confirmed." 	

<p>Tag # 1A28.1 (CoP) Incident Mgt. System - Personnel Training</p>	<p>Scope & Severity Rating: E</p>	
<p>NMAC 7.1.13.10 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007</p> <p>II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</p> <p>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</p> <p>C. Staff shall complete training on DOH-approved incident reporting procedures in accordance with 7 NMAC 1.13.</p>	<p>Based on record review the Agency failed to provide documentation verifying completion of Incident Management Training for 25 of 78 Agency Personnel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incident Management Training (Abuse, Neglect & Misappropriation of Consumers' Property) (#42, 46, 51, 60, 69, 70, 83, 84, 86, 93, 96, 97, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 111, 112, 113, 115 & 117) 	

Tag # 1A33.1 Board of Pharmacy - Lic	Scope and Severity Rating: A		
<p>New Mexico Board of Pharmacy Model Custodial Drug Procedures Manual</p> <p>6. Display of License and Inspection Reports</p> <p>A. The following are required to be publicly displayed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Current Custodial Drug Permit from the NM Board of Pharmacy <input type="checkbox"/> Current registration from the consultant pharmacist <input type="checkbox"/> Current NM Board of Pharmacy Inspection Report 	<p>Based on observation, the Agency failed to provide the current Custodial Drug Permit from the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy, the current registration from the Consultant Pharmacist, or the current New Mexico Board of Pharmacy Inspection Report for of 1 of 5 residences:</p> <p>Individual Residence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current NM Board of Pharmacy Inspection report (#1) 		

Tag # 1A36 SC Training	Scope and Severity Rating: B		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER AGENCY SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>(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</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to ensure that Orientation and Training requirements were met for 2 of 3 Service Coordinators.</p> <p>Review of Service Coordinators training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings being completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person Centered Planning (2-Day) (SC #116) • Positive Behavior Supports Strategies (SC # 115 & 116) • Advocacy Strategies (SC #116) • ISP Critique (SC #115) • Sexuality for People with Developmental Disabilities (SC #115) 		

Tag # 1A37 Individual Specific Training	Scope and Severity Rating: D		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER AGENCY SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>C. Orientation and Training Requirements: Orientation and training for direct support staff and his or her supervisors shall comply with the DDS/DOH Policy Governing the Training Requirements for Direct Support Staff and Internal Service Coordinators Serving Individuals with Developmental Disabilities to include the following:</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy - Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007 - II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</p> <p>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</p> <p>B. Staff shall complete individual-specific (formerly known as "Addendum B") training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the individual service plan (ISP) of each individual served.</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to ensure that Individual Specific Training requirements were met for 10 of 78 Agency Personnel.</p> <p>Review of personnel records found no evidence of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Specific Training (#51, 73, 74, 77, 82, 101, 102, 106, 108 &117) 		

Tag # 5I22 SE Agency Case File	Scope and Severity Rating: A		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 5 VII. SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>D. Provider Agency Requirements</p> <p>(1) Provider Agency Records: The provider adheres to the Department of Labor (DOL) wage laws and maintains required certificates and documentation. These documents are subject to review by the DDSD. Each individual's earnings and benefits shall be monitored by the Provider Agency in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act. Each individual's earnings and benefits shall be reviewed at least semi-annually by the Supported Employment Provider to ensure the appropriateness of pay rates and benefits.</p> <p>(2) The Provider Agency shall maintain a confidential case file for each individual that includes all items listed in section IV.D. above and the following additional items:</p> <p>(a) Quarterly progress reports;</p> <p>(b) Vocational assessments (A vocational assessment or profile is an objective analysis of a person's interests, skills, needs, career goals, preferences, concerns, in areas that can pertain to an employment outcome and can ultimately be compared to the requirements and attributes of a potential job in order to determine the degree of compatibility as well as identification of training needs). A vocational assessment must be of a quality and content to be acceptable to DVR or DDSD;</p> <p>(c) Career development plan as incorporated in the ISP; a career development plan consists of the vocational assessment and the ISP Work/Learn Action Plan that specifies steps necessary towards a successful employment outcome and identifies the people who will complete specific tasks</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain a confidential case file for each individual for 1 of 2 individuals receiving Supported Employment Services.</p> <p>The following were not found, incomplete and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required Certificates & Documentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Certificate of Earnings (#4) 		

including the individual, as well and a review and reporting mechanism for mutual accountability; and

(d) Documentation of decisions concerning the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation that services provided under the Waiver are not otherwise available under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

New Mexico Department of Health (DOH)
Developmental Disabilities Supports Division
(DDSD) Policy

Policy Title: Vocational Assessment Profile

Policy Eff July 16, 2008

I. PURPOSE

The intent of the policy is to ensure that individuals are identified who could benefit from Vocational Assessment Profiles (VAPs) and are supported to access this support.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

Individuals served under the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver (DDW) who express an interest in obtaining employment or exploring employment opportunities, or individuals who desire a VAP and those whose teams identify that they could benefit from a VAP, will have access to a VAP in accordance to the DDW Service Standards and related procedures.

Tag # 5144 AH Reimbursement	Scope and Severity Rating: B		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION</p> <p>A. General: All Provider Agencies shall maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality, quantity and clinical necessity furnished to individuals who are currently receiving services. The Provider Agency records shall be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, individual name, servicing Provider Agency, level of services, and length of a session of service billed.</p> <p>B. Billable Units: The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the HSD. For each unit billed, the record shall contain the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval; (2) A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and (3) The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service. <p>MAD-MR: 03-59 Eff 1/1/2004</p> <p>8.314.1 BI RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Providers must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the extent of the services provided to the Medicaid recipient. Services that have been billed to Medicaid, but are not substantiated in a treatment plan and/or patient records for the recipient are subject to recoupment.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 5 XVI. REIMBURSEMENT</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Adult Habilitation Services for 4 of 6 individuals.</p> <p>Individual #1 July 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 168 units of Adult Habilitation from 7/1/10 through 7/31/10. Documentation received accounted for 96 units. <p>August 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 280 units of Adult Habilitation from 8/1/10 through 8/31/10. Documentation received accounted for 212 units. <p>September 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 246 units of Adult Habilitation from 9/1/10 through 9/30/10. Documentation received accounted for 100 units. <p>Individual #6 July 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 480 units of Adult Habilitation from 7/1/10 through 7/31/10. Documentation received accounted for 374 units. <p>August 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 488 units of Adult Habilitation from 8/1/10 through 8/31/10. Documentation received accounted for 420 units. <p>September 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 349 units of Adult Habilitation from 9/1/10 through 9/30/10. Documentation received accounted for 240 units. <p>Individual #8 July 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 460 units of Adult Habilitation 		

<p>A. Billable Unit. A billable unit for Adult Habilitation Services is in 15-minute increments hour. The rate is based on the individual’s level of care.</p> <p>B. Billable Activities (1) The Community Inclusion Provider Agency can bill for those activities listed and described on the ISP and within the Scope of Service. Partial units are allowable. Billable units are face-to-face, except that Adult Habilitation services may be non- face-to-face under the following conditions: (a) Time that is non face-to-face is documented separately and clearly identified as to the nature of the activity; and(b) Non face-to-face hours do not exceed 5% of the monthly billable hours.</p> <p>(2) Adult Habilitation Services can be provided with any other services, insofar as the services are not reported for the same hours on the same day, except that Therapy Services and Case Management may be provided and billed for the same hours</p>	<p>from 7/1/10 through 7/31/10. Documentation received accounted for 392 units.</p> <p>August 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 488 units of Adult Habilitation from 8/1/10 through 8/31/10. Documentation received accounted for 440 units. <p>September 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 492 units of Adult Habilitation from 9/1/10 through 9/30/10. Documentation received accounted for 464 units. <p>Individual #10</p> <p>July 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 424 units of Adult Habilitation from 7/1/10 through 7/31/10. Documentation received accounted for 408 units. <p>August 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 504 units of Adult Habilitation from 9/1/10 through 8/31/10. Documentation received accounted for 366 units. 		
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Tag # 6L14 Residential Case File	Scope and Severity Rating: D		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>A. Residence Case File: For individuals receiving Supported Living or Family Living, the Agency shall maintain in the individual's home a complete and current confidential case file for each individual. For individuals receiving Independent Living Services, rather than maintaining this file at the individual's home, the complete and current confidential case file for each individual shall be maintained at the agency's administrative site. Each file shall include the following:</p> <p>(1) Complete and current ISP and all supplemental plans specific to the individual;</p> <p>(2) Complete and current Health Assessment Tool;</p> <p>(3) Current emergency contact information, which includes the individual's address, telephone number, names and telephone numbers of residential Community Living Support providers, relatives, or guardian or conservator, primary care physician's name(s) and telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address and telephone number and dentist name, address and telephone number, and health plan;</p> <p>(4) Up-to-date progress notes, signed and dated by the person making the note for at least the past month (older notes may be transferred to the agency office);</p> <p>(5) Data collected to document ISP Action Plan implementation</p> <p>(6) Progress notes written by direct care staff and by nurses regarding individual health status and physical conditions including action taken in response to identified changes in condition for at least the past month;</p> <p>(7) Physician's or qualified health care providers written orders;</p> <p>(8) Progress notes documenting implementation of</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain a complete and confidential case file in the residence for 1 of 6 Individuals receiving Supported Living Services.</p> <p>The following was not found, incomplete and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Therapy Plan (#2) 		

<p>a physician's or qualified health care provider's order(s);</p> <p>(9) Medication Administration Record (MAR) for the past three (3) months which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p>(10) Record of visits to healthcare practitioners including any treatment provided at the visit and a record of all diagnostic testing for the current ISP year; and</p> <p>(11) Medical History to include: demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability and any psychiatric diagnosis, allergies (food, environmental, medications), status of routine adult health care screenings, immunizations...</p>			
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Tag # 6L13 (CoP) - CL Healthcare Reqts.	Scope and Severity Rating: E		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 6. VI. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING</p> <p>G. Health Care Requirements for Community Living Services.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(3) For each individual receiving Community Living Services, the provider agency shall ensure and document the following:</p> <p>(a) Provision of health care oversight consistent with these Standards as detailed in Chapter One section III E: Healthcare Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services.</p> <p>b) That each individual with a score of 4, 5, or 6</p>	<p>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 2 of 7 individuals receiving Community Living Services.</p> <p>The following was not found, incomplete and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pap Smear Exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Individual #3 - As indicated by the documentation reviewed, exam was completed on 7/21/09. Follow-up was to be completed 10/27/09. No evidence of follow-up found. • Mammogram Exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Individual #3 - As indicated by the documentation reviewed, exam was completed on 7/21/09. Follow-up was to be completed 10/27/09. No evidence of follow-up found. • Abnormal Involuntary Movement Screening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ None found 10/2009 – 10/2010 for Seroquel (#8) 		

<p>on the HAT, has a Health Care Plan developed by a licensed nurse.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(4) That an average of 3 hours of documented nutritional counseling is available annually, if recommended by the IDT.</p> <p>(5) That the physical property and grounds are free of hazards to the individual's health and safety.</p> <p>(6) In addition, for each individual receiving Supported Living or Family Living Services, the provider shall verify and document the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The individual has a primary licensed physician; (b) The individual receives an annual physical examination and other examinations as specified by a licensed physician; (c) The individual receives annual dental check-ups and other check-ups as specified by a licensed dentist; (d) The individual receives eye examinations as specified by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist; and (e) Agency activities that occur as follow-up to medical appointments (e.g. treatment, visits to specialists, changes in medication or daily routine). 			
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Tag # 6L25 (CoP) Residential Health & Safety (Supported Living & Family Living)	Scope and Severity Rating: F		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>L. Residence Requirements for Family Living Services and Supported Living Services</p> <p>(1) Supported Living Services and Family Living Services providers shall assure that each individual's residence has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Battery operated or electric smoke detectors, heat sensors, or a sprinkler system installed in the residence; (b) General-purpose first aid kit; (c) When applicable due to an individual's health status, a blood borne pathogens kit; (d) Accessible written procedures for emergency evacuation e.g. fire and weather-related threats; (e) Accessible telephone numbers of poison control centers located within the line of sight of the telephone; (f) Accessible written documentation of actual evacuation drills occurring at least three (3) times a year. For Supported Living evacuation drills shall occur at least once a year during each shift; (g) Accessible written procedures for the safe storage of all medications with dispensing instructions for each individual that are consistent with the Assisting with Medication Administration training or each individual's ISP; and (h) Accessible written procedures for emergency placement and relocation of individuals in the event of an emergency evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable for occupancy. The emergency evacuation procedures shall address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding 	<p>Based on observation, the Agency failed to ensure that each individual's residence met all requirements within the standard for 5 of 5 Supported Living residences.</p> <p>The following items were not found, not functioning or incomplete:</p> <p>Supported Living Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible written procedures for emergency evacuation e.g. fire and weather-related threats (#8) • Accessible written procedures for the safe storage of all medications with dispensing instructions for each individual that are consistent with the Assisting with Medication Administration training or each individual's ISP (#1, 2, 3, 5, 8 & 9) • Accessible written procedures for emergency placement and relocation of individuals in the event of an emergency evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable for occupancy. The emergency evacuation procedures shall address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding (#1, 2, 3, 5, 8 & 9) <p>Note: Individuals #5 & 9 live in the same residence.</p>		

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Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Survey Type: Routine

RE: Request for an Informal Reconsideration of Findings

Dear Mr. Klotz,

Your request for a Reconsideration of Findings was received on January 18, 2011. Your request and the supporting evidence provided have been reviewed. Based on the review of applicable standards and regulations, review of the survey process and the evidence you provided, the following determinations have been made:

Regarding Tag # 1A08

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based on the IST section of the Individuals ISP a crisis plan is required. It does not appear your Agency either noticed this or questioned the appropriateness of this until the survey team brought it to your attention. The scope and severity rating will remain "A."

Regarding Tag # 1A11

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based on the document request form the missing trainings were requested from and signed by Diedre Tabler on 11/18/10 and not received prior to the end of the survey. The scope and severity rating will remain "E."

Regarding Tag # 1A26

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based on documentation supplied, and the past survey, you are confusing the numbers from the previous Identification sheet and the

current Identification sheet. Please note the numbers will not correspond to the same people from survey to survey. The scope and severity rating for this tag will remain "D."

Regarding Tag # 1A27

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based on the document request form the missing trainings were requested from and signed by Diedre Tabler on 11/18/10 and not received prior to the end of the survey. The remaining citations noted in tag were not disputed. The scope and severity rating for this tag will remain "E."

Regarding Tag # 1A33

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based on the staff interview and residential survey tool the information was not found; it was also asked for and unable to be found by Mara Garcia (form signed 1/16/10 at 1:45 PM). The scope and severity rating for this tag will remain "A."

Regarding Tag # 5I44

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based on documentation supplied and the Case File/Billing Review Tool, the documents were requested from and received. The deficiency cited in the report of findings and your disputes are inconsistent. The Survey team did reviewed the documents, however the units billed for and the units supplied did not correspond. The scope and severity rating will remain "B."

Regarding Tag # 6L25

Determination: The IRF committee is upholding the original finding in the report of findings. You are required to complete the remainder of your Plan of Correction as previously indicated. Based on documentation supplied and the Residential File and Interview Tools, the deficiency will be upheld. Each item cited as deficient were requested of staff and not supplied. All interviews took place between 11/16/10 and 11/17/10. The scope and severity rating will remain "F."

This concludes the Informal Reconsideration of Finding process. The IRF process is separate and apart from the Informal Dispute Resolution process or the Medicaid Fair Hearing process when DOH sanctions are imposed on a provider.

Thank you.
Respectfully,



Scott Good
Deputy Bureau Chief/QMB
Informal Reconsideration of Finding Committee Chair