Dear Mr. Schinnerer,

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

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

**Partial Compliance with Conditions of Participation**

This determination is based on non compliance with one or more CMS waiver assurances at the Condition of Participation level as well as Standard level deficiencies identified in the attached QMB Report of Findings and requires implementation of a Plan of Correction.

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

**Submission of your Plan of Correction:**
Please submit your agency’s Plan of Correction in the space on the two right columns of the Report of Findings. *(See attachment “A” for additional guidance in completing the Plan of Correction).*

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

1. **Quality Management Bureau, Attention: 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 to come into compliance. If your Plan of Correction is denied, you must resubmit a revised plan as soon as possible for approval, as your POC approval and all remedies must be completed within 45 business days of the receipt of this letter.

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

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

   QMB Deputy Bureau Chief
   5301 Central Ave NE Suite #400
   Albuquerque, NM 87108
   Attention: IRF request

   See Attachment “C” for additional guidance in completing the request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings. The request for an IRF will not delay the implementation of your Plan of Correction which must be completed within 45 total business days (10 business days to submit your POC for approval and 35 days to implement your approved Plan of Correction). Providers may not appeal the nature or interpretation of the standard or regulation, the team composition or sampling methodology. If the IRF approves the modification or removal of a finding, you will be advised of any changes.

   Please call the Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-231-7436 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,

*Deb Russell, BS*

Deb Russell, BS
Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Division of Health Improvement
Quality Management Bureau
Survey Process Employed:

Entrance Conference Date: February 3, 2014

Present:
CARC, Inc.
Tammy Halpain, Administrator of Services
Sarah Andrews, Executive Assistant

DOH/DHI/QMB
Deb Russell, BS, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Corrina Strain, RN, Healthcare Surveyor

Exit Conference Date: February 6, 2014

Present:
CARC, Inc.
Mark Schinnerer, Chief Executive Officer
Lucretia Porras, Accounts Receivable/Billing Clerk
Nancy Rogers, Financial Director
Amy Ochoa, Service Coordinator
Bob Barnes, Support Services Director
Tammy Halpain, Administrator of Services

DOH/DHI/QMB
Deb Russell, BS, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Corrina Strain, RN, Healthcare Surveyor

DDSD - Southeast Regional Office
Cindy Hoef, Social and Community Services Coordinator (via telephone conference)

Administrative Locations Visited  Number: 1

Total Sample Size  Number: 5
- Jackson Class Members 0
- Non-Jackson Class Members 5
- Supported Living 3
- Customized In Home Supports 1
- Customized Community Supports 4
- Community Integrated Employment Services 4

Total Homes Visited  Number: 1
- Supported Living Homes Visited  Number: 1

Persons Served Records Reviewed  Number: 5

Persons Served Interviewed  Number: 3

Persons Served Observed  Number: 2 (2 Individuals declined the interview)

Direct Support Personnel Interviewed  Number: 5

Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed  Number: 14

Service Coordinator Records Reviewed  Number: 3
Administrative Processes and Records Reviewed:

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

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

**Introduction:**
After a QMB Compliance Survey, your QMB Report of Findings will be sent to you via e-mail.

Each provider must develop and implement a Plan of Correction (POC) that identifies specific quality assurance and quality improvement activities the agency will implement to correct deficiencies and prevent continued deficiencies and non-compliance.

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

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

If you have questions about the Plan of Correction process, call the Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-231-7436 or email at Anthony.Fragua@state.nm.us. Requests for technical assistance must be requested through your Regional DDSD Office.

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

**Instructions for Completing Agency POC:**

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

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

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

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

5. Include dates when corrective action will be completed. The corrective action completion dates must be acceptable to the State.

6. The POC must be signed and dated by the agency director or other authorized official.

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

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

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

**Initial Submission of the Plan of Correction Requirements**

1. The Plan of Correction must be completed on the official QMB Survey Report of Findings/Plan of Correction Form and received by QMB within ten (10) business days from the date you received the report of findings.
2. For questions about the POC process, call the POC Coordinator, Anthony Fragua at 505-231-7436 for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your Regional DDSD Office.
4. Submit your POC to Anthony Fragua, POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
   a. Electronically at Anthony.Fragua@state.nm.us (preferred method)
   b. Fax to 505-222-8661, or
   c. Mail to POC Coordinator, 5301 Central Avenue NE, Suite 400, Albuquerque, NM 87108
5. Do not submit supporting documentation (evidence of compliance) to QMB until after your POC has been approved by the QMB.
6. QMB will notify you when your POC has been “approved” or “denied.”
   a. During this time, whether your POC is “approved,” or “denied,” you will have a maximum of 45 business days from the date of receipt of your Report of Findings to correct all survey deficiencies.
   b. If your POC is denied, it must be revised and resubmitted as soon as possible, as the 45 business day limit is in effect.
   c. If your POC is denied a second time your agency may be referred to the Internal Review Committee.
   d. You will receive written confirmation when your POC has been approved by QMB and a final deadline for completion of your POC.
   e. Please note that all POC correspondence will be sent electronically unless otherwise requested.

7. Failure to submit your POC within 10 business days without prior approval of an extension by QMB will result in a referral to the Internal Review Committee and the possible implementation of monetary penalties and/or sanctions.

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

1. Your internal documents are due within a maximum of 45 business days of receipt of your Report of Findings.
2. It is preferred that you submit your documents via USPS or other carrier (scanned and saved to CD/DVD disc, flash drive, etc.). If the documents do not contain protected Health information (PHI) the preferred method is that you submit your documents electronically (scanned and attached to e-mails).
3. All submitted documents must be annotated; please be sure the tag numbers and Identification numbers are indicated on each document submitted. Documents which are not annotated with the Tag number and Identification number may not be accepted.
4. Do not submit original documents; Please provide copies or scanned electronic files for evidence. Originals must be maintained in the agency file(s) per DDSD Standards.
5. In lieu of some documents, you may submit copies of file or home audit forms that clearly indicate cited deficiencies have been corrected, other attestations of correction must be approved by the Plan of Correction Coordinator prior to their submission.
6. When billing deficiencies are cited, you must provide documentation to justify billing and/or void and adjust forms submitted to Xerox State Healthcare, LLC. for the deficiencies cited in the Report of Findings. In addition to this, we ask that you submit:
   a. Evidence of an internal audit of billing/reimbursement conducted for a sample of individuals and timeframes of your choosing to verify POC implementation;
   b. Copies of “void and adjust” forms submitted to Xerox State Healthcare, LLC. to correct all unjustified units identified and submitted for payment during your internal audit.

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

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

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

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

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

Case Management Services:
- Level of Care
- Plan of Care
- Qualified Providers

Community Inclusion Supports/ Living Supports:
- Qualified Provider
- Plan of Care
- Health, Welfare and Safety

Conditions of Participation (CoPs)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Service Domain: Plan of Care**
Condition of Participation:
5. **ISP Implementation:** Services provided shall be consistent with the components of the ISP and implemented to achieve desired outcomes.

**Service Domain: Health, Welfare and Safety**
Condition of Participation:
6. **Individual Health, Safety and Welfare: (Safety)** Individuals have the right to live and work in a safe environment.

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

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

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

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

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

Providers receiving a repeat determination of Non-Compliance will be referred by Quality Management Bureau to the Internal Review Committee (IRC) for consideration of remedies and possible actions or sanctions.
Attachment C

Guidelines for the Provider
Informal Reconsideration of Finding (IRF) Process

Introduction:
Throughout the QMB Survey process, surveyors are openly communicating with providers. Open communication means surveyors have clarified issues and/or requested missing information before completing the review through the use of the signed/dated “Document Request,” or “Administrative Needs,” etc. forms. Regardless, there may still be instances where the provider disagrees with a specific finding. Providers may use the following process to informally dispute a finding.

Instructions:
1. The Informal Reconsideration of the Finding (IRF) request must be received in writing to the QMB Deputy Bureau Chief within 10 business days of receipt of the final Report of Findings.
2. The written request for an IRF must be completed on the QMB Request for Informal Reconsideration of Finding form available on the QMB website: 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.
5. If you have questions about the IRC process, email the IRF Chairperson, Crystal Lopez-Beck at crystal.lopez-beck@state.nm.us for assistance.

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

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

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

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

**Service Domain: Service Plans: ISP Implementation** – *Services are delivered in accordance with the service plan, including type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the service plan.*

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| 1A08  | Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013 | Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file at the administrative office for 1 of 5 individuals. Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:  
- **Annual Physical (#5)**  
- **Dental Exam**  
  - Individual #5 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. No evidence of exam was found.  
- **Vision Exam**  
  - Individual #5 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Vision Exams are to be conducted every other year. No evidence of exam was found. | Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: → | |
Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. Additional documentation that is required to be maintained at the administrative office includes:

1. Vocational Assessments (if applicable) that are of quality and contain content acceptable to DVR and DDSD.

**Chapter 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements: E. Consumer Records Policy:** All Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.

**Chapter 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy:** All Family Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.

**Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy:** All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.

**Chapter 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements:**

C. Documents to be maintained in the agency administrative office, include: (This is not an all inclusive list refer to standard as it includes other items)

- Emergency contact information;
- Personal identification;
- ISP budget forms and budget prior authorization;
- ISP with signature page and all applicable assessments, including teaching and support strategies, Positive Behavior Support Plan (PBSP), Behavior Crisis Intervention Plan (BCIP), or other relevant behavioral plans, Medical Emergency Response Plan (MERP), Healthcare Plan, Comprehensive Aspiration Risk Management Plan (CARMP), and Written Direct Support Instructions (WDSI);
- Dated and signed evidence that the individual has been informed of agency grievance/complaint procedure at least annually, or upon admission for a short term stay;
- Copy of Guardianship or Power of Attorney documents as applicable;
- Behavior Support Consultant, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist and Speech-Language Pathology progress reports as applicable, except for short term stays;
- Written consent by relevant health decision maker and primary care practitioner for self-administration of medication or assistance with medication from DSP as applicable;
- Progress notes written by DSP and nurses;
- Signed secondary freedom of choice form;
- Transition Plan as applicable for change of provider in past twelve (12) months.


**CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS:**

**D. Provider Agency Case File for the Individual:** All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the receiving agency whenever an individual
changes providers. The record must also be made available for review when requested by DOH, HSD or federal government representatives for oversight purposes. The individual’s case file shall include the following requirements:

1. Emergency contact information, including the individual’s address, telephone number, names and telephone numbers of relatives, or guardian or conservator, physician’s name(s) and telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address and telephone number, and health plan if appropriate;

2. The individual’s complete and current ISP, with all supplemental plans specific to the individual, and the most current completed Health Assessment Tool (HAT);

3. Progress notes and other service delivery documentation;

4. Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plans, if there are any for the individual;

5. A medical history, which shall include at least demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability, psychiatric diagnoses, allergies (food, environmental, medications), immunizations, and most recent physical exam;

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

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

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

**NMAC 8.302.1.17 RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:** A provider must maintain all the records necessary to fully disclose the nature, quality, amount and medical necessity of services furnished to an eligible recipient who is currently receiving or who has received services in the past.

**B. Documentation of test results:** Results of tests and services must be documented, which includes results of laboratory and radiology procedures or progress following therapy or treatment.
### Tag # 1A32 and 6L14
**Individual Service Plan Implementation**

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<td><strong>NMAC 7.26.5.16.C and D Development of the ISP. Implementation of the ISP.</strong> 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.</td>
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<td><strong>C.</strong> 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.</td>
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<td><strong>D.</strong> 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]</td>
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h. Record of medical and dental appointments for the current year, or during the period of stay for short term stays, including any treatment provided;
i. Progress notes written by DSP and nurses;
j. Documentation and data collection related to ISP implementation;
k. Medicaid card;
l. Salud membership card or Medicare card as applicable; and
m. A Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) document and/or Advanced Directives as applicable.

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**CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS**

**A. Residence Case File:** For individuals receiving Supported Living or Family Living, the Agency shall maintain in the individual’s home a complete and current confidential case file for each individual. For individuals receiving Independent Living Services, rather than maintaining this file at the individual’s home, the complete and current confidential case file for each individual shall be maintained at the agency’s administrative site. Each file shall include the following:

1. Complete and current ISP and all supplemental plans specific to the individual;
2. Complete and current Health Assessment Tool;
3. Current emergency contact information, which includes the individual’s address, telephone number, names and telephone numbers of residual Community Living Support providers, relatives, or guardian or conservator, primary care physician’s name(s) and telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address and telephone number and dentist
name, address and telephone number, and health plan;

4. Up-to-date progress notes, signed and dated by the person making the note for at least the past month (older notes may be transferred to the agency office);

5. Data collected to document ISP Action Plan implementation

6. Progress notes written by direct care staff and by nurses regarding individual health status and physical conditions including action taken in response to identified changes in condition for at least the past month;

7. Physician’s or qualified health care providers written orders;

8. Progress notes documenting implementation of a physician’s or qualified health care provider’s order(s);

9. Medication Administration Record (MAR) for the past three (3) months which includes:
   a. The name of the individual;
   b. A transcription of the healthcare practitioners prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication;
   c. Diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;
   d. Dosage, frequency and method/route of delivery;
   e. Times and dates of delivery;
   f. Initials of person administering or assisting with medication; and
   g. An explanation of any medication irregularity, allergic reaction or adverse effect.
   h. For PRN medication an explanation for the use of the PRN must include:
      i. Observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and
(ii) Documentation of the effectiveness/result of the PRN delivered.

(i) A MAR is not required for individuals participating in Independent Living Services who self-administer their own medication. However, when medication administration is provided as part of the Independent Living Service a MAR must be maintained at the individual’s home and an updated copy must be placed in the agency file on a weekly basis.

(10) Record of visits to healthcare practitioners including any treatment provided at the visit and a record of all diagnostic testing for the current ISP year; and

(11) Medical History to include: demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability and any psychiatric diagnosis, allergies (food, environmental, medications), status of routine adult health care screenings, immunizations, hospital discharge summaries for past twelve (12) months, past medical history including hospitalizations, surgeries, injuries, family history and current physical exam.
**Service Domain: Qualified Providers** – The State monitors non-licensed/non-certified providers to assure adherence to waiver requirements. The State implements its policies and procedures for verifying that provider training is conducted in accordance with State requirements and the approved waiver.

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accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy;

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**C. Training Requirements:** The Provider Agency must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy. The Provider Agency must ensure that the personnel support staff have completed training as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy. 3. Staff shall complete individual specific training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the ISP of each individual served; and 4. Staff that assists the individual with medication (e.g., setting up medication, or reminders) must have completed Assisting with Medication Delivery (AWMD) Training.

**CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements**

**B. Living Supports- Family Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements:**

**3. Training:**

A. All Family Living Provider agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff policy. DSP’s or subcontractors delivering substitute care under Family Living must at a minimum comply with the section of the training policy that relates to Respite, Substitute Care, and personal support staff [Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff; Sec. II-J, Items 1-4]. Pursuant to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be

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B. Individual specific training must be arranged and conducted, including training on the Individual Service Plan outcomes, actions steps and strategies and associated support plans (e.g. health care plans, MERP, PBSP and BCIP etc), information about the individual’s preferences with regard to privacy, communication style, and routines. Individual specific training for therapy related WDSI, Healthcare Plans, MERPs, CARMP, PBSP, and BCIP must occur at least annually and more often if plans change or if monitoring finds incorrect implementation. Family Living providers must notify the relevant support plan author whenever a new DSP is assigned to work with an individual, and therefore needs to receive training, or when an existing DSP requires a refresher. The individual should be present for and involved in individual specific training whenever possible.

CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements
B. Living Supports- Supported Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training:
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CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) R. 2. Service Requirements. Staff Qualifications 2. DSP Qualifications. E. Complete training requirements as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff - effective March 1, 2007. Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy;
**Service Domain: Health and Welfare** – The state, on an ongoing basis, identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent occurrences of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Individuals shall be afforded their basic human rights. The provider supports individuals to access needed healthcare services in a timely manner.

### Tag # 1A09

**Medication Delivery**

**Routine Medication Administration**

**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.**

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(vi) Route of administration;
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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.

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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.


CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 1. Scope of Service B. Self Employment 8. Providing assistance with medication delivery as outlined in the ISP; C. Individual Community Integrated Employment 3. Providing assistance with medication delivery as outlined in the ISP; D. Group Community Integrated Employment 4. Providing assistance with medication delivery as outlined in the ISP; and

B. Community Integrated Employment Agency Staffing Requirements: o. Comply with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures;

CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 1. Scope of Services A. Individualized Customized Community Supports 19. Providing assistance or supports with medications in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery policy. C. Small Group Customized Community Supports 19. Providing assistance or supports with medications in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery policy. D. Group Customized Community Supports 19. Providing assistance or supports with medications in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery policy.

CHAPTER 11 (FL) 1 SCOPE OF SERVICES A. Living Supports- Family Living Services:
The scope of Family Living Services includes, but is not limited to the following as identified by the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT):

19. Assisting in medication delivery, and related monitoring, in accordance with the DDSD’s Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, New Mexico Nurse Practice Act, and Board of Pharmacy regulations including skill development activities leading to the ability for individuals to self-administer medication as appropriate; and

I. Healthcare Requirements for Family Living.

3. B. Adult Nursing Services for medication oversight are required for all surrogate Lining Supports- Family Living direct support personnel if the individual has regularly scheduled medication. Adult Nursing services for medication oversight are required for all surrogate Family Living Direct Support Personnel (including substitute care), if the individual has regularly scheduled medication.

6. Support Living- Family Living Provider Agencies must have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the New Mexico Nurse Practice Act and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.

a. All twenty-four (24) hour residential home sites serving two (2) or more unrelated individuals must be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy, per current regulations;

b. When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) must be maintained and include:

i. The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician’s or licensed health care
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ii. Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration;
iii. Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication delivery;
iv. Explanation of any medication error;
v. Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and
vi. For PRN medication, instructions for the use of the PRN medication must include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.

c. The Family Living Provider Agency must also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose; and
d. Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications must be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and must include the expected desired outcomes of administering the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications.
e. Medication Oversight is optional if the individual resides with their biological family (by affinity or consanguinity). If Medication Oversight is not selected as an Ongoing Nursing Service, all elements of medication administration and oversight are the sole responsibility of the individual and their biological family. Therefore, a monthly medication administration record (MAR) is
not required unless the family requests it and continually communicates all medication changes to the provider agency in a timely manner to insure accuracy of the MAR.
i. The family must communicate at least annually and as needed for significant change of condition with the agency nurse regarding the current medications and the individual’s response to medications for purpose of accurately completing required nursing assessments.

ii. As per the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedure, paid DSP who are not related by affinity or consanguinity to the individual may not deliver medications to the individual unless they have completed Assisting with Medication Delivery (AWMD) training. DSP may also be under a delegation relationship with a DDW agency nurse or be a Certified Medication Aide (CMA). Where CMAs are used, the agency is responsible for maintaining compliance with New Mexico Board of Nursing requirements.

iii. If the substitute care provider is a surrogate (not related by affinity or consanguinity) Medication Oversight must be selected and provided.

CHAPTER 12 (SL) 2. Service Requirements L. Training and Requirements: 3. Medication Delivery: Supported Living Provider Agencies must have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, New Mexico Nurse Practice Act, and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.

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CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements. B. There must be compliance with all policy requirements for Intensive Medical Living Service Providers, including written policy and procedures regarding medication delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors consistent with the DDSD Medication Delivery Policy and Procedures, relevant Board of Nursing Rules, and Pharmacy Board standards and regulations.


CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS:
E. Medication Delivery: Provider Agencies that provide Community Living, Community Inclusion or Private Duty Nursing services shall have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the Board of Nursing Rules and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.

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(d) Explanation of any medication irregularity;
(e) Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and
(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.

(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 administrating the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications;
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Individual #1 December 2013

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- Mupirocin 2% – PRN – 12/12 (given 1 time)

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the exact amount to be used in a 24 hour period.


F. PRN Medication
3. Prior to self-administration, self-administration with physical assist or assisting with delivery of PRN medications, the direct support staff must contact the agency nurse to describe observed symptoms and thus assure that the PRN medication is being used according to instructions given by the ordering PCP. In cases of fever, respiratory distress (including coughing), severe pain, vomiting, diarrhea, change in responsiveness/level of consciousness, the nurse must strongly consider the need to conduct a face-to-face assessment to assure that the PRN does not mask a condition better treated by seeking medical attention. This does not apply to home based/family living settings where the provider is related by affinity or by consanguinity to the individual.

4. The agency nurse shall review the utilization of PRN medications routinely. Frequent or escalating use of PRN medications must be reported to the PCP and discussed by the Interdisciplinary for changes to the overall support plan (see Section H of this policy).

H. Agency Nurse Monitoring
1. Regardless of the level of assistance with medication delivery that is required by the individual or the route through which the medication is delivered, the agency nurses must monitor the individual’s response to the effects of their routine and PRN medications.
The frequency and type of monitoring must be based on the nurse’s assessment of the individual and consideration of the individual’s diagnoses, health status, stability, utilization of PRN medications and level of support required by the individual’s condition and the skill level and needs of the direct care staff. Nursing monitoring should be based on prudent nursing practice and should support the safety and independence of the individual in the community setting. The health care plan shall reflect the planned monitoring of the individual’s response to medication.

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**Medication Assessment and Delivery**
**Procedure Eff Date: November 1, 2006**

C. 3. Prior to delivery of the PRN, direct support staff must contact the agency nurse to describe observed symptoms and thus assure that the PRN is being used according to instructions given by the ordering PCP. In cases of fever, respiratory distress (including coughing), severe pain, vomiting, diarrhea, change in responsiveness/level of consciousness, the nurse must strongly consider the need to conduct a face-to-face assessment to assure that the PRN does not mask a condition better treated by seeking medical attention. (References: Psychotropic Medication Use Policy, Section D, page 5 Use of PRN Psychotropic Medications; and, Human Rights Committee Requirements Policy, Section B, page 4 Interventions Requiring Review and Approval – Use of PRN Medications).

a. Document conversation with nurse including all reported signs and symptoms, advice given
4. Document on the MAR each time a PRN medication is used and describe its effect on the individual (e.g., temperature down, vomiting lessened, anxiety increased, the condition is the same, improved, or worsened, etc.).


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### CHAPTER 12 (SL) 2. Service Requirements L. Training and Requirements:

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Supported Living Provider Agencies must have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, New Mexico Nurse Practice Act, and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.

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| f. | When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) must be maintained and include: |
| i. | The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician’s or licensed health care provider’s prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, and diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed; |
| ii. | Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration; |
| iii. | Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication delivery; |
| iv. | Explanation of any medication error; |
| v. | Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and |
vi. For PRN medication, instructions for the use of the PRN medication must include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.

g. The Supported Living Provider Agency must also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose; and

h. Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications must be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and must include the expected desired outcomes of administering the medication, signs, and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications.

CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements. B. There must be compliance with all policy requirements for Intensive Medical Living Service Providers, including written policy and procedures regarding medication delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors consistent with the DDSD Medication Delivery Policy and Procedures, relevant Board of Nursing Rules, and Pharmacy Board standards and regulations.


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.

(2) When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) shall be maintained and include:

(a) The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician’s written or licensed health care provider’s prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;
(b) Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration;
(c) Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication;
(d) Explanation of any medication irregularity;
(e) Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and
(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.

(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 administrating the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications;
## Tag # 1A27
### Incident Mgt. Late and Failure to Report

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### Individual #6
- Incident date 2/25/2013. Allegation was Emergency Services. Incident report was received 3/26/2013. IMB issued a Failure to Report for Emergency Services.

- Incident date 6/13/2013. Allegation was Emergency Services. Incident report was received 6/17/2013. IMB issued a Late Reporting for Emergency Services.

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| Tag # 1 A27.2  
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| 7.1.13.9 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS:  
A. Duty To Report:  
(1) All community based service providers shall immediately report abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property to the adult protective services division.  
(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:  
(a) an environmental hazardous condition, which creates an immediate threat to life or health; or  
(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.  
(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.  
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 based on record review and interview, the Agency did not report suspected abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of property, unexpected and natural/expected deaths; or other reportable incidents to the Division of Health Improvement for 1 of 5 Individuals.  
During the on-site survey February 3 – 6, 2014, surveyors observed the following:  
During the on-site interview with Direct Support Personnel # 201 showed the surveyor scratches on her arm and stated they were caused by the individual during an incident when she had to physically restrain her. The survey team asked for the incident report about the restraint as indicated by the individual’s Crisis Prevention Plan and Human Rights Committee minutes regarding use of physical restraint. The documents were not provided. (Individual #2)  
As a result of what was observed the following incident(s) was reported:  
Individual #2  
• A State Incident Report of Neglect was filed on 2/7/2014. Incident report was reported to APS and DHI. |
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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.

(2) Division Incident Report Form and Notification by Community Based Service Providers: The community based service provider shall report incidents utilizing the division’s incident report form consistent with the requirements of the division’s incident management system guide. The community based service provider shall ensure all incident report forms alleging abuse, neglect or misappropriation of consumer property submitted by a reporter with direct knowledge of an incident are completed on the division’s incident report form and received by the division within twenty-four (24) hours of an incident or allegation of an incident or the next business day if the incident occurs on a weekend or a holiday. The community based service provider shall ensure that the reporter with the most direct knowledge of the incident prepares the incident report form.
| Tag # 1A31 | Condition of Participation Level Deficiency | Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: → |
| Client Rights/Human Rights | 7.26.3.11 RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITATION OF CLIENT'S RIGHTS: | Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: → |
| | 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. [09/12/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01] | |
| | Long Term Services Division | |
| | Policy Title: Human Rights Committee | |
| | After an analysis of the evidence it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur. | |
| | Based on record review and interview, the Agency did not ensure the rights of Individuals were not restricted or limited for 1 of 5 Individuals. | |
| | A review of Agency Individual files indicated Human Rights Committee Approval was required for restrictions. | |
| | No documentation was found regarding Human Rights Approval for the following: | |
| | • Physical Restraint - (Individual #2) | |
| | Review of Positive Behavior Support Plan stated, “...It is requested that staff notify BSC by phone with any behavioral outbursts that involve the police, psychiatric and medical personnel, MANDT holds and EMS...IDT meets annually at the ISP and at a six-month review to assess the needs and to update the PBSP as needed. Additional IDT meetings can also be called if needed.” Note written by #216 stated, “We do not use MANDT. We use Handle with Care. Per her Crisis Intervention Plan – physical holds not indicated.” | |
| | Evidence indicated IDT is unclear what restriction is being used and when is it to be used. Per NMAC 7.26.3.11 “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 | |
### IV. POLICY STATEMENT - Human Rights

Committees are required for residential service provider agencies. The purpose of these committees with respect to the provision of Behavior Supports is to review and monitor the implementation of certain Behavior Support Plans.

Human Rights Committees may not approve any of the interventions specifically prohibited in the following policies:

- Aversive Intervention Prohibitions
- Psychotropic Medications Use
- Behavioral Support Service Provision.

A Human Rights Committee may also serve other agency functions as appropriate, such as the review of internal policies on sexuality and incident management follow-up.

#### A. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE ROLE IN BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS

Only those Behavior Support Plans with an aversive intervention included as part of the plan or associated Crisis Intervention Plan need to be reviewed prior to implementation. Plans not containing aversive interventions do not require Human Rights Committee review or approval.

2. The Human Rights Committee will determine and adopt a written policy stating the frequency and purpose of meetings. Behavior Support Plans approved by the Human Rights Committee will be reviewed at least quarterly.

3. Records, including minutes of all meetings will be retained at the agency with primary responsibility for implementation for at least five years from the completion of each department regulation or policy.”
individual’s Individual Service Plan.

Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) - Procedure Title: Medication Assessment and Delivery Procedure Eff Date: November 1, 2006

B. 1. e. If the PRN medication is to be used in response to psychiatric and/or behavioral symptoms in addition to the above requirements, obtain current written consent from the individual, guardian or surrogate health decision maker and submit for review by the agency’s Human Rights Committee (References: Psychotropic Medication Use Policy, Section D, page 5 Use of PRN Psychotropic Medications; and, Human Rights Committee Requirements Policy, Section B, page 4 Interventions Requiring Review and Approval – Use of PRN Medications).
## Standard of Care

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

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<td>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013 CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 4. REIMBURSEMENT. A. All Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality, quantity and clinical necessity furnished to individuals who are currently receiving services. The Provider Agency records shall be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the individual’s name, date, time, Provider Agency name, nature of services and length of a session of service billed. 1. The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the Human Services Department (HSD). For each unit billed, the record shall contain the following: a. Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval; b. A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and c. The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service. 2. Customized In-Home Supports has two different rates which are based on the individual’s living condition (i.e., Living with Natural Supports or Living Independently). The maximum allowable billable hours cannot exceed the maximum allowable billable hours. Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Customized In-Home Supports for 1 of 1 Individuals. Individual #4 December 2013 • The Agency billed 73.47 units of Customized In-Home Supports (S5125 HB UA) from 12/9/2013 through 12/21/2013. Documentation received accounted for 70 units. <strong>Provider:</strong> State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</td>
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exceed the budget allocation in the associated service packages.

B. **Billable Units**: The billable unit for Customized In-Home Support is based on a fifteen (15) minute unit.

C. **Billable Activities**:

1. Direct care provided to an individual in the individual’s residence, consistent with the Scope of Services, any portion of the day.

2. Direct support provided to an individual consistent with the Scope of Services by Customized In-Home Supports direct support personnel in community locations other than the individual’s residence.
Date: July 7, 2014

To: Mark Schinnerer, Chief Executive Officer
Provider: CARC, Inc.
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State/Zip: Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

E-mail Address: mark.schinnerer@carcinc.org

CC: Carolyn Olson, Board Chair

Board Chair E-Mail Address cole@bajabb.com

Region: Southeast
Survey Date: February 3 – 6, 2014
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed: 2012: Living Supports (Supported Living) and Inclusion Supports
                     (Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment Services) and Customized In-Home Supports
Survey Type: Routine

Dear Mr. Schinnerer & Ms. Olson:

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

The Plan of Correction process is now complete.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Tony Fragua