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Date: June 30, 2009

To: Vicky Lozano, CEO  
Provider: Casa Alegre, Inc.  
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Region: Southeast  
Survey Date: June 1 – 3, 2009  
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver  
Service Surveyed: Community Living (Supported Living) & Community Inclusion (Adult Habilitation & Supported Employment)  
Survey Type: Routine  
Team Leader: Deb Russell, BS, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Dear Ms. Lozano,

The Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau has completed a quality review survey of the services identified above. The purpose of the survey was to determine compliance with federal and state standards; to assure the health, safety, and welfare of individuals receiving services through the Developmental Disabilities Waiver; and to identify opportunities for improvement.

**Quality Management Approval Rating:**

The Division of Health Improvement is pleased to grant your agency a “MERIT” certification for compliance with DDSD Standards and regulations.

**Plan of Correction:**

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

1. Quality Management Bureau, Attention: Plan of Correction Coordinator  
5301 Central Ave. NE Suite 900 Albuquerque, NM 87108
2. Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Regional Office for region of service surveyed.

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

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

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**David Rodriguez, Division Director • Division of Health Improvement**

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DHI Quality Review Survey Report – Casa Alegre, Inc. (MEND) - Southeast Region - June 1 - 3, 2009

Report #: Q09.04.D0161.SE.001.RTN.01

**Request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings (IRF):**

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

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

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

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

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

Please call the Team Leader at 505-690-4693, if you have questions about the survey or the report. Thank you for your cooperation and for the work you perform.

Sincerely,



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

## Survey Process Employed:

Entrance Conference Date: June 1, 2009

Present: **Casa Alegre, Inc. (MEND)**  
Linda Lozano, Assistant Administrator  
Vicky Lozano, Chief Executive Officer

**DOH/DHI/QMB**  
Deb Russell, BS, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor

Exit Conference Date: June 3, 2009

Present: **Casa Alegre, Inc. (MEND)**  
Linda Lozano, Assistant Administrator  
Vicky Lozano, Chief Executive Officer

**DOH/DHI/QMB**  
Deb Russell, BS, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor

Homes Visited Number: 3

Administrative Locations Visited Number: 1

Total Sample Size Number: 4  
1 - Jackson Class Members  
3 - Non-Jackson Class Members  
4 - Supported Living  
4 - Adult Habilitation  
2 - Supported Employment

Persons Served Interviewed Number: 3

Persons Served Observed Number: 1 (One individual did not respond to surveyor's questions during interview)

Records Reviewed (Persons Served) Number: 4

Administrative Files Reviewed

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

CC: Distribution List: DOH - Division of Health Improvement  
DOH - Developmental Disabilities Supports Division  
DOH - Office of Internal Audit  
HSD - Medical Assistance Division

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

- After a QMB Quality Review, your Survey Report will be sent to you via certified mail. You may request that it also be sent to you electronically by calling George Perrault, Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-222-8624.
- Within 10 business days of the date you received your survey report, you must develop and send your Plan of Correction response to the QMB office. (Providers who do not pick up their mail will be referred to the Internal Review Committee [IRC]).
- For each Deficiency in your Survey Report, include specific information about HOW you will correct each Deficiency, WHO will fix each Deficiency (“Responsible Party”), and by WHEN (“Date Due”).
- Your POC must not only address HOW, WHO and WHEN each Deficiency will be corrected, but must also address overall systemic issues to prevent the Deficiency from reoccurring, i.e., Quality Assurance (QA). Your description of your QA must include specifics about your self-auditing processes, such as HOW OFTEN you will self-audit, WHO will do it, and WHAT FORMS will be used.
- Corrective actions should be incorporated into your agency’s Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement policies and procedures.
- You may send your POC response electronically to George.Perrault@state.nm.us, by fax (505-841-5815), or by postal mail.
- Do not send supporting documentation to QMB until after your POC has been approved by QMB.
- QMB will notify you if your POC has been “Approved” or “Denied”.
- Whether your POC is “Approved” or “Denied”, you have a maximum of 45 business days to correct all survey Deficiencies from the date of receipt of your Survey Report. If your POC is “Denied” it must be revised and resubmitted ASAP, as the 45 working day limit is in effect. Providers whose revised POC is denied will be referred to the IRC.
- The POC must be completed on the official QMB Survey Report and Plan of Correction Form, unless approved in advance by the POC Coordinator.
- The following Deficiencies must be corrected within the deadlines below (after receipt of your Survey Report):
  - CCHS and EAR: 10 working days
  - Medication errors: 10 working days
  - IMS system/training: 20 working days
  - ISP related documentation: 30 working days
  - DDSD Training 45 working days
- If you have questions about the POC process, call the QMB POC Coordinator, George Perrault at 505-222-8624 for assistance.
- For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your local DDSD Regional Office.
- Once your POC has been approved by QMB, the POC may not be altered or the dates changed.
- Requests for an extension or modification of your POC (post approval) must be made in writing and submitted to the POC Coordinator at QMB, and are approved on a case-by-case basis.
- When submitting supporting documentation, organize your documents by Tag #s, and annotate or label each document using Individual #s.
- Do not submit original documents, hard copies or scanned and electronically submitted copies are fine. Originals must be maintained in the agency/client file(s) as per DDSD Standards.
- Failure to submit, complete or implement your POC within the required timeframes will result in a referral to the IRC and the possible imposition of a \$200 per day Civil Monetary Penalty until it is received, completed and/or implemented.

**QMB Scope and Severity Matrix of survey results**

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

			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:

Key to Scope scale:

Isolated:

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

Pattern:

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

Widespread:

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

Key to Severity scale:

Low Impact Severity: (Blue)

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

Medium Impact Severity: (Tan)

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

High Impact Severity: (Green or Yellow)

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

High Impact Severity: (Yellow)

“J, K, and L” Level findings:

This is a finding of Immediate Jeopardy. If a provider is found to have “I” level findings or higher, with an outcome of Immediate Jeopardy, including repeat findings or Conditions of Participation they will be referred to the Internal Review Committee.

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

### **Introduction:**

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

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

The written request for an IRF **must be completed on the QMB Request for Informal Reconsideration of Finding Form** (available on the QMB website: <http://dhi.health.state.nm.us/qmb>) and must specify in detail the request for reconsideration and why the finding is inaccurate. **The IRF request must include all supporting documentation or evidence that was not previously reviewed during the survey process.**

### **The following limitations apply to the IRF process:**

- The request for an IRF and all supporting evidence must be received in 10 days.
- Findings based on evidence requested during the survey and not provided may not be subject to reconsideration.
- The supporting documentation must be new evidence not previously reviewed by the survey team.
- Providers must continue to complete their plan of correction during the IRF process
- Providers may not request an IRF to challenge the Scope and Severity of a finding.
- Providers may not request an IRF to challenge the sampling methodology.
- Providers may not request an IRF based on disagreement with the nature of the standard or regulation.
- Providers may not request an IRF to challenge the team composition
- Providers may not request an IRF to challenge the QMB Quality Approval Rating and the length of their DDSD provider contract.

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

QMB has 30 working days to complete the review and notify the provider of the decision. The request will be reviewed by the IRF committee. The Provider will be notified in writing of the ruling, no face to face meeting will be conducted.

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

### **Administrative Review Process:**

If a Provider desires to challenge the decision of the IRF committee they may request an Administrative Review by the DHI and DDSD Director. The Request must be made in writing to the QMB Bureau Chief and received within 5 days of notification from the IRF decision.

### **Regarding IRC Sanctions:**

The Informal Reconsideration of the Finding process is a separate process specific to QMB Survey Findings and should not be confused with any process associated with IRC Sanctions.

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

**Agency:** Casa Alegre, Inc. – Southeast Region  
**Program:** Developmental Disabilities Waiver  
**Service:** Community Living (Supported Living) & Community Inclusion (Adult Habilitation & Supported Employment)  
**Monitoring Type:** Routine Survey  
**Date of Survey:** June 1 – 3, 2009

Statute	Deficiency	Agency Plan of Correction and Responsible Party	Date Due
<p><b>Tag # 1A09 Medication Delivery (MAR)</b></p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS:</b> 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><b>E. Medication Delivery:</b> 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> <p>(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;</p>	<p><b>Scope and Severity Rating: E</b></p> <p>Medication Administration Records (MAR) were reviewed for the months of February, March &amp; April 2009.</p> <p>Based on record review, 3 of 4 individuals had Medication Administration Records, which contained missing medications entries and/or other errors:</p> <p>Individual #2 February 2009 Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buspar HCL 7.5mg (2 times daily)</li> </ul> <p>March 2009 Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fluconazole 200mg (1 time daily)</li> </ul> <p>Individual #3 February 2009 Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sertraline HCL 100mg (1 time daily)</li> </ul> <p>March 2009 Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:</p>		



<p>(b) Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration;</p> <p>(c) Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication;</p> <p>(d) Explanation of any medication irregularity;</p> <p>(e) Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and</p> <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><b>NMAC 16.19.11.8 MINIMUM STANDARDS:</b>  <b>A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, HANDLING AND RECORD KEEPING OF DRUGS:</b></p> <p>(d) The facility shall have a Medication Administration Record (MAR) documenting medication administered to residents, <b>including over-the-counter medications</b>. This documentation shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Name of resident;</li> <li>(ii) Date given;</li> <li>(iii) Drug product name;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sertraline HCL 100mg (1 time daily)</li> </ul> <p>April 2009  Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sertraline HCL 100mg (1 time daily)</li> </ul> <p>Individual #4  April 2009  Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alendronate 70mg (1 time weekly)</li> </ul>		
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- (iv) Dosage and form;
- (v) Strength of drug;
- (vi) Route of administration;
- (vii) How often medication is to be taken;
- (viii) Time taken and staff initials;
- (ix) Dates when the medication is discontinued or changed;
- (x) The name and initials of all staff administering medications.

**Model Custodial Procedure Manual**

***D. Administration of Drugs***

Unless otherwise stated by practitioner, patients will not be allowed to administer their own medications. Document the practitioner's order authorizing the self-administration of medications.

All PRN (As needed) medications shall have complete detail instructions regarding the administering of the medication. This shall include:

- symptoms that indicate the use of the medication,
- exact dosage to be used, and
- the exact amount to be used in a 24 hour period.

Tag # 1A20 DSP Training Documents	Scope and Severity Rating: D		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1 IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER AGENCY SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>PERSONNEL:</b> 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><b>C. Orientation and Training Requirements:</b> 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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</li> <li>(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.</li> </ol>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to ensure that Orientation and Training requirements were met for 1 of 17 Direct Service Personnel.</p> <p>Review of Direct Service Personnel training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings and certification being completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participatory Communication &amp; Choice Making (DSP #53)</li> </ul>		

Tag # 1A22 Staff Competence	Scope and Severity Rating: E	
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1 IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER AGENCY SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>PERSONNEL:</b> 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><b>F. Qualifications for Direct Service Personnel:</b> The following employment qualifications and competency requirements are applicable to all Direct Service Personnel employed by a Provider Agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(2) Direct service personnel shall have the ability to read and carry out the requirements in an ISP;</li> <li>(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;</li> <li>(4) Direct service personnel shall meet the qualifications specified by DDS in the Policy</li> </ol>	<p>Based on interview, the Agency failed to ensure that training competencies were met for 3 of 5 Direct Service Personnel.</p> <p>When DSP were asked if they received training on the Individual's Health Care Plans, the following was reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSP #44 stated, "I don't know." As indicated by the Agency file, the Individual has Health Care Plans for Aspiration, Mitral Regurgitation, Oral Health, Osteoporosis &amp; Post Hip (Individual #4)</li> <li>• DSP #53 stated, "I don't know." As indicated by the Agency file review, the individual has Health Care Plans for Protein 11 Deficiency (Individual #3)</li> </ul> <p>When DSP were asked if they received training on the Individual's Crisis Plans, the following was reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSP #53 stated, "Not that I'm aware of." As indicated by the Agency file review, the Individual has Crisis Plans for Protein 11 Deficiency. (Individual #3)</li> </ul> <p>When DSP were asked, what are the steps they need to take before assisting an individual with PRN medication, the following was reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSP #50 stated, "Make sure that's the medication they need." When Surveyor asked if there was anyone they needed to call, DSP #50 stated, "Not for PRNs." (As indicated by DDS Policy Number M-001 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</li> </ul>	

<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 DDS Statewide Training Database as specified in DDS 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 DDS 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 DDS Statewide Training Database to reflect new hires, terminations, inter-provider Agency position changes, and name changes.</p>	<p>according to instructions given by the ordering PCP) (Individual #1 &amp; 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSP #53 stated, "Look at MARs." (As indicated by DDS Policy Number M-001 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) (Individual #1, 3 &amp; 4)</li> </ul> <p>When DSP were asked, what they would do if an individual was aspirating, the following was reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSP #44 stated, "I would press down on her tongue to make the food go down." As indicated by the Agency file, the Individual has Health Care Plans for Aspiration. (Individual #4)</li> </ul> <p>When DSP were asked, what they would do if there is a medication error, the following was reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSP #41 stated, "I would dispose of it". According to Agency policy on "Disposal and Destruction of Drugs", staff members are to: "remove from stock any medications that have become discolored, damaged, or otherwise unsafe for administration and place in a designated area for the consultant Pharmacist." (Individual #3)</li> </ul>		
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Tag # 1A33 Board of Pharmacy - Med Storage	Scope and Severity Rating: B		
<p><b>New Mexico Board of Pharmacy Model Custodial Drug Procedures Manual</b></p> <p><b>E. Medication Storage:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prescription drugs will be stored in a locked cabinet and the key will be in the care of the administrator or designee.</li> <li>2. Drugs to be taken by mouth will be separate from all other dosage forms.</li> <li>3. A locked compartment will be available in the refrigerator for those items labeled "Keep in Refrigerator." The temperature will be kept in the 36°F - 46°F range. An accurate thermometer will be kept in the refrigerator to verify temperature.</li> <li>4. Separate compartments are required for each resident's medication.</li> <li>5. All medication will be stored according to their individual requirement or in the absence of temperature and humidity requirements, controlled room temperature (68-77°F) and protected from light. Storage requirements are in effect 24 hours a day.</li> <li>6. Medication no longer in use, unwanted, outdated, or adulterated will be placed in a quarantine area in the locked medication cabinet and held for destruction by the consultant pharmacist.</li> </ol>	<p>Based on record review and observation, the Agency failed to ensure proper storage of medication for 3 of 4 individuals.</p> <p>Observation included:</p> <p>Individual #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meclizine Hydrochloride 25 mg expired 5/2007 - Expired medication was not kept separate from other medications as required by Board of Pharmacy Procedures.</li> <li>• Acetaminophen 500 mg expired 2/2009 - Expired medication was not kept separate from other medications as required by Board of Pharmacy Procedures.</li> </ul> <p>Individual #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ipecac Syrup expired 2/2007 - Expired medication was not kept separate from other medications as required by Board of Pharmacy Procedures.</li> </ul> <p>Individual #3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guaifenesin – DM 100 mg expired 1/2007 - Expired medication was not kept separate from other medications as required by Board of Pharmacy Procedures.</li> </ul>		

Tag # 6L14 Residential Case File	Scope and Severity Rating: F		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p><b>A. Residence Case File:</b> 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</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain a complete and confidential case file in the residence for 4 of 4 Individuals receiving Supported Living Services.</p> <p>The following was not found, incomplete and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addendum A (#4)</li> <li>• Health Assessment Tool (#1, 2, 3 &amp; 4)</li> <li>• Health Care Providers Written Orders (#1, 2, 3 &amp; 4)</li> <li>• Record of visits of healthcare practitioners (#1, 2, 3 &amp; 4)</li> </ul>		

<p>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 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"> <li>(a) The name of the individual;</li> <li>(b) A transcription of the healthcare practitioners prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication;</li> <li>(c) Diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;</li> <li>(d) Dosage, frequency and method/route of delivery;</li> <li>(e) Times and dates of delivery;</li> <li>(f) Initials of person administering or assisting with medication; and</li> <li>(g) An explanation of any medication irregularity, allergic reaction or adverse effect.</li> <li>(h) For PRN medication an explanation for the use of the PRN must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and</li> <li>(ii) Documentation of the effectiveness/result of the PRN delivered.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> <p>(10) Record of visits to healthcare practitioners</p>			
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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.

Tag # 6L25 (CoP) Residential Health & Safety (Supported Living)	Scope and Severity Rating: F		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p><b>L. Residence Requirements for Family Living Services and Supported Living Services</b></p> <p>(1) Supported Living Services and Family Living Services providers shall assure that each individual's residence has:</p> <p>(a) Battery operated or electric smoke detectors, heat sensors, or a sprinkler system installed in the residence;</p> <p>(b) General-purpose first aid kit;</p> <p>(c) When applicable due to an individual's health status, a blood borne pathogens kit;</p> <p>(d) Accessible written procedures for emergency evacuation e.g. fire and weather-related threats;</p> <p>(e) Accessible telephone numbers of poison control centers located within the line of sight of the telephone;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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>	<p>Based on observation, the Agency failed to ensure that each individual's residence met all requirements within the standard for 3 of 3 Supported Living residences.</p> <p>The following items were not found, not functioning or incomplete:</p> <p>(Individuals 1 &amp; 4 share a residence).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessible written procedures for emergency evacuation e.g. fire and weather-related threats (#1, 3 &amp; 4)</li> <li>• 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 &amp; 4)</li> <li>• 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 &amp; 4)</li> </ul>		

**ADDITIONAL FINDINGS: Reimbursement Deficiencies**

**BILLING  
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Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **Chapter 1. III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION**

**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:

- (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.

Billing for Community Living (Supported Living) and Community Inclusion (Adult Habilitation & Supported Employment) services was reviewed for 4 of 4 individuals. Progress notes and billing records supported billing activities for the months of February, March and April 2009.