



Date: May 14, 2012

To: Pam Stafford, Executive Director  
Provider: Connections, LLC  
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E-mail Address: [PStafford@connections.com](mailto:PStafford@connections.com)

Region: Metro  
Survey Date: February 13 – 16, 2012  
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver  
Service Surveyed: Community Inclusion Supports (Adult Habilitation, Community Access & Supported Employment)

Survey Type: Routine  
Team Leader: Stephanie R. Martinez de Berenger, M.P.A, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau  
Team Members: Maurice Gonzales, BS, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau.

Dear Ms. Stafford:

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:

***Compliance with all Conditions of Participation.***

This determination is based on your agency's compliance with CMS waiver assurances at the Condition of Participation level. The attached QMB Report of Findings indicates Standard Level deficiencies identified 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



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Survey Report #: Q12.03.DDW.D0178.5.001.RTN.01.135

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 505-699-0714 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,

*Stephanie R Martinez de Berenger, M.P.A.*

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Division of Health Improvement  
Quality Management Bureau

## Survey Process Employed:

Entrance Conference Date:	February 13, 2012
Present:	<b><u>Connections, LLC</u></b> Nathan Melvin, Supervisor  <b><u>DOH/DHI/QMB</u></b> Stephanie R. Martinez de Berenger, M.P.A., Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Maurice Gonzales, BS, Healthcare Surveyor
Exit Conference Date:	February 16, 2012
Present:	<b><u>Connections, LLC</u></b> Pam Stafford, Director of Programming Matthew Bardwell, Director of Operations  <b><u>DOH/DHI/QMB</u></b> Stephanie R. Martinez de Berenger, M.P.A., Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Maurice Gonzales, BS, Healthcare Surveyor
Administrative Locations Visited	Number: 1
Total Sample Size	Number: 9 1 - <i>Jackson</i> Class Members 8 - Non- <i>Jackson</i> Class Members 9 - Adult Habilitation 2 - Community Access 4 - Supported Employment
Persons Served Records Reviewed	Number: 9
Persons Served Interviewed	Number: 9
Direct Support Personnel Interviewed	Number: 6
Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed	Number: 16
Service Coordinator Records Reviewed	Number: 1
Administrative Files Reviewed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Billing Records</li><li>• Medical Records</li><li>• Incident Management Records</li><li>• Personnel Files</li><li>• Training Records</li><li>• Agency Policy and Procedure</li><li>• Caregiver Criminal History Screening Records</li><li>• Employee Abuse Registry</li><li>• Evacuation Drills</li><li>• Quality Assurance / Improvement Plan</li></ul>

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

## **Attachment A**

### **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 non compliance.

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

If you have questions about the Plan of Correction process, call the QMB Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-699-0714 or email at [scott.good@state.nm.us](mailto:scott.good@state.nm.us). Requests for technical assistance must be requested through your DDSD Regional 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 required six CMS core elements to address each deficiency of the POC:***

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 POC:*

- Details about how and when Consumer, Personnel and Residential files are audited by Agency personnel to ensure they contain required documents;
- Information about how Medication Administration Records are reviewed to verify they contain all required information before they are distributed, as they are being used, and after they are completed;
- Your processes for ensuring that all staff are trained in Core Competencies, Incident Reporting, and Individual-Specific service requirements, etc;
- How accuracy in Billing documentation is assured;
- How health, safety is assured;
- For Case Management Providers, how ISPs are reviewed to verify they meet requirements, how the timeliness of LOC packet submissions and consumer visits are tracked;
- Your process for gathering, analyzing and responding to Quality data; and,
- Details about Quality Targets in various areas, current status, 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 QMB Deputy Chief, Scott Good at 505-699-0714 for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your local DDSD Regional Office.
4. Submit your POC to Scott Good, QMB Deputy Chief in any of the following ways:
  - a. Electronically at [scott.good@state.nm.us](mailto:scott.good@state.nm.us) (*preferred method*)
  - b. Fax to 505-222-8661, or
  - c. Mail to POC Coordinator, 5301 Central Avenue SW, 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 “approve” 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.
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. You may submit your documents by postal mail (paper hard copy or on a disc), fax, or 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. For billing deficiencies, you must submit:
  - a. Evidence of an internal audit of billing documentation for a sample of individuals and timeframes;
  - b. Copies of “void and adjust” forms submitted to correct all over-billed or unjustified units billed identified during your internal audit.

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

## 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) but may have standard level deficiencies (deficiencies which are not at the condition level) out of compliance. 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.
- “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 one (1) to three (3) ‘Conditions of Participation.’ 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).

Providers receiving a repeat determination of ‘Partial-Compliance’ for repeat deficiencies of CoPs may be referred by the Quality Management Bureau to the Internal Review Committee (IRC) for consideration of remedies and possible actions.

- “Non-Compliant 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 and/or has:
  - Four (4) Conditions of Participation out of compliance.
  - Multiple findings of widespread non-compliance with any standard or regulation with a significant potential for more than minimal harm.
  - Any finding of actual harm or Immediate Jeopardy.The Agency may also have standard level deficiencies (deficiencies which are not at the condition level).

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.



## 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 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, Scott Good at [scott.good@state.nm.us](mailto:scott.good@state.nm.us) for assistance.

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

- The 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 made 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.

**Agency:** Connections, LLC - Metro Region  
**Program:** Developmental Disabilities Waiver  
**Service:** Community Inclusion Supports (Adult Habilitation, Community Access & Supported Employment)  
**Monitoring Type:** Routine Survey  
**Date of Survey:** February 13 – 16, 2012

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
<p><b>CMS Assurance – Service Plans: ISP Implementation</b> – Services are delivered in accordance with the service plan, including type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the service plan.</p>			
<p><b>Tag # 1A08 Agency Case File</b></p>	<p><b>Standard Level Deficiency</b></p>		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007  <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.  <b>D. Provider Agency Case File for the Individual:</b> 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</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for 4 of 9 individuals.</p> <p>Review of the Agency individual case files found the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Current Emergency &amp; Personal Identification Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Did not contain Pharmacy Information (#9)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Speech Therapy Plan (#9)</li> <li>• Occupational Therapy Plan (#9)</li> <li>• <b>Annual Physical</b> (#5 &amp; 7)</li> <li>• <b>Dental Exam</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #5 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. No evidence of exam was found.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Vision Exam</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #2 - As indicated by the DDSD file</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>            State your Plan of Correction for the findings in this Tag <i>above</i> this line.</p> <hr/> <p>Enter your Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes <i>below</i> the line.</p>	

<p>individual's address, telephone number, names and telephone numbers of relatives, or guardian or conservator, physician's name(s) and telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address and telephone number, and health plan if appropriate;</p> <p>(2) The individual's complete and current ISP, with all supplemental plans specific to the individual, and the most current completed Health Assessment Tool (HAT);</p> <p>(3) Progress notes and other service delivery documentation;</p> <p>(4) Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plans, if there are any for the individual;</p> <p>(5) A medical history, which shall include at least demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability, psychiatric diagnoses, allergies (food, environmental, medications), immunizations, and most recent physical exam;</p> <p>(6) When applicable, transition plans completed for individuals at the time of discharge from Fort Stanton Hospital or Los Lunas Hospital and Training School; and</p> <p>(7) Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the individual upon request.</p> <p>(8) The receiving Provider Agency shall be provided at a minimum the following records whenever an individual changes provider agencies:</p> <p>(a) Complete file for the past 12 months;</p> <p>(b) ISP and quarterly reports from the current and prior ISP year;</p> <p>(c) Intake information from original admission to services; and</p> <p>(d) When applicable, the Individual Transition Plan at the time of discharge from Los Lunas Hospital and Training School or Ft. Stanton Hospital.</p>	<p>matrix Vision Exams are to be conducted every other year. No evidence of exam was found.</p> <p>◦ Individual #5 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Vision Exams are to be conducted every other year. No evidence of exam was found.</p> <p>◦ Individual #9 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Vision Exams are to be conducted every other year. No evidence of exam was found.</p>		
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**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 & 6L14 ISP Implementation	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p><b>NMAC 7.26.5.16.C and D Development of the ISP. Implementation of the ISP.</b> 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.</p> <p>C. The IDT shall review and discuss information and recommendations with the individual, with the goal of supporting the individual in attaining desired outcomes. The IDT develops an ISP based upon the individual's personal vision statement, strengths, needs, interests and preferences. The ISP is a dynamic document, revised periodically, as needed, and amended to reflect progress towards personal goals and achievements consistent with the individual's future vision. This regulation is consistent with standards established for individual plan development as set forth by the commission on the accreditation of rehabilitation facilities (CARF) and/or other program accreditation approved and adopted by the developmental disabilities division and the department of health. It is the policy of the developmental disabilities division (DDD), that to the extent permitted by funding, each individual receive supports and services that will assist and encourage independence and productivity in the community and attempt to prevent regression or loss of current capabilities. Services and supports include specialized and/or generic services, training, education and/or treatment as determined by the IDT and documented in the ISP.</p> <p>D. The intent is to provide choice and obtain opportunities for individuals to live, work and</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to implement the ISP according to the timelines determined by the IDT and as specified in the ISP for each stated desired outcomes and action plan for 2 of 9 individuals.</p> <p>Per Individuals ISP the following was found with regards to the implementation of ISP Outcomes:</p> <p><b>Administrative Files Reviewed:</b></p> <p><b>Supported Employment Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:</b></p> <p>Individual #3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None found for 10/2011 - 12/2011</li> </ul> <p>Individual #8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None found for 10/2011 - 12/2011</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b> State your Plan of Correction for the findings in this Tag <i>above</i> this line.</p> <hr/> <p>Enter your Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes <i>below</i> the line.</p>	

<p>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]</p>			
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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
<b>CMS Assurance – Qualified Providers</b> – <i>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.</i>			
<b>Tag # 1A20 Direct Support Personnel Training</b>	<b>Standard Level Deficiency</b>		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1 IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER AGENCY SERVICE 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> <p>(1) Each new employee shall receive appropriate orientation, including but not limited to, all policies relating to fire prevention, accident prevention, incident management and reporting, and emergency procedures; and</p> <p>(2) Individual-specific training for each</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to ensure that Orientation and Training requirements were met for 2 of 16 Direct Support Personnel.</p> <p>Review of Direct Support 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>• Assisting With Medication Delivery (DSP #53)</li> <li>• Positive Behavior Supports Strategies (DSP #47)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b> State your Plan of Correction for the findings in this Tag <i>above</i> this line.</p> <hr/> <p>Enter your Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes <i>below</i> the line.</p>	

individual under his or her direct care, as described in the individual service plan, prior to working alone with the individual.

**Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy - Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007 - II. POLICY STATEMENTS:**

- A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.
- B. Staff shall complete individual-specific (formerly known as "Addendum B") training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the individual service plan (ISP) of each individual served.
- C. Staff shall complete training on DOH-approved incident reporting procedures in accordance with 7 NMAC 1.13.
- D. Staff providing direct services shall complete training in universal precautions on an annual basis. The training materials shall meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements.
- E. Staff providing direct services shall maintain certification in first aid and CPR. The training materials shall meet OSHA requirements/guidelines.
- F. Staff who may be exposed to hazardous chemicals shall complete relevant training in accordance with OSHA requirements.
- G. Staff shall be certified in a DDSD-approved behavioral intervention system (e.g., Mandt, CPI) before using physical restraint techniques. Staff members providing direct services shall maintain certification in a DDSD-approved behavioral intervention system if an individual they support has a behavioral crisis plan that includes the use of physical restraint techniques.
- H. Staff shall complete and maintain certification in a DDSD-approved medication course in



accordance with the DDSD Medication Delivery Policy M-001.  
I. Staff providing direct services shall complete safety training within the first thirty (30) days of employment and before working alone with an individual receiving service.

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Tag # 1A26 Consolidated On-line Registry/Employee Abuse Registry	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p><b>NMAC 7.1.12.8 REGISTRY ESTABLISHED; PROVIDER INQUIRY REQUIRED:</b> Upon the effective date of this rule, the department has established and maintains an accurate and complete electronic registry that contains the name, date of birth, address, social security number, and other appropriate identifying information of all persons who, while employed by a provider, have been determined by the department, as a result of an investigation of a complaint, to have engaged in a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person receiving care or services from a provider. Additions and updates to the registry shall be posted no later than two (2) business days following receipt. Only department staff designated by the custodian may access, maintain and update the data in the registry.</p> <p>A. <b>Provider requirement to inquire of registry.</b> A provider, prior to employing or contracting with an employee, shall inquire of the registry whether the individual under consideration for employment or contracting is listed on the registry.</p> <p>B. <b>Prohibited employment.</b> A provider may not employ or contract with an individual to be an employee if the individual is listed on the registry as having a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person receiving care or services from a provider.</p> <p>D. <b>Documentation of inquiry to registry.</b> The provider shall maintain documentation in the employee's personnel or employment records that evidences the fact that the provider made an inquiry to the registry concerning that employee prior to employment. Such</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain documentation in the employee's personnel records that evidenced inquiry to the Employee Abuse Registry prior to employment for 1 of 16 Agency Personnel.</p> <p><b>The following Agency Personnel records contained evidence that indicated the Employee Abuse Registry was completed after hire:</b></p> <p><b>Direct Support Personnel (DSP):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #52 – Date of hire 02/15/2007, completed 02/17/2007.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b> State your Plan of Correction for the findings in this Tag <i>above</i> this line.</p> <hr/> <p>Enter your Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes <i>below</i> the line.</p>	

<p>documentation must include evidence, based on the response to such inquiry received from the custodian by the provider, that the employee was not listed on the registry as having a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation.</p> <p>E. <b>Documentation for other staff.</b> With respect to all employed or contracted individuals providing direct care who are licensed health care professionals or certified nurse aides, the provider shall maintain documentation reflecting the individual's current licensure as a health care professional or current certification as a nurse aide.</p> <p>F. <b>Consequences of noncompliance.</b> The department or other governmental agency having regulatory enforcement authority over a provider may sanction a provider in accordance with applicable law if the provider fails to make an appropriate and timely inquiry of the registry, or fails to maintain evidence of such inquiry, in connection with the hiring or contracting of an employee; or for employing or contracting any person to work as an employee who is listed on the registry. Such sanctions may include a directed plan of correction, civil monetary penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5000) per instance, or termination or non-renewal of any contract with the department or other governmental agency.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007  <b>Chapter 1.IV. General Provider Requirements. D. Criminal History Screening:</b> All personnel shall be screened by the Provider Agency in regard to the employee's qualifications, references, and employment history, prior to employment. All Provider Agencies shall comply with the Criminal Records Screening for Caregivers 7.1.12 NMAC and</p>			
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Employee Abuse Registry 7.1.12 NMAC as required by the Department of Health, Division of Health Improvement.

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Tag # 1A28.2 Incident Mgt. System - Parent/Guardian Training	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p><b>NMAC 7.1.13.10 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:</b></p> <p><b>A. General:</b> All licensed health care facilities and community based service providers shall establish and maintain an incident management system, which emphasizes the principles of prevention and staff involvement. The licensed health care facility or community based service provider shall ensure that the incident management system policies and procedures requires all employees to be competently trained to respond to, report, and document incidents in a timely and accurate manner.</p> <p><b>E. Consumer and Guardian Orientation Packet:</b> Consumers, family members and legal guardians shall be made aware of and have available immediate accessibility to the licensed health care facility and community based service provider incident reporting processes. The licensed health care facility and community based service provider shall provide consumers, family members or legal guardians an orientation packet to include incident management systems policies and procedural information concerning the reporting of abuse, neglect or misappropriation. The licensed health care facility and community based service provider shall include a signed statement indicating the date, time, and place they received their orientation packet to be contained in the consumer's file. The appropriate consumer, family member or legal guardian shall sign this at the time of orientation.</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to provide documentation indicating consumer, family members, or legal guardians had received an orientation packet including incident management system policies and procedural information concerning the reporting of Abuse, Neglect and Misappropriation of Consumers' Property, for 1 of 9 individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent/Guardian Incident Management Training (Abuse, Neglect &amp; Misappropriation of Consumers' Property) (#9)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b> State your Plan of Correction for the findings in this Tag <i>above</i> this line.</p> <hr/> <p>Enter your Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes <i>below</i> the line.</p>	

Tag # 1A36 Service Coordination Requirements	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1 IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER AGENCY SERVICE 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> <p>(1) Each new employee shall receive appropriate orientation, including but not limited to, all policies relating to fire prevention, accident prevention, incident management and reporting, and emergency procedures; and</p> <p><b>NMAC 7.26.5.7</b> “service coordinator”: the community provider staff member, sometimes called the program manager or the internal case manager, who supervises, implements and monitors the service plan within the</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to ensure that Orientation and Training requirements were met for 1 of 1 Service Coordinators.</p> <p>Review of Service Coordinators training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings being completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISP Critique (SC#56)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b> State your Plan of Correction for the findings in this Tag <i>above</i> this line.</p> <hr/> <p>Enter your Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes <i>below</i> the line.</p>	

<p>community service provider agency</p> <p><b>NMAC 7.26.5.11</b> (b) service coordinator: the service coordinators of the community provider agencies shall assure that appropriate staff develop strategies specific to their responsibilities in the ISP; the service coordinators shall assure the action plans and strategies are implemented consistent with the provisions of the ISP, and shall report to the case manager on ISP implementation and the individual's progress on action plans within their agencies; for persons funded solely by state general funds, the service coordinator shall assume all the duties of the independent case manager described within these regulations; if there are two or more "key" community service provider agencies with two or more service coordinator staff, the IDT shall designate which service coordinator shall assume the duties of the case manager; the criteria to guide the IDTs selection are set forth as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the designated service coordinator shall have the skills necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the case manager as defined in these regulations;</li> <li>(ii) the designated service coordinator shall have the time and interest to fulfill the functions of the case manager as defined in these regulations;</li> <li>(iii) the designated service coordinator shall be familiar with and understand community service delivery and supports;</li> <li>(iv) the designated service coordinator shall know the individual or be willing to become familiar and develop a relationship with the individual being served;</li> </ul>			
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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
<p><b>CMS Assurance – Health and Welfare</b> – 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.</p>			
<p><b>Tag # 1A09 Medication Delivery (MAR) - Routine Medication</b></p>	<p><b>Standard Level Deficiency</b></p>		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007  <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.  <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 DDS Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the Board of Nursing Rules and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.   (2) When required by the DDS 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</p>	<p>Medication Administration Records (MAR) were reviewed for the months of November, 2011 December, 2011 &amp; January, 2012.</p> <p>Based on record review, 2 of 9 individuals had Medication Administration Records, which contained missing medications entries and/or other errors:</p> <p>Individual #4  January 2012  Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:  • Pancrease MT 16 (1 time daily)</p> <p>December 2011  Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:  • Pancrease MT 16 (1 time daily)</p> <p>November 2011  Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:  • Pancrease MT 16 (1 time daily)</p> <p>Individual #5  January 2012  Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is</p>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  State your Plan of Correction for the findings in this Tag <i>above</i> this line.</p> <hr/> <p>Enter your Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes <i>below</i> the line.</p>	



<p>generic name of the medication, 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>  A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, HANDLING AND RECORD KEEPING OF DRUGS:</p> <p>(d) The facility shall have a Medication</p>	<p>prescribed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seroquel 100 mg (1 time daily)</li> <li>• Klonopin 0.5 mg (3 times daily) (12:00pm)</li> </ul> <p>December 2011  Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seroquel 100 mg (1 time daily)</li> <li>• Klonopin 0.5 mg (3 times daily) (12:00pm)</li> </ul> <p>November 2011  Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seroquel 100 mg (1 time daily)</li> <li>• Klonopin 0.5 mg (3 times daily) (12:00pm)</li> </ul>		
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<p>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> <li>(iv) Dosage and form;</li> <li>(v) Strength of drug;</li> <li>(vi) Route of administration;</li> <li>(vii) How often medication is to be taken;</li> <li>(viii) Time taken and staff initials;</li> <li>(ix) Dates when the medication is discontinued or changed;</li> <li>(x) The name and initials of all staff administering medications.</li> </ul> <p><b>Model Custodial Procedure Manual</b>  <b>D. Administration of Drugs</b>  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.</p> <p>All PRN (As needed) medications shall have complete detail instructions regarding the administering of the medication. This shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ symptoms that indicate the use of the medication,</li> <li>➤ exact dosage to be used, and</li> <li>➤ the exact amount to be used in a 24 hour period.</li> </ul>			
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Tag # 1A15.2 & 5I09 - Healthcare Documentation	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1. III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION - Healthcare</b></p> <p><b>Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services:</b> Nursing services must be available as needed and documented for Provider Agencies delivering Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services.</p> <p><b>Chapter 1. III. E. (1 - 4) (1) Documentation of nursing assessment activities</b></p> <p>(a) The following hierarchy shall be used to determine which provider agency is responsible for completion of the HAT and MAAT and related subsequent planning and training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Community living services provider agency;</li> <li>(ii) Private duty nursing provider agency;</li> <li>(iii) Adult habilitation provider agency;</li> <li>(iv) Community access provider agency; and</li> <li>(v) Supported employment provider agency.</li> </ul> <p>(b) The provider agency must arrange for their nurse to complete the Health Assessment Tool (HAT) and the Medication Administration Assessment Tool (MAAT) on at least an annual basis for each individual receiving community living, community inclusion or private duty nursing services, unless the provider agency arranges for the individual's Primary Care Practitioner (PCP) to voluntarily complete these assessments in lieu of the agency nurse. Agency nurses may also complete these</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain the required documentation in the Individuals Agency Record as required per standard for 7 of 9 individual</p> <p>The following were not found, incomplete and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medication Administration Assessment Tool (#5, 7 &amp; 9)</li> <li>• Healthcare Passport (#1, 4, 6, 7, 8 &amp; 9)</li> <li>• Aspiration Risk Management Screening Tool (#5, 7 &amp; 9)</li> <li>• <b>Quarterly Nursing Review of HCP/Crisis Plans:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ None found for 01/2011 - 12/2011 (#7)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Health Care Plans:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Allergic to Penicillin</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #7 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Chronic Constipation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #7 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>GERD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #5 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b> State your Plan of Correction for the findings in this Tag <i>above</i> this line.</p> <hr/> <p>Enter your Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes <i>below</i> the line.</p>	

<p>assessments in collaboration with the Primary Care Practitioner if they believe such consultation is necessary for an accurate assessment. Family Living Provider Agencies have the option of having the subcontracted caregiver complete the HAT instead of the nurse or PCP, if the caregiver is comfortable doing so. However, the agency nurse must be available to assist the caregiver upon request.</p> <p>(c) For newly allocated individuals, the HAT and the MAAT must be completed within seventy-two (72) hours of admission into direct services or two weeks following the initial ISP, whichever comes first.</p> <p>(d) For individuals already in services, the HAT and the MAAT must be completed at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual ISP meeting and submitted to all members of the interdisciplinary team. The HAT must also be completed at the time of any significant change in clinical condition and upon return from any hospitalizations. In addition to annually, the MAAT must be completed at the time of any significant change in clinical condition, when a medication regime or route change requires delivery by licensed or certified staff, or when an individual has completed additional training designed to improve their skills to support self-administration (see DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy).</p> <p>(e) Nursing assessments conducted to determine current health status or to evaluate a change in clinical condition must be documented in a signed progress note that includes time and date as well as <i>subjective</i> information including the individual complaints, signs and symptoms noted by staff, family members or other team members; <i>objective</i> information including vital signs, physical examination, weight, and other pertinent data for the given situation (e.g., seizure frequency,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #7 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.</li> <li>• <b>Oral Hygiene</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #7 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Osteoporosis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #7 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Skin Integrity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #7 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Seizures</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #9 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Crisis Plans/Medical Emergency Response Plans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Seizures</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #9 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Aspiration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #9 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
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<p>method in which temperature taken); <i>assessment</i> of the clinical status, and <i>plan</i> of action addressing relevant aspects of all active health problems and follow up on any recommendations of medical consultants.</p> <p><b>(2) Health related plans</b></p> <p>(a) For individuals with chronic conditions that have the potential to exacerbate into a life-threatening situation, a medical crisis prevention and intervention plan must be written by the nurse or other appropriately designated healthcare professional.</p> <p>(b) Crisis prevention and intervention plans must be written in user-friendly language that is easily understood by those implementing the plan.</p> <p>(c) The nurse shall also document training regarding the crisis prevention and intervention plan delivered to agency staff and other team members, clearly indicating competency determination for each trainee.</p> <p>(d) If the individual receives services from separate agencies for community living and community inclusion services, nurses from each agency shall collaborate in the development of and training delivery for crisis prevention and intervention plans to assure maximum consistency across settings.</p> <p>(3) For all individuals with a HAT score of 4, 5 or 6, the nurse shall develop a comprehensive healthcare plan that includes health related supports identified in the ISP (The healthcare plan is the equivalent of a nursing care plan; two separate documents are not required nor recommended):</p> <p>(a) Each healthcare plan must include a statement of the person's healthcare needs and list measurable goals to be achieved through implementation of the healthcare plan. Needs statements may be based upon supports needed for the individual to maintain</p>	<p>have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.</p>		
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<p>a current strength, ability or skill related to their health, prevention measures, and/or supports needed to remediate, minimize or manage an existing health condition.</p> <p>(b) Goals must be measurable and shall be revised when an individual has met the goal and has the potential to attain additional goals or no longer requires supports in order to maintain the goal.</p> <p>(c) Approaches described in the plan shall be individualized to reflect the individual's unique needs, provide guidance to the caregiver(s) and designed to support successful interactions. Some interventions may be carried out by staff, family members or other team members, and other interventions may be carried out directly by the nurse – persons responsible for each intervention shall be specified in the plan.</p> <p>(d) Healthcare plans shall be written in language that will be easily understood by the person(s) identified as implementing the interventions.</p> <p>(e) The nurse shall also document training on the healthcare plan delivered to agency staff and other team members, clearly indicating competency determination for each trainee. If the individual receives services from separate agencies for community living and community inclusion services, nurses from each agency shall collaborate in the development of and training delivery for healthcare plans to assure maximum consistency across settings.</p> <p>(f) Healthcare plans must be updated to reflect relevant discharge orders whenever an individual returns to services following a hospitalization.</p> <p>(g) All crisis prevention and intervention plans and healthcare plans shall include the individual's name and date on each page and shall be signed by the author.</p>			
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<p>(h) Crisis prevention and intervention plans as well as healthcare plans shall be reviewed by the nurse at least quarterly, and updated as needed.</p> <p><b>(4) General Nursing Documentation</b></p> <p>(a) The nurse shall complete legible and signed progress notes with date and time indicated that describe all interventions or interactions conducted with individuals served as well as all interactions with other healthcare providers serving the individual. All interactions shall be documented whether they occur by phone or in person.</p> <p>(b) For individuals with a HAT score of 4, 5 or 6, or who have identified health concerns in their ISP, the nurse shall provide the interdisciplinary team with a quarterly report that indicates current health status and progress to date on health related ISP desired outcomes and action plans as well as progress toward goals in the healthcare plan.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 5 IV. COMMUNITY INCLUSION SERVICES PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p><b>B. IDT Coordination</b></p> <p>(1) Community Inclusion Services Provider Agencies shall participate on the IDT as specified in the ISP Regulations (7.26.5 NMAC), and shall ensure direct support staff participation as needed to plan effectively for the individual; and</p> <p>(2) Coordinate with the IDT to ensure that each individual participating in Community Inclusion Services who has a score of 4, 5, or 6 on the HAT has a Health Care Plan developed by a licensed nurse, and if applicable, a Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plan.</p>			
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F. The MERP shall be written in clear, jargon free language and include at a minimum the following information:

1. A brief, simple description of the condition or illness.
2. A brief description of the most likely life threatening complications that might occur and what those complications may look like to an observer.
3. A concise list of the most important measures that may prevent the life threatening complication from occurring (e.g., avoiding allergens that trigger an asthma attack or making sure the person with diabetes has snacks with them to avoid hypoglycemia).
4. Clear, jargon free, step-by-step instructions regarding the actions to be taken by direct support personnel (DSP) and/or others to intervene in the emergency, including criteria for when to call 911.
5. Emergency contacts with phone numbers.
6. Reference to whether the individual has advance directives or not, and if so, where the advance directives are located.



Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
<b>CMS Assurance – Financial Accountability – State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver.</b>			
<b>Tag # 5144 Adult Habilitation Reimbursement</b>	<b>Standard Level Deficiency</b>		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1 III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION</b></p> <p><b>A. General:</b> All Provider Agencies shall maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality, quantity and clinical necessity furnished to individuals who are currently receiving services. The Provider Agency records shall be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, individual name, servicing Provider Agency, level of services, and length of a session of service billed.</p> <p><b>B. Billable Units:</b> The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the HSD. For each unit billed, the record shall contain the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;</li> <li>(2) A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and</li> <li>(3) The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.</li> </ol> <p><b>MAD-MR: 03-59 Eff 1/1/2004</b>  <b>8.314.1 BI RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:</b></p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Adult Habilitation Services for 6 of 9 individuals.</p> <p>Individual #1  October 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed 85 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021) from 10/04/2011 through 10/7/2011. Documentation received accounted for 30 units.</li> </ul> <p>Individual #5  December 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed 416 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021) from 12/01/2011 through 12/30/2011. Documentation received accounted for 398 units.</li> </ul> <p>November 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed 405 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021) from 11/01/2011 through 11/30/2011. Documentation received accounted for 403 units.</li> </ul> <p>Individual #6  November 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed 309 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021) from 11/01/2011 through 11/30/2011. Documentation received accounted for 244 units.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  State your Plan of Correction for the findings in this Tag <i>above</i> this line.</p> <hr/> <p>Enter your Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes <i>below</i> the line.</p>	

<p>Providers must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the extent of the services provided to the Medicaid recipient. Services that have been billed to Medicaid, but are not substantiated in a treatment plan and/or patient records for the recipient are subject to recoupment.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 5 XVI. REIMBURSEMENT</b></p> <p><b>A. Billable Unit.</b> A billable unit for Adult Habilitation Services is in 15-minute increments hour. The rate is based on the individual's level of care.</p> <p><b>B. Billable Activities</b></p> <p>(1) The Community Inclusion Provider Agency can bill for those activities listed and described on the ISP and within the Scope of Service. Partial units are allowable. Billable units are face-to-face, except that Adult Habilitation services may be non- face-to-face under the following conditions: (a) Time that is non face-to-face is documented separately and clearly identified as to the nature of the activity; and(b) Non face-to-face hours do not exceed 5% of the monthly billable hours.</p> <p>(2) Adult Habilitation Services can be provided with any other services, insofar as the services are not reported for the same hours on the same day, except that Therapy Services and Case Management may be provided and billed for the same hours</p>	<p>October 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Agency billed 346 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021) from 10/03/2011 through 10/31/2011. Documentation received accounted for 249 units.</li> </ul> <p>Individual #7</p> <p>December 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Agency billed 164 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021) from 12/02/2011 through 12/23/2011. Documentation received accounted for 144 units.</li> </ul> <p>November 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Agency billed 86 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021) from 11/01/2011 through 11/30/2011. Documentation received accounted for 62 units.</li> </ul> <p>October 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Agency billed 160 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021) from 11/01/2011 through 11/30/2011. Documentation received accounted for 150 units.</li> </ul> <p>Individual #8</p> <p>December 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Agency billed 90 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021) from 12/07/2011 through 12/28/2011. Documentation received accounted for 87 units.</li> </ul> <p>Individual #9</p> <p>November 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Agency billed 90 units of Adult Habilitation (T2021) from 11/03/2011 through 11/15/2011. Documentation received accounted for 88 units.</li> </ul>		
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Tag # 5136 Community Access Reimbursement	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1 III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION</b></p> <p><b>A. General:</b> All Provider Agencies shall maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality, quantity and clinical necessity furnished to individuals who are currently receiving services. The Provider Agency records shall be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, individual name, servicing Provider Agency, level of services, and length of a session of service billed.</p> <p><b>B. Billable Units:</b> The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the HSD. For each unit billed, the record shall contain the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;</li> <li>(2) A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and</li> <li>(3) The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.</li> </ol> <p><b>MAD-MR: 03-59 Eff 1/1/2004</b></p> <p><b>8.314.1 BI RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:</b>  Providers must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the extent of the services provided to the Medicaid recipient. Services that have been billed to Medicaid, but are not substantiated in a treatment plan and/or patient records for the recipient are subject to</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Community Access Services for 1 of 2 individuals.</p> <p>Individual #1  December 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed 40 units of Community Access (H2021) from 12/13/2011 through 12/27/2011. Documentation received accounted for 6 units.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provider:</b>  State your Plan of Correction for the findings in this Tag <i>above</i> this line.</p> <hr/> <p>Enter your Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes <i>below</i> the line.</p>	

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Date: August 2, 2012

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Region: Metro  
Survey Date: February 13 – 16, 2012  
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver  
Service Surveyed: Community Inclusion Supports (Adult Habilitation, Community Access & Supported Employment)  
Survey Type: Routine

Dear Ms. Stafford:

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.

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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,



Crystal Lopez-Beck  
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Quality Management Bureau/DHI

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