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Date: August 25, 2011

To: Michelle Bishop . Couch, Chief Executive Officer
Provider: Cornucopia, Inc.
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Board Chair: Curt Schuyler, Board President
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Region: Metro
Survey Date: July 18 . 20, 2011
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed: Community Inclusion (Adult Habilitation)
Survey Type: Routine
Team Leader: Marti Madrid, LBSW, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau
Team Members: Dan Maxwell, Bureau Chief, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Cynthia Nielsen, BSN, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau & Selma Dodson, BA, Developmental Disabilities Supports Division

Dear Ms. Bishop . Couch:

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

Quality Management Compliance Determination:

The Division of Health Improvement is issuing your agency a determination of ~~Non-Compliance~~ Non-Compliance with Conditions of Participation.+

Plan of Correction:

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

**1. Quality Management Bureau, Attention: Plan of Correction Coordinator
5301 Central Ave. NE Suite 400 Albuquerque, NM 87108**



DIVISION OF HEALTH IMPROVEMENT • QUALITY MANAGEMENT BUREAU
5301 Central Avenue NE, Suite 400 • Albuquerque, New Mexico • 87108
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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 business days. If your Plan of Correction is denied, you must resubmit a revised plan as soon as possible for approval, as all remedies must still be completed within 45 business days of the receipt of this letter.

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

Request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings (IRF):

If you disagree with a finding of deficient practice, you have 10 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 %G+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 business days. Providers may not appeal the nature or interpretation of the standard or regulation, the team composition or sampling methodology. If the IRF approves the modification or removal of a finding, you will be advised of any changes.

Please call the Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-222-8647 if you have questions about the Report of Findings or Plan of Correction. Thank you for your cooperation and for the work you perform.

Sincerely,

Marti Madrid, LBSW

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Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Division of Health Improvement
Quality Management Bureau

Survey Process Employed:

Entrance Conference Date: July 18, 2011

Present: **Cornucopia, Inc.**
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Administrative Locations Visited Number: 1

Total Sample Size Number: 12
1 - *Jackson* Class Members
11- *Non-Jackson* Class Members
12- Adult Habilitation

Persons Served Interviewed Number: 5

Persons Served Observed Number: 7 (Four Individuals did not respond to questions & three individuals were not available during the on-site week)

Person Served Records Reviewed Number: 12

Direct Service Professionals Interviewed Number: 5

Direct Service Professionals Record Review Number: 14

Service Coordinator Record Review 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
- Quality Assurance / Improvement Plan

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

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

Introduction:

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

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

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

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

If you wish to dispute a finding on the official Report of Findings, you must file an Informal Reconsideration of Findings (IRF) request within ten (10) days of receiving your report. The POC process cannot resolve disputes regarding findings. Please note that you must still submit a POC for findings that are in question (see Attachment %6+).

Instructions for Completing Agency POC:

Required Content

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

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

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

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

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

5. The individual's title responsible for the Plan of Correction and completion date.

Note: Instruction or in-service of staff alone may not be a sufficient plan of correction. This is a good first step toward correction, but additional steps should be taken to ensure the deficiency is corrected and will not recur.

Completion Dates

The plan of correction must include a **completion date** (entered in the far right-hand column). Be sure the date is **realistic** in the amount of time your Agency will need to correct the deficiency; not to exceed 45 days.

Direct care issues should be corrected immediately and monitored appropriately. Some deficiencies may require a staged plan to accomplish total correction. Deficiencies requiring replacement of equipment, etc., may require more time to accomplish correction but should show reasonable time frames.

Plan of Correction Submission Requirements

1. Your Plan of Correction must be completed on the official QMB Survey Report of Findings/Plan of Correction Form and received by QMB within ten (10) business days from the date you received the report of findings.
2. If you have questions about the POC process, call the POC Coordinator, George Perrault at 505-222-8647 for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your local DDSD Regional Office.
4. Submit your POC to George Perrault, POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
 - a. Electronically at George.Perrault@state.nm.us
 - b. Faxed to 505-222-8661, or
 - c. Mailed to QMB, 5301 Central Avenue SW, Suite 400, Albuquerque, NM 87108
5. Do not send supporting documentation to QMB until after your POC has been approved by QMB.
6. QMB will notify you when your POC has been ~~%~~approved+or ~~%~~denied.+
 - a. Whether your POC is ~~%~~approved,+or ~~%~~denied,+you will have a maximum of 45 business days from the date of receipt of your Report of Findings to correct all survey deficiencies.
 - b. If your POC is ~~%~~denied+it must be revised and resubmitted as soon as possible, as the 45 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 that your POC has been approved by QMB and a final deadline for completion of your POC.
7. Failure to submit your POC within 10 days without prior approval of an extension by QMB will result in a referral to the Internal Review Committee and the possible implementation of monetary penalties and/or sanctions.
8. Revisions, Modifications or Extensions to your Plan of Correction (post QMB approval) must be made in writing and submitted to the Plan of Correction Coordinator at QMB, prior to the due date and are approved on a case-by-case basis. No changes may be made to your POC or the timeframes for implementation without written approval of the POC Coordinator.

POC Document Submission Requirements

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

1. Your internal documents are due within a maximum of 45 business days of receipt of your Report of Findings.
2. You may submit your documents by postal mail, fax, or electronically on disc or scanned and attached to e-mails.
3. All submitted documents must be annotated: please be sure the tag numbers and Identification numbers are indicated on each document submitted. Documents which are not annotated with the Tag number and Identification number may not be accepted.
4. Do not submit original documents; hard copies or scanned and electronically submitted copies are fine. Originals must be maintained in the agency file(s) per DDSD Standards.
5. In lieu of some documents, you may submit copies of file or home audit forms that clearly indicate cited deficiencies have been corrected, other attestations of correction must be approved by the Plan of Correction Coordinator prior to their submission.
6. For billing deficiencies, you must submit:
 - a. Evidence of an internal audit of billing documentation for a sample of individuals and timeframes;
 - b. Copies of void and adjust+forms submitted to correct all over-billed or unjustified units billed identified during your internal audit.

QMB Scope and Severity Matrix

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

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

Scope and Severity Definitions:

- **Isolated:**
A deficiency that is limited to 1% to 15% of the sample, usually impacting few individuals in the sample.

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

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

QMB Determinations of Compliance

- Substantial Compliance with Conditions of Participation

The QMB determination of Substantial Compliance with Conditions of Participation indicates that a provider is in substantial compliance with all Conditions of Participation and other standards and regulations. The agency has obtained a level of compliance such that there is a minimal potential for harm to individuals' health and safety. To qualify for a determination of Substantial Compliance with Conditions of Participation, the provider must be in compliance with all Conditions of Participation.

- Non-Compliance with Conditions of Participation

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

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

- Sub-Standard Compliance with Conditions of Participation

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

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

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

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

Introduction:

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

Instructions:

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

The following limitations apply to the IRF process:

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

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

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

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

Agency: Cornucopia, Inc. - Metro Region
Program: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service: Community Inclusion (Adult Habilitation)
Monitoring Type: Routine Survey
Date of Survey: July 18 – 20, 2011

Standard of Care	Deficiency	Agency Plan of Correction and Responsible Party	Date Due
<p>Tag # 1A08 Agency Case File</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: The objective of these standards is to establish Provider Agency policy, procedure and reporting requirements for DD Medicaid Waiver program. These requirements apply to all such Provider Agency staff, whether directly employed or subcontracting with the Provider Agency. Additional Provider Agency requirements and personnel qualifications may be applicable for specific service standards.</p> <p>D. Provider Agency Case File for the Individual: All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the receiving agency whenever an individual changes providers. The record must also be made available for review when requested by DOH, HSD or federal government representatives for oversight purposes. The individual's case file shall include the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) Emergency contact information, including the individual's address, telephone number, names and telephone numbers of relatives, or guardian or conservator, physician's name(s) and telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address and telephone number, and health plan if appropriate;</p> <p>(2) The individual's complete and current ISP, with all supplemental plans specific to the individual,</p>	<p>Scope and Severity Rating: A</p> <p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for 1 of 12 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"> • Speech Therapy Plan (#5) 	<p>Provider: Please provide your evidence of on-going Quality Assurance / Quality Improvement specific to this tag below this line.</p> <hr/>	

<p>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>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.</p>			
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Tag # 1A11.1 (CoP) Transportation Training	Scope and Severity Rating: D	
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: The objective of these standards is to establish Provider Agency policy, procedure and reporting requirements for DD Medicaid Waiver program. These requirements apply to all such Provider Agency staff, whether directly employed or subcontracting with the Provider Agency. Additional Provider Agency requirements and personnel qualifications may be applicable for specific service standards</p> <p>Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy Eff Date: March 1, 2007</p> <p>II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</p> <p>1. Staff providing direct services shall complete safety training within the first thirty (30) days of employment and before working alone with an individual receiving services. The training shall address at least the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operating a fire extinguisher 2. Proper lifting procedures 3. General vehicle safety precautions (e.g., pre-trip inspection, removing keys from the ignition when not in the driver's seat) 4. Assisting passengers with cognitive and/or physical impairments (e.g., general guidelines for supporting individuals who may be unaware of safety issues involving traffic or those who require physical assistance to enter/exit a vehicle) 5. Operating wheelchair lifts (if applicable to the staff's role) 6. Wheelchair tie-down procedures (if applicable to the staff's role) 7. Emergency and evacuation procedures (e.g., roadside emergency, fire emergency) 	<p>Based on interview, the Agency failed to provide staff training regarding the safe operation of the vehicle, assisting passengers and safe lifting procedures for 1 of 12 Direct Service Professionals.</p> <p>When DSP were asked if they had received transportation training including training on wheelchair tie downs and van lift safety the following was reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSP #50 stated, "I don't remember" 	<p>[</p> <p><u>Provider:</u> Please provide your evidence of on-going Quality Assurance / Quality Improvement specific to this tag below this line.</p> <p>]</p>

Tag # 1A15.2 & 5109 - Healthcare Documentation	Scope and Severity Rating: E		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1. III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION - Healthcare Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services: 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>Chapter 1. III. E. (1 - 4) (1) Documentation of nursing assessment activities</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"> (i) Community living services provider agency; (ii) Private duty nursing provider agency; (iii) Adult habilitation provider agency; (iv) Community access provider agency; and (v) Supported employment provider agency. <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 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</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain the required documentation in the Individuals Agency Record as required per standard for 4 of 12 individual</p> <p>The following were not found, incomplete and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutritional Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Individual #6 - According to the IST section of the ISP the individual is required to have an evaluation. Last evaluation on file was 2/24/2010 per evaluation new one was to be completed in 12 months. No current evaluation found. ◦ Individual #11 - According to the IST section of the ISP the individual is required to have an evaluation. Last evaluation on file was 3/30/2010, per evaluation new one was to be completed in 12 months. No current evaluation found. • Health Care Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Skin/Wound - Individual #12 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of plan found. • Crisis Plans/Medical Emergency Response Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allergies to Sulfa and Baclofen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Individual #9 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of plan found. 	<p>[</p> <p><u>Provider:</u> Please provide your evidence of on-going Quality Assurance / Quality Improvement specific to this tag below this line.</p> <p>]</p>	<p>[]</p>

<p>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, 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>(2) Health related plans</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</p>			
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<p>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 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</p>			
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shall be specified in the plan.

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

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

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

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

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

(4) General Nursing Documentation

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

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

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

CHAPTER 5 IV. COMMUNITY INCLUSION SERVICES PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS

B. IDT Coordination

(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

(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.

Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Policy. Medical Emergency Response Plan Policy MERP-001 eff.8/1/2010

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

Tag # 1A20 DSP Training Documents	Scope and Severity Rating: E		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER AGENCY SERVICE</p> <p>PERSONNEL: The objective of this section is to establish personnel standards for DD Medicaid Waiver Provider Agencies for the following services: Community Living Supports, Community Inclusion Services, Respite, Substitute Care and Personal Support Companion Services. These standards apply to all personnel who provide services, whether directly employed or subcontracting with the Provider Agency. Additional personnel requirements and qualifications may be applicable for specific service standards.</p> <p>C. Orientation and Training Requirements: Orientation and training for direct support staff and his or her supervisors shall comply with the 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"> (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 (2) Individual-specific training for each individual under his or her direct care, as described in the individual service plan, prior to working alone with the individual. <p>Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy - Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007 - II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</p> <p>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</p> <p>B. Staff shall complete individual-specific (formerly known as %Addendum B+) training requirements in</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to ensure that Orientation and Training requirements were met for 5 of 12 Direct Service Professionals.</p> <p>Review of Direct Service Professionals training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings and certification being completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre- Service (DSP #40, 47, 50 & 53) • Foundation for Health & Wellness (DSP # 40, 46, 47, 50 & 53) 	<p>Provider: Please provide your evidence of on-going Quality Assurance / Quality Improvement specific to this tag below this line.</p> <hr/>	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tag # 1A22 Staff Competence	Scope and Severity Rating: D	
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER AGENCY SERVICE</p> <p>PERSONNEL: The objective of this section is to establish personnel standards for DD Medicaid Waiver Provider Agencies for the following services: Community Living Supports, Community Inclusion Services, Respite, Substitute Care and Personal Support Companion Services. These standards apply to all personnel who provide services, whether directly employed or subcontracting with the Provider Agency. Additional personnel requirements and qualifications may be applicable for specific service standards.</p> <p>F. Qualifications for Direct Service Personnel: The following employment qualifications and competency requirements are applicable to all Direct Service Personnel employed by a Provider Agency:</p> <p>(1) Direct service personnel shall be eighteen (18) years or older. Exception: Adult Habilitation can employ direct care personnel under the age of eighteen 18 years, but the employee shall work directly under a supervisor, who is physically present at all times;</p> <p>(2) Direct service personnel shall have the ability to read and carry out the requirements in an ISP;</p> <p>(3) Direct service personnel shall be available to communicate in the language that is functionally required by the individual or in the use of any specific augmentative communication system utilized by the individual;</p> <p>(4) Direct service personnel shall meet the qualifications specified by DDSD in the Policy</p>	<p>Based on interview, the Agency failed to ensure that training competencies were met for 2 of 12 Direct Service Professionals.</p> <p>When DSP were asked if they received training on the Individual's ISP and what the plan covered, the following was reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSP #50 stated, %No, I just work with him.+ (Individual #5) <p>When DSP were asked if they received training on the Individual's Health Care Plans and what the plan covered, the following was reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSP #51 stated, %don't think so, I don't find anything.+ As indicated by the IST the Individual has Health Care Plans for Respiratory/Asthma; Aspiration; GI & Bowel and Bladder issues. (Individual #2) <p>When DSP were asked if they received training on the Individual's Crisis Plans/Medical Emergency Response Plans and what the plan covered, the following was reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSP #50 stated, %don't see anything than the other health stuff I told you already.+ DSP #50 reported crisis plans for aspiration and oral hygiene. However, as indicated by IST the Individual also has Crisis Plans for Seizures (Individual #5) DSP #51 stated, %don't find any.+ As indicated by the IST the Individual has Crisis Plans for Aspiration; GI; Respiratory/Asthma & Allergies. (Individual #2) 	<p>Provider: Please provide your evidence of on-going Quality Assurance / Quality Improvement specific to this tag below this line.</p>

<p>Governing the Training Requirements for Direct Support Staff and Internal Service Coordinators, Serving Individuals with Developmental Disabilities; and</p> <p>(5) Direct service Provider Agencies of Respite Services, Substitute Care, Personal Support Services, Nutritional Counseling, Therapists and Nursing shall demonstrate basic knowledge of developmental disabilities and have training or demonstrable qualifications related to the role he or she is performing and complete individual specific training as required in the ISP for each individual he or she support.</p> <p>(6) Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD policies as related to training requirements as follows:</p> <p>(a) Initial comprehensive personnel status report (name, date of hire, Social Security number category) on all required personnel to be submitted to DDSD Statewide Training Database within the first ninety (90) calendar days of providing services;</p> <p>(b) Staff who do not wish to use his or her Social Security Number may request an alternative tracking number; and</p> <p>(c) Quarterly personnel update reports sent to DDSD Statewide Training Database to reflect new hires, terminations, inter-provider Agency position changes, and name changes.</p> <p>Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy - Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007 - II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</p> <p>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</p>			
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Tag # 1A26 (CoP) COR / EAR	Scope and Severity Rating: D		
<p>NMAC 7.1.12.8 REGISTRY ESTABLISHED; PROVIDER INQUIRY REQUIRED: Upon the effective date of this rule, the department has established and maintains an accurate and complete electronic registry that contains the name, date of birth, address, social security number, and other appropriate identifying information of all persons who, while employed by a provider, have been determined by the department, as a result of an investigation of a complaint, to have engaged in a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person receiving care or services from a provider. Additions and updates to the registry shall be posted no later than two (2) business days following receipt. Only department staff designated by the custodian may access, maintain and update the data in the registry.</p> <p>A. Provider requirement to inquire of registry. A provider, prior to employing or contracting with an employee, shall inquire of the registry whether the individual under consideration for employment or contracting is listed on the registry.</p> <p>B. Prohibited employment. A provider may not employ or contract with an individual to be an employee if the individual is listed on the registry as having a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person receiving care or services from a provider.</p> <p>D. Documentation of inquiry to registry. The provider shall maintain documentation in the employee's personnel or employment records that evidences the fact that the provider made an inquiry to the registry concerning that employee prior to employment. Such documentation must include evidence, based on the response to such inquiry received from the custodian by the provider, that the employee was not listed on the registry as having a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation.</p> <p>E. Documentation for other staff. With</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain documentation in the employee's personnel records that evidenced inquiry to the Employee Abuse Registry prior to employment for 1 of 17 Agency Personnel.</p> <p>The following Agency Personnel records contained evidence that indicated the Employee Abuse Registry was completed after hire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #42 . Date of Hire 2/28/2011. Completed 3/9/2011 	<p>[</p> <p><u>Provider:</u> Please provide your evidence of on-going Quality Assurance / Quality Improvement specific to this tag below this line.</p> <hr/> <p>]</p>	<p>]]</p>

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

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

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D. Criminal History Screening: All personnel shall be screened by the Provider Agency in regard to the employee's qualifications, references, and employment history, prior to employment. All Provider Agencies shall comply with the Criminal Records Screening for Caregivers 7.1.12 NMAC and Employee Abuse Registry 7.1.12 NMAC as required by the Department of Health, Division of Health Improvement.

Tag # 1A32 & 6L14 (CoP) ISP Implementation	Scope and Severity Rating: D		
<p>NMAC 7.26.5.16.C and D Development of the ISP. Implementation of the ISP. The ISP shall be implemented according to the timelines determined by the IDT and as specified in the ISP for each stated desired outcomes and action plan.</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 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>	<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 12 individuals.</p> <p>Per Individuals ISP the following was found with regards to the implementation of ISP Outcomes:</p> <p>Administrative Files Reviewed:</p> <p>Adult Habilitation Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:</p> <p>Individual #5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desired Outcome: %Will participate in community activities 3x week for duration of the ISP year+ was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for April 2011. <p>Individual # 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desired Outcome: %will know how many bills and coins to make a purchase. I will ask for change when it is due+Progress notes for week of April 18 . 22, 2011 showed no evidence of tracking being completed for the outcome. 	<p>[</p> <p><u>Provider:</u> Please provide your evidence of on-going Quality Assurance / Quality Improvement specific to this tag below this line.</p> <p>]</p>	<p>[]</p>

ADDITIONAL FINDINGS: Reimbursement Deficiencies

**BILLING
TAG #1A12**

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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 Inclusion (Adult Habilitation) services was reviewed for 12 of 12 individuals. Progress notes and billing records supported billing activities for the months of March, April and May 2011.

Date: September 14, 2011

To: Ms. Michelle Bishop-Couch, Chief Executive Officer

Provider: Cornucopia, Inc.
Address: 2002 Bridge SW
State/Zip: Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105

Cc (email): Mr. Curt Schuyler, Board President

Region: Metro

Survey Date: July 18 - 20, 2011
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Services Surveyed: Community Inclusion (Adult Habilitation)
Survey Type: Routine

Dear Ms. Bishop-Couch:

The Division of Health Improvement Quality Management Bureau received, reviewed and approved the documents you submitted for your Plan of Correction. The documents you provided verified that survey Deficiencies were corrected.

The Plan of Correction process is now complete.


To maintain ongoing compliance with Standards and regulations, continue to implement the Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes described in your Plan of Correction, including:

- Quality Improvement Contractor to complete a quarterly audit on a random selection of 20% of Participants' files to verify the files contain all required documents
- ISP checklist to be used by Service Coordinators at Participants' annual meetings to obtain proper documentation
- Human Resources Director to use Monthly training spreadsheet to ensure all required trainings are completed

Consistent implementation of your QA/QI processes will enable you to identify and promptly respond to problems, enhance your service delivery, and result in fewer Deficiencies in future QMB surveys.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Plan of Correction process, and for the work you and your team perform.

Sincerely,



George Perrault, MBA
Plan of Correction Coordinator

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DDSD

