Dear Mr. Palma;

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

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

**Partial Compliance with Conditions of Participation**

This determination is based on non-compliance with one or more CMS waiver assurances at the Condition of Participation level as well as Standard level deficiencies identified in the attached QMB Report of Findings and requires implementation of a Plan of Correction.
**Plan of Correction:**
The attached Report of Findings identifies the Standard Level and/or Condition of Participation deficiencies found during your agency’s compliance review. You are required to complete and implement a Plan of Correction. Your agency has a total of 45 business days (10 business days to submit your POC for approval and 35 days to implement your approved Plan of Correction) from the receipt of this letter.

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

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

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

2. **Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Regional Office for region of service surveyed**

Upon notification from QMB that your Plan of Correction has been approved, you must implement all remedies and corrective actions to come into compliance. If your Plan of Correction is denied, you must resubmit a revised plan as soon as possible for approval, as your POC approval and all remedies must be completed within 45 business days of the receipt of this letter.

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

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

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

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

Please call the Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-699-9356 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,

*Amanda Castañeda, MPA*

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

Entrance Conference Date: November 12, 2013

Present:

**Direct Therapy Services, LLP**
Missy Fox, Service Coordinator/Administrator

**DOH/DHI/QMB**
Amanda Castañeda, MPA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Valerie V. Valdez, MS, Healthcare Program Manager

Exit Conference Date: November 13, 2013

Present:

**Direct Therapy Services, LLP**
Missy Fox, Service Coordinator/Administrator
Danny Palma, Director
Kerry Palma Szclay, Administrator

**DOH/DHI/QMB**
Amanda Castañeda, MPA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Valerie V. Valdez, MS, Healthcare Program Manager

**DDSD - SW Regional Office**
Jeana Caruthers, Social and Community Service Coordinator

Administrative Locations Visited
Number: 1

Total Sample Size
Number: 1
- Total Sample plus IMB Late and Failure Individuals
- 0 - Jackson Class Members
- 1 - Non-Jackson Class Members
- 1 - Family Living
- 1 - Adult Habilitation

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

Persons Served Records Reviewed
Number: 1

Persons Served Interviewed
Number: 1

Direct Support Personnel Interviewed
Number: 2

Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed
Number: 9

Substitute Care/Respite Personnel Records Reviewed
Number: 3

Service Coordinator Records Reviewed
Number: 1
Administrative Processes and Records Reviewed:

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

CC: Distribution List:
- DOH - Division of Health Improvement
- DOH - Developmental Disabilities Supports Division
- DOH - Office of Internal Audit
- HSD - Medical Assistance Division
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 deficiencies and non-compliance.

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

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

If you have questions about the Plan of Correction process, call the QMB Deputy Chief/Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-222-8650 or email at Crystal.Lopez-Beck@state.nm.us. Requests for technical assistance must be requested through your Regional DDSD Office.

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

Instructions for Completing Agency POC:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Completion Dates

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

Initial Submission of the Plan of Correction Requirements

1. The Plan of Correction must be completed on the official QMB Survey Report of Findings/Plan of
Correction Form and received by QMB within ten (10) business days from the date you received the
report of findings.
2. For questions about the POC process, call the QMB Deputy Chief/POC Coordinator, Crystal Lopez-
Beck at 505-222-8650 for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your Regional DDSD
Office.
4. Submit your POC to Crystal Lopez-Beck, Deputy Chief/POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
   a. Electronically at Crystal.Lopez-Beck@state.nm.us (preferred method)
   b. Fax to 505-222-8661, or
   c. Mail to POC Coordinator, 5301 Central Avenue NE, Suite 400, Albuquerque, NM 87108
5. Do not submit supporting documentation (evidence of compliance) to QMB until after your POC has
been approved by the QMB.
6. QMB will notify you when your POC has been “approved” or “denied.”
   a. During this time, whether your POC is “approved,” or “denied,” you will have a maximum of 45 business days from the date of receipt of your Report of Findings to correct all survey deficiencies.
   b. If your POC is denied, it must be revised and resubmitted as soon as possible, as the 45 business day limit is in effect.
   c. If your POC is denied a second time your agency may be referred to the Internal Review Committee.
   d. You will receive written confirmation when your POC has been approved by QMB and a final deadline for completion of your POC.
   e. Please note that all POC correspondence will be sent electronically unless otherwise requested.

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

**POC Document Submission Requirements**

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

1. Your internal documents are due within a **maximum** of 45 business days of receipt of your Report of Findings.
2. 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. When billing deficiencies are cited, you must provide documentation to justify billing and/or void and adjust forms submitted to Xerox State Healthcare, LLC. for the deficiencies cited in the Report of Findings. In addition to this, we ask that you submit:
   a. Evidence of an internal audit of billing/reimbursement conducted for a sample of individuals and timeframes of your choosing to verify POC implementation;
   b. Copies of “void and adjust” forms submitted to Xerox State Healthcare, LLC. to correct all unjustified units identified and submitted for payment during your internal audit.

Revisions, Modifications or Extensions to your Plan of Correction (post QMB approval) must be made in writing and submitted to the 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.
Department of Health, Division of Health Improvement
QMB Determination of Compliance Process

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

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

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

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

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

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

Conditions of Participation (CoPs)

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

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

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

**Service Domain: Level of Care**

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

**Service Domain: Plan of Care**

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

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

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

**Service Domain: Qualified Providers**

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

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

**Service Domain: Plan of Care**

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

**Service Domain: Health, Welfare and Safety**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Providers receiving a repeat determination of Non-Compliance will be referred by Quality Management Bureau to the Internal Review Committee (IRC) for consideration of remedies and possible actions or sanctions.
Introduction:
Throughout the QMB Survey process, surveyors are openly communicating with providers. Open communication means surveyors have clarified issues and/or requested missing information before completing the review through the use of the signed/dated “Document Request,” or “Administrative Needs,” etc. forms. Regardless, there may still be instances where the provider disagrees with a specific finding. Providers may use the following process to informally dispute a finding.

Instructions:
1. The Informal Reconsideration of the Finding (IRF) request must be received in writing to the QMB Deputy Bureau Chief within 10 business days of receipt of the final Report of Findings.
2. The written request for an IRF must be completed on the QMB Request for Informal Reconsideration of Finding form available on the QMB website: http://dhi.health.state.nm.us/qmb
3. The written request for an IRF must specify in detail the request for reconsideration and why the finding is inaccurate.
4. The IRF request must include all supporting documentation or evidence.
5. If you have questions about the IRF process, email the IRF Chairperson, Crystal Lopez-Beck at crystal.lopez-beck@state.nm.us for assistance.

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

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

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

When a Provider requests that a finding be reconsidered, it does not stop or delay the Plan of Correction process. Providers must continue to complete the Plan of Correction, including the finding in dispute regardless of the IRF status. If a finding is removed or modified, it will be noted and removed or modified from the Report of Findings. It should be noted that in some cases a Plan of Correction may be completed prior to the IRF process being completed. The provider will be notified in writing on the decisions of the IRF committee.
Service Domain: Service Plans: ISP Implementation – Services are delivered in accordance with the service plan, including type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the service plan.

### Standard of Care

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<td><strong>NMAC 7.26.5.16.C and D Development of the ISP. Implementation of the ISP.</strong> The ISP shall be implemented according to the timelines determined by the IDT and as specified in the ISP for each stated desired outcomes and action plan. 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</td>
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**Administrative Files Reviewed:**

**Family Living Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:**

**Provider:**

State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →

**Provider:**

Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →

**Individual #1**

- Per Live Outcome; Action Step for “Will follow and make recipe,” is to be completed 1 time per week. Action Step was not being completed at the required frequency for 4/2013 – 7/2013 and 9/2013.
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.

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]

Individual #1

- Per Work/learn Outcome: Action Step for “Will engage in a short conversation with her friend,” is to be completed 2 times per week. Action Step was not being completed at the required frequency for 7/2013 – 10/2013.


### Tag # 5111
**Reporting Requirements**
**Community Inclusion Reports**

| **Tag # 5111** | **Standard Level Deficiency** | **Provider:**
<p>| Reporting Requirements | Community Inclusion Reports | State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: → |
| Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 | Based on record review, the Agency did not complete quarterly reports as required for 1 of 1 individual receiving Community Inclusion services. Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, and/or incomplete: | Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: → |
| <strong>CHAPTER 5 IV. COMMUNITY INCLUSION SERVICES PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS</strong> | <strong>Adult Habilitation Quarterly Reports</strong> | |
| E. Provider Agency Reporting Requirements: All Community Inclusion Provider Agencies are required to submit written quarterly status reports to the individual’s Case Manager no later than fourteen (14) calendar days following the end of each quarter. In addition to reporting required by specific Community Access, Supported Employment, and Adult Habilitation Standards, the quarterly reports shall contain the following written documentation: | | |
| (1) Identification and implementation of a meaningful day definition for each person served; | | |
| (2) Documentation summarizing the following: | | |
| (a) Daily choice-based options; and | | |
| (b) Daily progress toward goals using age-appropriate strategies specified in each individual’s action plan in the ISP; | | |
| (3) Significant changes in the individual’s routine or staffing; | | |
| (4) Unusual or significant life events; | | |
| (5) Quarterly updates on health status, including changes in medication, assistive technology needs and durable medical equipment needs; | | |
| (6) Record of personally meaningful community inclusion; | | |
| (7) Success of supports as measured by whether or not the person makes progress toward his or her desired outcomes as identified in the ISP; and | | |
| (8) Any additional reporting required by DDSD. | | |</p>
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<td>Review of the residential individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:</td>
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(6) Progress notes written by direct care staff and by nurses regarding individual health status and physical conditions including action taken in response to identified changes in condition for at least the past month;

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

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

(9) Medication Administration Record (MAR) for the past three (3) months which includes:

(a) The name of the individual;

(b) A transcription of the healthcare practitioners prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication;

(c) Diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;

(d) Dosage, frequency and method/route of delivery;

(e) Times and dates of delivery;

(f) Initials of person administering or assisting with medication; and

(g) An explanation of any medication irregularity, allergic reaction or adverse effect.

(h) For PRN medication an explanation for the use of the PRN must include:

(i) Observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and

(ii) Documentation of the effectiveness/result of the PRN delivered.

(i) A MAR is not required for individuals participating in Independent Living Services who self-administer their own medication. However, when medication administration is provided as part of the Independent Living Service a MAR must be maintained at the individual’s home and an updated
(10) Record of visits to healthcare practitioners including any treatment provided at the visit and a record of all diagnostic testing for the current ISP year; and

(11) Medical History to include: demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability and any psychiatric diagnosis, allergies (food, environmental, medications), status of routine adult health care screenings, immunizations, hospital discharge summaries for past twelve (12) months, past medical history including hospitalizations, surgeries, injuries, family history and current physical exam.
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<td>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</td>
<td>Based on record review, the Agency did not complete written quarterly status reports for 1 of 1 individual receiving Community Living Services.</td>
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<td>CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS</td>
<td>Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, and/or incomplete:</td>
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| D. Community Living Service Provider Agency Reporting Requirements: All Community Living Support providers shall submit written quarterly status reports to the individual’s Case Manager and other IDT Members no later than fourteen (14) days following the end of each ISP quarter. The quarterly reports shall contain the following written documentation: | Family Living Quarterly Reports:  
- Individual #1 - None found for 11/2012 - 9/2013. | |
| (1) Timely completion of relevant activities from ISP Action Plans | Family Living Annual Assessment  
- Individual #1 - None found for 1/2012 - 1/2013. | |
| (2) Progress towards desired outcomes in the ISP accomplished during the quarter; | | |
| (3) Significant changes in routine or staffing; | | |
| (4) Unusual or significant life events; | | |
| (5) Updates on health status, including medication and durable medical equipment needs identified during the quarter; and | | |
| (6) Data reports as determined by IDT members. | | |
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### Standard of Care Deficiencies Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party Date Due

**Service Domain: Qualified Providers** – The State monitors non-licensed/non-certified providers to assure adherence to waiver requirements. The State implements its policies and procedures for verifying that provider training is conducted in accordance with State requirements and the approved waiver.

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<td>Direct Support Personnel Training</td>
<td>Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure Orientation and Training requirements were met for 1 of 9 Direct Support Personnel. Review of Direct Support Personnel training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings and certification being completed: - First Aid (DSP #48)</td>
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**Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007**

**CHAPTER 1 IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER AGENCY SERVICE 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.

**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:

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.

**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
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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<td>Based on interview, the Agency did not ensure training competencies were met for 2 of 2 Direct Support Personnel.</td>
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<td>When DSP were asked if the Individual had a Medical Emergency Response Plans and if so, what the plan(s) covered, the following was reported:</td>
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<td>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:</td>
<td>- DSP #41 stated, “She just got a MERP for seizure today.” DSP did not state the individual has a plan for Diabetes. The Individual Specific Training section of the ISP indicates the Individual requires Crisis Plan for Diabetes (Individual #1)</td>
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<td>(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;</td>
<td>When DSP were asked if they had received training on the Individual’s Diabetes, the following was reported:</td>
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<td>(2) Direct service personnel shall have the ability to read and carry out the requirements in an ISP;</td>
<td>- DSP #41 stated, “…the Nurse.” When DSP was asked what the signs of high blood sugar are, DSP stated “I’m not sure.” When DSP was asked what to do if there is high blood sugar, DSP stated, “I would call the Nurse or Guardian.” According to the Health and Safety section of the ISP the individual is pre-diabetic and requires a Health Care Plan. (Individual #1)</td>
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<td>(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;</td>
<td>- DSP #45 stated, “The Nutritionist in Albuquerque.” When asked to describe the diet the individual is to follow, DSP stated, “She doesn’t really have a diet.” According to the Health and Safety section of the ISP the individual is “pre-diabetic and has special dietary needs that she needs to adhere to.” (Individual #1)</td>
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<td>(4) Direct service personnel shall meet the</td>
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qualifications specified by DDSD in the Policy Governing the Training Requirements for Direct Support Staff and Internal Service Coordinators, Serving Individuals with Developmental Disabilities; and

(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.

(6) Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD policies as related to training requirements as follows:

(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;

(b) Staff who do not wish to use his or her Social Security Number may request an alternative tracking number; and

(c) Quarterly personnel update reports sent to DDSD Statewide Training Database to reflect new hires, terminations, inter-provider Agency position changes, and name changes.

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.

Note: Per 10/2013 eCHAT, the individual is not required to have a HCP or MERP for diabetes; however, documentation in the ISP indicates the person is “pre-diabetic” and requires a Healthcare Plan. In addition, the IST section of the ISP also indicates a Crisis Plan for Diabetes is needed. Per DSP #45, who is the Individual’s Family Living Provider and mother, the individual does not have diabetes and is not pre-diabetic. The individual does take Metformin but this medication is used to counteract the side effects of other medications the individual is taking. Based on this, there is conflicting written information to whether or not plans are needed, including a plan of a special diet.
Tag # 1A26  
**Consolidated On-line Registry**  
**Employee Abuse Registry**

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| 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.  
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.  
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.  
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

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| After an analysis of the evidence it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur.  
Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain documentation in the employee’s personnel records that evidenced inquiry into the Employee Abuse Registry prior to employment for 13 of 13 Agency Personnel.  
The following Agency Personnel records contained evidence that indicated the Employee Abuse Registry check was completed after hire: |

| #40 – Date of hire 9/3/2013, completed 11/12/2013. |
| #41 – Date of hire 4/8/2013, completed 11/12/2013. |
| #42 – Date of hire 9/12/2013, completed 11/12/2013. |
| #43 – Date of hire 9/12/2013, completed 11/12/2013. |
| #44 – Date of hire 8/30/2013, completed 11/12/2013. |
| #45 – Date of hire 8/1/2012, completed 11/12/2013. |
| #46 – Date of hire 10/31/2013, completed 11/12/2013. |
having a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

E. **Documentation for other staff.** 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.  

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.


**Chapter 1.IV. General Provider Requirements.**

**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.

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**Service Coordination Personnel (SC):**

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**Substitute Care/Respite Personnel:**

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<td><strong>NMAC 7.1.13.10 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:</strong></td>
<td>Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure Incident Management Training for 1 of 10 Agency Personnel.</td>
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<td><strong>A. General:</strong> 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.</td>
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<td><strong>D. Training Documentation:</strong> All licensed health care facilities and community based service providers shall prepare training documentation for each employee to include a signed statement indicating the date, time, and place they received their incident management reporting instruction. The licensed health care facility and community based service provider shall maintain documentation of an employee’s training for a period of at least twelve (12) months, or six (6) months after termination of an employee’s employment. Training curricula shall be kept on the provider premises and made available on request by the department. Training documentation shall be made available immediately upon a division representative’s request. Failure to provide employee training documentation shall subject the licensed health care facility or community based service provider to the penalties provided for in this rule.</td>
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Provider: →
A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.
C. Staff shall complete training on DOH-approved incident reporting procedures in accordance with 7 NMAC 1.13.
**Service Domain: Health and Welfare** – The state, on an ongoing basis, identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent occurrences of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Individuals shall be afforded their basic human rights. The provider supports individuals to access needed healthcare services in a timely manner.

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<td>Based on record review and interview, the Agency had not fully implemented their Continuous Quality Management System as required by standard.</td>
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<td>CHAPTER 1. PROVIDER AGENCY ENROLLMENT PROCESS</td>
<td><strong>I. Continuous Quality Management System:</strong> Prior to approval or renewal of a DD Waiver Provider Agreement, the Provider Agency is required to submit in writing the current Continuous Quality Improvement Plan to the DOH for approval. In addition, on an annual basis DD Waiver Provider Agencies shall develop or update and implement the Continuous Quality Improvement Plan. The CQI Plan shall be used to 1) discover strengths and challenges of the provider agency, as well as strengths, and barriers individuals experience in receiving the quality, quantity, and meaningfulness of services that he or she desires; 2) build on strengths and remediate individual and provider level issues to improve the provider’s service provision over time. At a minimum the CQI Plan shall address how the agency will collect, analyze, act on data and evaluate results related to:</td>
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<td>(1) Individual access to needed services and supports;</td>
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Based on record review and interview, the Agency had not fully implemented their Continuous Quality Management System as required by standard.

- Review of the findings identified during the on-site survey (November 12 – 13, 2013) and as reflected in this report of findings, the Agency had multiple deficiencies noted, including one Condition of Participation in the Qualified Provider Service Domain, which indicates the CQI plan provided by the Agency was not being used to successfully identify and improve systems within the agency.

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events;
(5) Trends in the adequacy of planning and coordination of healthcare supports at both supervisory and direct support levels;
(6) Quality and completeness documentation; and
(7) Trends in individual and guardian satisfaction.

7.1.13.9 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS:
E. Quality Improvement System for Community Based Service Providers: The community based service provider shall establish and implement a quality improvement system for reviewing alleged complaints and incidents. The incident management system shall include written documentation of corrective actions taken. The community based service provider shall maintain documented evidence that all alleged violations are thoroughly investigated, and shall take all reasonable steps to prevent further incidents. The community based service provider shall provide the following internal monitoring and facilitating quality improvement system:

(1) community based service providers funded through the long-term services division to provide waiver services shall have current incident management policy and procedures in place, which comply with the department's current requirements;
(2) community based service providers providing developmental disabilities services must have a designated incident management coordinator in place; and
(3) community based service providers
<p>| providing developmental disabilities services must have an incident management committee to address internal and external incident reports for the purpose of looking at internal root causes and to take action on identified trends or issues. |   |   |   |</p>
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<td>Medication Administration Records (MAR) were reviewed for the months of September, October and November 2013.</td>
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<td>E. Medication Delivery: Provider Agencies that provide Community Living, Community Inclusion or Private Duty Nursing services shall have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the Board of Nursing Rules and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.</td>
<td>Based on record review, 1 of 1 individual had Medication Administration Records (MAR), which contained missing medications entries and/or other errors:</td>
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<td>(2) When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) shall be maintained and include:</td>
<td>Individual #1 September 2013 Medication Administration Records did not contain the diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed:</td>
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<td>(a) The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician’s written or licensed health care provider’s prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;</td>
<td>• Chlorhexidine</td>
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<td>(b) Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times</td>
<td>Medication Administration Records did not contain the dosage for the following medications:</td>
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<td>Medication Administration Records did not contain the frequency of medication to be given:</td>
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and dates of administration;
(c) Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication;
(d) Explanation of any medication irregularity;
(e) Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and
(f) For PRN medication, an explanation for the use of the PRN medication shall include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.

(3) The Provider Agency shall also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose;
(4) MARs are not required for individuals participating in Independent Living who self-administer their own medications;
(5) Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications shall be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and shall include the expected desired outcomes of administrating the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications;

NMAC 16.19.11.8 MINIMUM STANDARDS:
A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, HANDLING AND RECORD KEEPING OF DRUGS:

(d) The facility shall have a Medication Administration Record (MAR) documenting medication administered to residents, including over-the-counter medications. This documentation shall include:
   (i) Name of resident;
(ii) Date given;
(iii) Drug product name;
(iv) Dosage and form;
(v) Strength of drug;
(vi) Route of administration;
(vii) How often medication is to be taken;
(viii) Time taken and staff initials;
(ix) Dates when the medication is discontinued or changed;
(x) The name and initials of all staff administering medications.

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D. Administration of Drugs

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

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

- symptoms that indicate the use of the medication,
- exact dosage to be used, and
- the exact amount to be used in a 24 hour period.
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CHAPTER I II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: The objective of these standards is to establish Provider Agency policy, procedure and reporting requirements for DD Medicaid Waiver program. These requirements apply to all such Provider Agency staff, whether directly employed or subcontracting with the Provider Agency. Additional Provider Agency requirements and personnel qualifications may be applicable for specific service standards.

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

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

(a) The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician’s written or licensed health care provider’s prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;

(b) Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times
and dates of administration;
(c) Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication;
(d) Explanation of any medication irregularity;
(e) Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and
(f) For PRN medication, an explanation for the use of the PRN medication shall include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.

(3) The Provider Agency shall also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose;

(4) MARs are not required for individuals participating in Independent Living who self-administer their own medications;

(5) Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications shall be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and shall include the expected desired outcomes of administrating the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications;

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

**Department of Health**

**Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy - Eff. November 1, 2006**

**F. PRN Medication**

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

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

**H. Agency Nurse Monitoring**

1. Regardless of the level of assistance with medication delivery that is required by the individual or the route through which the medication is delivered, the agency nurses must monitor the individual’s response to the effects of their routine and PRN medications. The frequency and type of monitoring must be based on the nurse’s assessment of the individual and consideration of the individual’s diagnoses, health status, stability, utilization of PRN medications and level of support required by the individual’s condition and the skill level and needs of the direct care staff. Nursing monitoring should be based on prudent nursing practice and should support the safety and independence of the individual in the community setting. The health care plan shall reflect the planned monitoring of the
Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) - Procedure Title: Medication Assessment and Delivery Procedure Eff Date: November 1, 2006

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

a. Document conversation with nurse including all reported signs and symptoms, advice given and action taken by staff.

4. Document on the MAR each time a PRN medication is used and describe its effect on the individual (e.g., temperature down, vomiting lessened, anxiety increased, the condition is the same, improved, or worsened, etc.).
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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.
(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.
(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).
(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 subjective information including the individual complaints, signs and symptoms noted by staff, family members or other team members; objective information including vital signs, physical examination, weight, and other pertinent data for the given situation (e.g., seizure frequency,
method in which temperature taken); 
*assessment* of the clinical status, and *plan* of action addressing relevant aspects of all active health problems and follow up on any recommendations of medical consultants.

**2) Health related plans**

(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.

(b) Crisis prevention and intervention plans must be written in user-friendly language that is easily understood by those implementing the plan.

(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.

(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.

(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):

(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.

(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.

(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.

(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.


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 whether the individual has advance directives or not, and if so, where the advance directives are located.
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| **NMAC 7.26.3.6**<br>A. These regulations set out rights that the department expects all providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities to respect. These regulations are intended to complement the department's Client Complaint Procedures (7 NMAC 26.4) [now 7.26.4 NMAC].<br><br>**NMAC 7.26.3.13 Client Complaint Procedure Available.** A complainant may initiate a complaint as provided in the client complaint procedure to resolve complaints alleging that a service provider has violated a client’s rights as described in Section 10 [now 7.26.3.10 NMAC]. The department will enforce remedies for substantiated complaints of violation of a client’s rights as provided in client complaint procedure. [09/12/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01]<br><br>**NMAC 7.26.4.13 Complaint Process:**<br>A. (2). The service provider’s complaint or grievance procedure shall provide, at a minimum, that:**(a)** the client is notified of the service provider’s complaint or grievance procedure. | Based on record review, the Agency did not provide documentation that the complaint procedure had been made available to individuals or their legal guardians for 1 of 1 individual.<br><br>Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found and/or incomplete:<br><br>- Grievance/Complaint Procedure Acknowledgement (#1) | **Provider:**<br>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →<br><br>**Provider:**<br>Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →

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| Client Rights/Human Rights | 7.26.3.11 RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITATION OF CLIENT’S RIGHTS:  
A. A service provider shall not restrict or limit a client's rights except:  
(1) where the restriction or limitation is allowed in an emergency and is necessary to prevent imminent risk of physical harm to the client or another person; or  
(2) where the interdisciplinary team has determined that the client's limited capacity to exercise the right threatens his or her physical safety; or  
(3) as provided for in Section 10.1.14 [now Subsection N of 7.26.3.10 NMAC].  
B. Any emergency intervention to prevent physical harm shall be reasonable to prevent harm, shall be the least restrictive intervention necessary to meet the emergency, shall be allowed no longer than necessary and shall be subject to interdisciplinary team (IDT) review. The IDT upon completion of its review may refer its findings to the office of quality assurance. The emergency intervention may be subject to review by the service provider’s behavioral support committee or human rights committee in accordance with the behavioral support policies or other department regulation or policy.  
C. The service provider may adopt reasonable program policies of general applicability to clients served by that service provider that do not violate client rights. [09/12/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01]  
Long Term Services Division  
Policy Title: Human Rights Committee | Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure the rights of Individuals were not restricted or limited for 1 of 1 Individual.  
A review of Agency Individual files indicated Human Rights Committee Approval was required for restrictions.  
No documentation was found regarding Human Rights Approval for the following:  
- Physical Restraint (CPI) - (Individual #1)  
Note: According to record review and interview, physical restraints were not being utilized for this individual. However, physical restraints were included as a strategy of the Positive Behavior Support Plan and had not been reviewed by the HRC for approval. | State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →  
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IV. POLICY STATEMENT - Human Rights Committees are required for residential service provider agencies. The purpose of these committees with respect to the provision of Behavior Supports is to review and monitor the implementation of certain Behavior Support Plans.

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

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

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

A. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE ROLE IN BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS

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

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

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

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Medication Assessment and Delivery
Procedure Eff Date: November 1, 2006
B. 1. e. If the PRN medication is to be used in response to psychiatric and/or behavioral symptoms in addition to the above requirements, obtain current written consent from the individual, guardian or surrogate health decision maker and submit for review by the agency’s Human Rights Committee (References: Psychotropic Medication Use Policy, Section D, page 5 Use of PRN Psychotropic Medications; and, Human Rights Committee Requirements Policy, Section B, page 4 Interventions Requiring Review and Approval – Use of PRN Medications).
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<td>CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS</td>
<td>Review of the residential records and observation of the residence revealed the following items were not found, not functioning or incomplete:</td>
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<td>L. Residence Requirements for Family Living Services and Supported Living Services</td>
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<td>(1) Supported Living Services and Family Living Services providers shall assure that each individual’s residence has:</td>
<td>• Accessible written procedures for emergency evacuation e.g. fire and weather-related threats (#1)</td>
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<td>(a) Battery operated or electric smoke detectors, heat sensors, or a sprinkler system installed in the residence;</td>
<td>• Accessible written procedures for the safe storage of all medications with dispensing instructions for each individual that are consistent with the Assisting with Medication Administration training or each individual’s ISP (#1)</td>
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<td>(b) General-purpose first aid kit;</td>
<td>• Accessible written procedures for emergency placement and relocation of individuals in the event of an emergency evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable for occupancy. The emergency evacuation procedures shall address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding (#1)</td>
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<td>(c) When applicable due to an individual’s health status, a blood borne pathogens kit;</td>
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<td>(d) Accessible written procedures for emergency evacuation e.g. fire and weather-related threats;</td>
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<td>(e) Accessible telephone numbers of poison control centers located within the line of sight of the telephone;</td>
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<td>(f) Accessible written documentation of actual evacuation drills occurring at least three (3) times a year. For Supported Living evacuation drills shall occur at least once a year during each shift;</td>
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### Standard of Care

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

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#### Individual #1

**July 2013**

- The Agency billed 1 unit of Family Living (T2033) on 7/1/2013. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 7/1/2013. Documentation received accounted for 0 units. One or more of the following elements was not met:
  - Start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval.

- The Agency billed 1 unit of Family Living (T2033) on 7/2/2013. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 7/2/2013. Documentation received accounted for 0 units. One or more of the following elements was not met:
  - Start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval.

- The Agency billed 1 unit of Family Living (T2033) on 7/3/2013. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 7/3/2013. Documentation received accounted for 0 units. One or more of the following elements was not met:

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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.


CHAPTER 6. IX. REIMBURSEMENT FOR COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES

B. Reimbursement for Family Living Services

(1) Billable Unit: The billable unit for Family Living Services is a daily rate for each individual in the residence. A maximum of 340 days (billable units) are allowed per ISP year.

(2) Billable Activities shall include:
   (a) Direct support provided to an individual in the residence any portion of the day;
   (b) Direct support provided to an individual by the Family Living Services direct support or substitute care provider away from the residence (e.g., in the community); and
   (c) Any other activities provided in accordance with the Scope of Services.

(3) Non-Billable Activities shall include:
   (a) The Family Living Services Provider Agency may not bill the for room and board;
   (b) Personal care, nutritional counseling and nursing supports may not be billed as separate services for an individual receiving Family Living Services; and
   (c) Family Living services may not be billed for the same time period as Respite.

   (d) The Family Living Services Provider

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Survey Report #: Q.14.2.DDW.D4039.3.001.INT.01.329
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Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 - Chapter 6 - COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES

III. REQUIREMENTS UNIQUE TO FAMILY LIVING SERVICES

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

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RESPITE means a support service to allow the primary caregiver to take a break from care giving responsibilities while maintaining adequate supervision and support to the individual during the absence of the primary caregiver.

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Region: Southwest
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Service Surveyed: Community Living Supports (Family Living) and Community Inclusion Supports (Adult Habilitation)
Survey Type: Initial

Dear Mr. Palma:

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.**

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Tony Fragua