Dear Ms. Herrera;

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

Determination of Compliance:

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

Compliance with all Conditions of Participation.

This determination is based on your agency's compliance with CMS waiver assurances at the Condition of Participation level. The attached QMB Report of Findings indicates Standard Level deficiencies identified and requires implementation of a Plan of Correction.
Plan of Correction:
The attached Report of Findings identifies the Standard Level and/or Condition of Participation deficiencies found during your agency’s compliance review. You are required to complete and implement a Plan of Correction. Your 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 Anthony Fragua at 505-231-7436 if you have questions about the Report of Findings or Plan of Correction. Thank you for your cooperation and for the work you perform.

Sincerely,

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

Entrance Conference Date: May 5, 2014

Present: **Expressions of Life Inc.**
Carol Lynn Herrera, Owner

**DOH/DHI/QMB**
Jennifer Bruns, BSW, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Demetria Ackerman, BA, Healthcare Surveyor
Nicole Brown, MBA, Healthcare Surveyor
Pareatha Madison, MA, Healthcare Surveyor
Erica Nilsen, BA, Healthcare Surveyor
Meg Pell, BA, Healthcare Surveyor
Corrina Strain, RN, BSN, Healthcare Surveyor

Exit Conference Date: May 8, 2014

Present: **Expressions of Life, Inc.**
Ashley Candelaria, Administrative Assistant
Rochelle Chisolm, Nurse
Anthony Gonzales, Service Coordinator
Joann Gonzales, Service Coordinator
Mary Jean Gonzales, Quality Assurance Clerk
Verna Gonzales, Service Coordinator
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Administrative Locations Visited Number: 1

Total Sample Size Number: 31

- 2 · Jackson Class Members
- 29 · Non-Jackson Class Members
- 25 · Family Living
- 6 · Customized In-Home Supports

Total Homes Visited Number: 24

- Family Living Homes Visited Number: 24

Persons Served Records Reviewed Number: 31

Persons Served Interviewed Number: 17

Persons Served Observed Number: 14 (One Individual refused to participate in the interview and 13 Individuals were unavailable at time of home visits)
Direct Support Personnel Interviewed Number: 28

Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed Number: 139

Substitute Care/Respite Personnel Records Reviewed Number: 144

Service Coordinator Records Reviewed Number: 5

Administrative Processes and Records Reviewed:

- Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement Records for all Services Provided
- Accreditation Records
- 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 / General Events Reports
- 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
- 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 Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-231-7436 or email at Anthony.Fragua@state.nm.us. Requests for technical assistance must be requested through your Regional DDSD Office.

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

Instructions for Completing Agency POC:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Completion Dates

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

Initial Submission of the Plan of Correction Requirements

1. The Plan of Correction must be completed on the official QMB Survey Report of Findings/Plan of Correction Form and received by QMB within ten (10) business days from the date you received the report of findings.

2. For questions about the POC process, call the POC Coordinator, Anthony Fragua at 505-231-7436 for assistance.

3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your Regional DDSD Office.

4. Submit your POC to Anthony Fragua, POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
   a. Electronically at Anthony.Fragua@state.nm.us (preferred method)
   b. Fax to 505-222-8661, or
c. Mail to POC Coordinator, 5301 Central Avenue NE, Suite 400, Albuquerque, NM 87108

5. Do not submit supporting documentation (evidence of compliance) to QMB until after your POC has been approved by the QMB.
6. QMB will notify you when your POC has been “approved” or “denied.”
   a. During this time, whether your POC is “approved,” or “denied,” you will have a maximum of 45 business days from the date of receipt of your Report of Findings to correct all survey deficiencies.
   b. If your POC is denied, it must be revised and resubmitted as soon as possible, as the 45 business day limit is in effect.
   c. If your POC is denied a second time your agency may be referred to the Internal Review Committee.
   d. You will receive written confirmation when your POC has been approved by QMB and a final deadline for completion of your POC.
   e. Please note that all POC correspondence will be sent electronically unless otherwise requested.
7. Failure to submit your POC within 10 business days without prior approval of an extension by QMB will result in a referral to the Internal Review Committee and the possible implementation of monetary penalties and/or sanctions.

**POC Document Submission Requirements**

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

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

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

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.
Attachment C

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

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

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

The following limitations apply to the IRF process:

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

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

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

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

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

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Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file at the administrative office for 1 of 31 individuals.

Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:

- Speech Therapy Plan (#9)
- Occupational Therapy Plan (#9)
- Physical Therapy Plan (#9)

### Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party

**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: →
Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. Additional documentation that is required to be maintained at the administrative office includes:

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

**Chapter 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements:**

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

**Chapter 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements:**

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

**Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements:**

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

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

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

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

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION (DDSD): Director’s Release:**  
*Consumer Record Requirements eff. 11/1/2012*  
**III. Requirement Amendments(s) or Clarifications:**  
A. All case management, living supports, customized in-home supports, community integrated employment and customized community supports providers must maintain records for individuals served through DD Waiver
in accordance with the Individual Case File Matrix incorporated in this director’s release.

H. Readily accessible electronic records are accessible, including those stored through the Therap web-based system.


CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: D. Provider Agency Case File for the Individual: All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the receiving agency whenever an individual changes providers. The record must also be made available for review when requested by DOH, HSD or federal government representatives for oversight purposes. The individual’s case file shall include the following requirements:

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

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

3. Progress notes and other service delivery documentation;

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

5. A medical history, which shall include at least demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of
the developmental disability, psychiatric
diagnoses, allergies (food, environmental,
medications), immunizations, and most
recent physical exam;
(6) When applicable, transition plans completed
for individuals at the time of discharge from
Fort Stanton Hospital or Los Lunas Hospital
and Training School; and
(7) Case records belong to the individual
receiving services and copies shall be
provided to the individual upon request.
(8) The receiving Provider Agency shall be
provided at a minimum the following records
whenever an individual changes provider
agencies:
(a) Complete file for the past 12 months;
(b) ISP and quarterly reports from the current
and prior ISP year;
(c) Intake information from original admission
to services; and
(d) When applicable, the Individual
Transition Plan at the time of discharge
from Los Lunas Hospital and Training
School or Ft. Stanton Hospital.

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

B. Documentation of test results: Results of
tests and services must be documented, which
includes results of laboratory and radiology
procedures or progress following therapy or
treatment.
Tag # 1A32 and LS14 / 6L14  
Individual Service Plan Implementation

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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]

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<td>- None found regarding: “…will participate in 30 reps flexing knees to chest” for 5/1 - 7, 2014.</td>
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<td>- None found regarding “…will participate in 20 reps with each knee to toe stretch” for 5/1 - 7, 2014.</td>
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<td>- According to the Live Outcome, Action Steps for “…will work on his hygiene and household chores” is to be completed daily. Evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 5/1 - 6, 2014.</td>
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<td>CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements C. Residence Case File: The Agency must maintain in the individual's home a complete and current confidential case file for each individual. Residence case files are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy.</td>
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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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<td>• Current Emergency and Personal Identification Information</td>
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<td>➢ Did not contain Pharmacy Information (#8, 9, 20, 21)</td>
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<td>➢ Did not contain Health Plan Information (#2, 8, 9, 20)</td>
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<td>• Individual Specific Training Section of ISP (formerly Addendum B) (#21)</td>
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<td>• Teaching and Support Strategies</td>
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<td>• Positive Behavioral Plan (#11)</td>
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short term stays, including any treatment provided;
i. Progress notes written by DSP and nurses;
j. Documentation and data collection related to ISP implementation;
k. Medicaid card;
l. Salud membership card or Medicare card as applicable; and
m. A Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) document and/or Advanced Directives as applicable.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION (DDSD): Director’s Release: Consumer Record Requirements eff. 11/1/2012
III. Requirement Amendments(s) or Clarifications:
A. All case management, living supports, customized in-home supports, community integrated employment and customized community supports providers must maintain records for individuals served through DD Waiver in accordance with the Individual Case File Matrix incorporated in this director’s release.

H. Readily accessible electronic records are accessible, including those stored through the Therap web-based system.

CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS
A. Residence Case File: For individuals receiving Supported Living or Family Living, the Agency shall maintain in the individual’s home a complete and current confidential case file for each individual. For individuals receiving Independent Living Services, rather than maintaining this file at the individual’s home, the complete and current confidential case file for each individual shall be maintained at the agency’s administrative site. Each file shall include the following:

- Oral Care/Hygiene (#5)
- Osteopenia (#25)
- Respiratory (#5, 25)

- Medical Emergency Response Plans
  - Aspiration (#9)
  - Hypertension (#17)
  - Neuro Devices (#9)
(1) Complete and current ISP and all supplemental plans specific to the individual;
(2) Complete and current Health Assessment Tool;
(3) Current emergency contact information, which includes the individual's address, telephone number, names and telephone numbers of residential Community Living Support providers, relatives, or guardian or conservator, primary care physician's name(s) and telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address and telephone number and dentist name, address and telephone number, and health plan;
(4) Up-to-date progress notes, signed and dated by the person making the note for at least the past month (older notes may be transferred to the agency office);
(5) Data collected to document ISP Action Plan implementation
(6) Progress notes written by direct care staff and by nurses regarding individual health status and physical conditions including action taken in response to identified changes in condition for at least the past month;
(7) Physician's or qualified health care providers written orders;
(8) Progress notes documenting implementation of a physician's or qualified health care provider's order(s);
(9) Medication Administration Record (MAR) for the past three (3) months which includes:
(a) The name of the individual;
(b) A transcription of the healthcare practitioners prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication;
(c) Diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;
(d) Dosage, frequency and method/route of delivery;
(e) Times and dates of delivery;
(f) Initials of person administering or assisting
with medication; and

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

(h) For PRN medication an explanation for the use of the PRN must include:
   (i) Observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and
   (ii) Documentation of the effectiveness/result of the PRN delivered.

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

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

(11) Medical History to include: demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability and any psychiatric diagnosis, allergies (food, environmental, medications), status of routine adult health care screenings, immunizations, hospital discharge summaries for past twelve (12) months, past medical history including hospitalizations, surgeries, injuries, family history and current physical exam.
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**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>Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy Eff. Date: March 1, 2007 II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</td>
<td>Based on record review, the Agency did not provide and/or have documentation for staff training regarding the safe operation of the vehicle, assisting passengers and safe lifting procedures for 1 of 139 Direct Support Personnel. No documented evidence was found of the following required training:</td>
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<td>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)</td>
<td>- Transportation (DSP #327)</td>
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**NMAC 7.9.2 F. TRANSPORTATION:**
(1) Any employee or agent of a regulated facility or agency who is responsible for assisting a resident in boarding or alighting from a motor vehicle must complete a state-approved training
program in passenger transportation assistance before assisting any resident. The passenger transportation assistance program shall be comprised of but not limited to the following elements: resident assessment, emergency procedures, supervised practice in the safe operation of equipment, familiarity with state regulations governing the transportation of persons with disabilities, and a method for determining and documenting successful completion of the course. The course requirements above are examples and may be modified as needed.

(2) Any employee or agent of a regulated facility or agency who drives a motor vehicle provided by the facility or agency for use in the transportation of clients must complete:

(a) A state approved training program in passenger assistance and

(b) A state approved training program in the operation of a motor vehicle to transport clients of a regulated facility or agency. The motor vehicle transportation assistance program shall be comprised of but not limited to the following elements: resident assessment, emergency procedures, supervised practice in the safe operation of motor vehicles, familiarity with state regulations governing the transportation of persons with disabilities, maintenance and safety record keeping, training on hazardous driving conditions and a method for determining and documenting successful completion of the course. The course requirements above are examples and may be modified as needed.

(c) A valid New Mexico drivers license for the type of vehicle being operated consistent with State of New Mexico requirements.

(3) Each regulated facility and agency shall establish and enforce written polices (including training) and procedures for employees who provide assistance to clients with boarding or alighting from motor vehicles.

(4) Each regulated facility and agency shall establish and enforce written polices (including
training and procedures for employees who operate motor vehicles to transport clients.


CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements G. Training Requirements: 1. All Community Inclusion Providers must provide staff training in accordance with the DDSD policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy.

CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements F. Meet all training requirements as follows: 1. All Customized Community Supports Providers shall provide staff training in accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy;

CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements C. Training Requirements: The Provider Agency must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy. The Provider Agency must ensure that the personnel support staff have completed training as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy.

CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements B. Living Supports- Family Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training: A. All Family Living Provider agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff policy. DSP’s or subcontractors delivering substitute care under Family Living must at a minimum comply with the section of the training policy that relates to Respite, Substitute Care, and personal support staff [Policy T-003: for Training
Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff: Sec. II-J, Items 1-4]. Pursuant to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Family Living Provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements.

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CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) R. 2. Service Requirements. Staff Qualifications 2. DSP Qualifications. E. Complete training requirements as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff - effective March 1, 2007. Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy;
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<td>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:</td>
<td>Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure Orientation and Training requirements were met for 10 of 139 Direct Support Personnel. Review of Direct Support Personnel training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings and certifications being completed:</td>
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<td>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</td>
<td>• Pre- Service (DSP #266)</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>• First Aid (DSP #213, 243)</td>
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<td>C. Staff shall complete training on DOH-approved incident reporting procedures in accordance with 7 NMAC 1.13.</td>
<td>• CPR (DSP #213, 243)</td>
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<td>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.</td>
<td>• Participatory Communication and Choice Making (DSP #208, 237, 238, 244, 279, 291, 331)</td>
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<td>E. Staff providing direct services shall maintain certification in first aid and CPR. The training materials shall meet OSHA requirements/guidelines.</td>
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<td>F. Staff who may be exposed to hazardous chemicals shall complete relevant training in accordance with OSHA requirements.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>H. Staff shall complete and maintain certification in a DDSD-approved medication course in accordance with the DDSD Medication Delivery Policy M-001.</td>
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employment and before working alone with an individual receiving service.


CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements G. Training Requirements: 1. All Community Inclusion Providers must provide staff training in accordance with the DDSD policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy.

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CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements B. Living Supports- Supported Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training:
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CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) R. 2. Service Requirements. Staff Qualifications 2. DSP Qualifications. E. Complete training requirements as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff - effective March 1, 2007. Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy;
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<td>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:</td>
<td>Based on interview, the Agency did not ensure training competencies were met for 1 of 28 Direct Support Personnel. When DSP were asked if the Individual had Medical Emergency Response Plans and if so, what the plan(s) covered, the following was reported:</td>
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<td>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</td>
<td>• DSP #278 stated “No.” The Surveyor rephrased the question, however, DSP #278 still stated, “No.” As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual requires a Medical Emergency Response Plan for Falls. (Individual #1)</td>
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<td>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) for each individual serviced.</td>
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<td>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013 CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements G. Training Requirements: 1. All Community Inclusion Providers must provide staff training in accordance with the DDSD policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy. 3. Ensure direct service personnel receives Individual Specific Training as outlined in each individual ISP, including aspects of support plans (healthcare and behavioral) or WDSI that pertain to the employment environment.</td>
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CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements B. Living Supports- Family Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training: A. All Family Living Provider agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff policy. DSP’s or subcontractors delivering substitute care under Family Living must at a minimum comply with the section of the training policy that relates to Respite, Substitute Care, and personal support staff [Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff; Sec. II-J, Items 1-4]. Pursuant to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Family Living Provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training
Requirements.
B. Individual specific training must be arranged and conducted, including training on the Individual Service Plan outcomes, actions steps and strategies and associated support plans (e.g. health care plans, MERP, PBSP and BCIP etc), information about the individual's preferences with regard to privacy, communication style, and routines. Individual specific training for therapy related WDSI, Healthcare Plans, MERPs, CARMP, PBSP, and BCIP must occur at least annually and more often if plans change or if monitoring finds incorrect implementation. Family Living providers must notify the relevant support plan author whenever a new DSP is assigned to work with an individual, and therefore needs to receive training, or when an existing DSP requires a refresher. The individual should be present for and involved in individual specific training whenever possible.

CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements
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B. Individual specific training must be arranged
and conducted, including training on the ISP Outcomes, actions steps and strategies, associated support plans (e.g. health care plans, MERP, PBSP and BCIP, etc), and information about the individual's preferences with regard to privacy, communication style, and routines. Individual specific training for therapy related WDSI, Healthcare Plans, MERP, CARMP, PBSP, and BCIP must occur at least annually and more often if plans change or if monitoring finds incorrect implementation. Supported Living providers must notify the relevant support plan author whenever a new DSP is assigned to work with an individual, and therefore needs to receive training, or when an existing DSP requires a refresher. The individual should be present for and involved in individual specific training whenever possible.

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<td>NMAC 7.1.9.8 CAREGIVER AND HOSPITAL CAREGIVER EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS: F. Timely Submission: Care providers shall submit all fees and pertinent application information for all individuals who meet the definition of an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver as described in Subsections B, D and K of 7.1.9.7 NMAC, no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the first day of employment or effective date of a contractual relationship with the care provider.</td>
<td>Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain documentation indicating no “disqualifying convictions” or documentation of the timely submission of pertinent application information to the Caregiver Criminal History Screening Program was on file for 2 of 288 Agency Personnel. The following Agency Personnel Files contained Caregiver Criminal History Screenings, which were not specific to the Agency: Direct Support Personnel (DSP): • #282 – Date of hire 10/2/2007. Substitute Care/Respite Personnel: • #346 – Date of hire 4/4/2008.</td>
<td>State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</td>
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<td>NMAC 7.1.9.9 CAREGIVERS OR HOSPITAL CAREGIVERS AND APPLICANTS WITH DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS: A. Prohibition on Employment: A care provider shall not hire or continue the employment or contractual services of any applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver for whom the care provider has received notice of a disqualifying conviction, except as provided in Subsection B of this section.</td>
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<td>NMAC 7.1.9.11 DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS. The following felony convictions disqualify an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver from employment or contractual services with a care provider: A. homicide; B. trafficking, or trafficking in controlled substances; C. kidnapping, false imprisonment, aggravated assault or aggravated battery; D. rape, criminal sexual penetration, criminal</td>
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sexual contact, incest, indecent exposure, or other related felony sexual offenses;

**E.** crimes involving adult abuse, neglect or financial exploitation;

**F.** crimes involving child abuse or neglect;

**G.** crimes involving robbery, larceny, extortion, burglary, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, credit card fraud, or receiving stolen property; or

**H.** an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy involving any of the felonies in this subsection.
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<td><strong>Consolidated On-line Registry Employee Abuse Registry</strong></td>
<td>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 11 of 288 Agency Personnel.</td>
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<td><strong>NMAC 7.1.12.8 REGISTRY ESTABLISHED; PROVIDER INQUIRY REQUIRED:</strong> 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.</td>
<td>The following Agency Personnel records contained evidence that indicated the Employee Abuse Registry check was completed after hire:</td>
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<td><strong>A. Provider requirement to inquire of registry.</strong> 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.</td>
<td><strong>Direct Support Personnel (DSP):</strong></td>
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<td><strong>B. Prohibited employment.</strong> 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.</td>
<td>• #272 – Date of hire 1/10/2012, completed 11/26/2012.</td>
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<td><strong>D. Documentation of inquiry to registry.</strong> 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</td>
<td>• #276 – Date of hire 1/12/2008, completed 4/27/2009.</td>
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<td>• #288 – Date of hire 2/1/2014, completed 2/7/2014.</td>
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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.

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.

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### Standard Level Deficiency

Based on record review and interview, the Agency did not ensure Incident Management Training for 4 of 144 Agency Personnel.

#### Direct Support Personnel (DSP):
- Incident Management Training (Abuse, Neglect and Misappropriation of Consumers' Property) (DSP #267)

When Direct Support Personnel were asked what two State Agencies must be contacted when there is suspected Abuse, Neglect and Misappropriation of Consumers' Property, the following was reported:

- DSP #215 stated, “DHI….I’m drawing a blank.” Staff was not able to identify the 2nd State Agency as Adult Protective Services.
- DSP #216 stated, “The Human Welfare office or Human Services Department. I don’t know who I would call. They would call somebody.” Staff was not able to identify the two State Agencies as Adult Protective Services and Division of Health Improvement.

When DSP were asked to give examples of Abuse, Neglect and Misappropriation of Consumers' Property, the following was reported:

- DSP #488 was able to give examples of Abuse, however, with regards to Neglect and Exploitation DSP #488 stated, “I know how to answer that question.” Nevertheless, DSP #488 was not able to give an example.

### Tag # 1A28.1
Incident Mgt. System - Personnel Training

**NM A C 7.1.13.10 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:**

**A. General:** 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.

**D. Training Documentation:** 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.

**Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007**

**II. POLICY STATEMENTS:**

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

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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.
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<td>Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure that Individual Specific Training requirements were met for 2 of 144 Agency Personnel.</td>
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<td>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</td>
<td>Review of personnel records found no evidence of the following:</td>
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<td>B. Staff shall complete individual specific (formerly known as &quot;Addendum B&quot;) training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the individual service plan (ISP) for each individual serviced.</td>
<td>Direct Support Personnel (DSP):</td>
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<td>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013</td>
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<td>CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements G. Training Requirements: 1. All Community Inclusion Providers must provide staff training in accordance with the DDSD policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy. 3. Ensure direct service personnel receives Individual Specific Training as outlined in each individual ISP, including aspects of support plans (healthcare and behavioral) or WDSI that pertain to the employment environment.</td>
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<td>CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements F. Meet all training requirements as follows: 1. All Customized Community Supports Providers shall provide staff training in accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy;</td>
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<td>CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements C. Training Requirements: The Provider Agency must report required personnel training</td>
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status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy. The Provider Agency must ensure that the personnel support staff have completed training as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy. 3. Staff shall complete individual specific training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the ISP of each individual served; and 4. Staff that assists the individual with medication (e.g., setting up medication, or reminders) must have completed Assisting with Medication Delivery (AWMD) Training.

**CHAPTER 11 (FL)**  
3. **Agency Requirements**  
B. **Living Supports- Family Living Services**  
Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training:  
A. All Family Living Provider agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff policy. DSP’s or subcontractors delivering substitute care under Family Living must at a minimum comply with the section of the training policy that relates to Respite, Substitute Care, and personal support staff [Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff; Sec. II-J, Items 1-4]. Pursuant to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Family Living Provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training.
### Requirements.

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

### CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements

**B. Living Supports- Supported Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training:**

**A. All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff.** Pursuant to CMS requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Supported Living provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements.

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

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

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<td>When DSP were asked if the agency had an on-call procedure, the following was reported:</td>
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<td>• DSP #216 stated, “I really have no idea.” (Individual #7)</td>
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<td>• DSP #488 stated, “I don’t know.” (Individual #24)</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Medication Administration Records (MAR) were reviewed for the months of April and May 2014. Based on record review, 1 of 31 individuals had Medication Administration Records (MAR), which contained missing medications entries and/or other errors: Individual #5, May 2014. Medication Administration Records contained missing entries. No documentation found indicating reason for missing entries: • Fexofenadine 180mg (1 time daily) – Blank 5/1 – 6 (AM).</td>
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**Model Custodial Procedure Manual**  
**D. Administration of Drugs**  
Unless otherwise stated by practitioner, patients will not be allowed to administer their own medications. Document the practitioner’s order authorizing the self-administration of medications.

All PRN (As needed) medications shall have complete detail instructions regarding the administering of the medication. This shall include:
- symptoms that indicate the use of the medication,
- exact dosage to be used, and
- the exact amount to be used in a 24 hour period.


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

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

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

**C. Small Group Customized Community Supports**
- Providing assistance or supports with medications in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery policy.

**D. Group Customized Community Supports**
- Providing assistance or supports with medications in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery policy.

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

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

I. Healthcare Requirements for Family Living.

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

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

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

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

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

ii. Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and
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<td>dates of administration;</td>
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<td>iii. Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication delivery;</td>
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<td>iv. Explanation of any medication error;</td>
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<td>v. Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and</td>
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<td>vi. For PRN medication, instructions for the use of the PRN medication must include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.</td>
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<td>c. The Family Living Provider Agency must also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose; and</td>
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<td>d. Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications must be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and must include the expected desired outcomes of administering the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications.</td>
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<td>e. Medication Oversight is optional if the individual resides with their biological family (by affinity or consanguinity). If Medication Oversight is not selected as an Ongoing Nursing Service, all elements of medication administration and oversight are the sole responsibility of the individual and their biological family. Therefore, a monthly medication administration record (MAR) is not required unless the family requests it and continually communicates all medication changes to the provider agency in a timely manner to insure accuracy of the MAR.</td>
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<td>i. The family must communicate at least annually and as needed for significant</td>
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change of condition with the agency nurse regarding the current medications and the individual’s response to medications for purpose of accurately completing required nursing assessments.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ii. Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration;

iii. Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication delivery;

iv. Explanation of any medication error;

v. Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and

vi. For PRN medication, instructions for the use of the PRN medication must include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.

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

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

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


CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS:

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

(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 administering the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications;
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<td><strong>7.1.13.9 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS:</strong></td>
<td>Based on the Incident Management Bureau’s Late and Failure Report, the Agency did not report suspected abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of property, unexpected and natural/expected deaths; or other reportable incidents to the Division of Health Improvement, as required by regulations for 6 of 35 individuals.</td>
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<td>(1) All community based service providers shall immediately report abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property to the adult protective services division.</td>
<td>Individual #29  • Incident date 8/30/2013. Allegation was Emergency Services. Incident report was received 9/5/2014. Late Reporting.</td>
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<td>(2) All community based service providers shall report to the division within twenty four (24) hours: abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of property, unexpected and natural/expected deaths; and other reportable incidents to include:</td>
<td>Individual #32  • Incident date 10/2/2013. Allegation was Emergency Services. Incident report was received 10/7/2013. Late Reporting.</td>
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<td>(a) an environmental hazardous condition, which creates an immediate threat to life or health; or</td>
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<td>(b) admission to a hospital or psychiatric facility or the provision of emergency services that results in medical care which is unanticipated or unscheduled for the consumer and which would not routinely be provided by a community based service provider.</td>
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<td>(3) All community based service providers shall ensure that the reporter with direct knowledge of an incident has immediate access to the division incident report form to allow the reporter to respond to, report, and document incidents in a timely and accurate manner.</td>
<td>Individual #33  • Incident date 11/30/2013. Allegation was Emergency Services. Incident report was received 12/5/2013. Late Reporting.</td>
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<td><strong>B. Notification:</strong></td>
<td>Individual #34  • Incident date 1/18/2014. Allegation was Law Enforcement Involvement. Incident report was received 1/24/2014. Late Reporting.</td>
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<td>(1) Incident Reporting: Any consumer, employee, family member or legal guardian may report an incident independently or through the community based service provider to the division by telephone call, written correspondence or other forms of communication utilizing the division’s incident report form. The incident report form and</td>
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<td>Board of Pharmacy – Med. Storage</td>
<td>New Mexico Board of Pharmacy Model Custodial Drug Procedures Manual E. Medication Storage: 1. Prescription drugs will be stored in a locked cabinet and the key will be in the care of the administrator or designee. 2. Drugs to be taken by mouth will be separate from all other dosage forms. 3. A locked compartment will be available in the refrigerator for those items labeled “Keep in Refrigerator.” The temperature will be kept in the 36°F - 46°F range. An accurate thermometer will be kept in the refrigerator to verify temperature. 4. Separate compartments are required for each resident's medication. 5. All medication will be stored according to their individual requirement or in the absence of temperature and humidity requirements, controlled room temperature (68-77°F) and protected from light. Storage requirements are in effect 24 hours a day. 6. Medication no longer in use, unwanted, outdated, or adulterated will be placed in a quarantine area in the locked medication cabinet and held for destruction by the consultant pharmacist. 8. References A. Adequate drug references shall be available for facility staff H. Controlled Substances (Perpetual Count Requirement) 1. Separate accountability or proof-of-use sheets shall be maintained, for each controlled substance.</td>
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Based on record review and observation, the Agency did not to ensure proper storage of medication for 1 of 31 individuals.

Observation included:

Individual #10
  Flinstone Vitamins: expired 08/2013. Expired medication was not kept separate from other medications as required by Board of Pharmacy Procedures.

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

Provider:
indicating the following information:
a. date
b. time administered
c. name of patient
d. dose
e. practitioner’s name
f. signature of person administering or assisting with the administration the dose
g. balance of controlled substance remaining.
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<td>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.</td>
<td>Based on record review, the Agency did not provide documentation of annual physical examinations and/or other examinations as specified by a licensed physician for 5 of 31 individuals receiving Community Living Services. Review of the administrative individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:</td>
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|                  | B. Documentation of test results: Results of tests and services must be documented, which includes results of laboratory and radiology procedures or progress following therapy or treatment. | • **Dental Exam**  
  ☰ Individual #1 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. No evidence of exam was found.  
  ☰ Individual #9 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. No evidence of exam was found. | → |
|                  | Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013 | • **Vision Exam**  
  ☰ Individual #9 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix, Vision Exams are to be conducted every other year. No evidence of exam was found.  
  ☰ Individual #15 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix, Vision Exams are to be conducted every other year. No evidence of exam was found.  
  ☰ Individual #31 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix, Vision Exams are to be conducted every other year. No evidence of exam was found. | Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: → |
|                  | Chapter 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy: All Family Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. | • **Swallow Study**  
  ☰ Individual #20 - As indicated by the Annual Physical Exam on 11/13/2013, a swallow | |
|                  | Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy: All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. | | |

**CHAPTER 6. VI. GENERAL**
G. Health Care Requirements for Community Living Services.

(1) The Community Living Service providers shall ensure completion of a HAT for each individual receiving this service. The HAT shall be completed 2 weeks prior to the annual ISP meeting and submitted to the Case Manager and all other IDT Members. A revised HAT is required to also be submitted whenever the individual’s health status changes significantly. For individuals who are newly allocated to the DD Waiver program, the HAT may be completed within 2 weeks following the initial ISP meeting and submitted with any strategies and support plans indicated in the ISP, or within 72 hours following admission into direct services, whichever comes first.

(2) Each individual will have a Health Care Coordinator, designated by the IDT. When the individual’s HAT score is 4, 5 or 6 the Health Care Coordinator shall be an IDT member, other than the individual. The Health Care Coordinator shall oversee and monitor health care services for the individual in accordance with these standards. In circumstances where no IDT member voluntarily accepts designation as the health care coordinator, the community living provider shall assign a staff member to this role.

(3) For each individual receiving Community Living Services, the provider agency shall ensure and document the following:
   
   a) Provision of health care oversight consistent with these Standards as detailed in Chapter One section III E: Healthcare Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services.

   b) That each individual with a score of 4, 5, study was ordered. No evidence of Swallow Study was found.
or 6 on the HAT, has a Health Care Plan developed by a licensed nurse.
(c) That an individual with chronic condition(s) with the potential to exacerbate into a life threatening condition, has Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plan(s) developed by a licensed nurse or other appropriate professional for each such condition.
(4) That an average of 3 hours of documented nutritional counseling is available annually, if recommended by the IDT.
(5) That the physical property and grounds are free of hazards to the individual’s health and safety.
(6) In addition, for each individual receiving Supported Living or Family Living Services, the provider shall verify and document the following:
(a) The individual has a primary licensed physician;
(b) The individual receives an annual physical examination and other examinations as specified by a licensed physician;
(c) The individual receives annual dental check-ups and other check-ups as specified by a licensed dentist;
(d) The individual receives eye examinations as specified by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist; and
(e) Agency activities that occur as follow-up to medical appointments (e.g. treatment, visits to specialists, changes in medication or daily routine).

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### Tag # LS25 / 6L25

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<td>Based on observation, the Agency did not ensure that each individual’s residence met all requirements within the standard for 3 of 24 Family Living residences.</td>
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<td><strong>CHAPTER 11 (FL) Living Supports – Family Living Agency Requirements G. Residence Requirements for Living Supports – Family Living Services:</strong> 1. Family Living Services providers must assure that each individual’s residence is maintained to be clean, safe and comfortable and accommodates the individuals’ daily living, social and leisure activities. In addition the residence must:</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>a. Maintain basic utilities, i.e., gas, power, water and telephone;</td>
<td>Family Living Requirements:</td>
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<td>b. Provide environmental accommodations and assistive technology devices in the residence including modifications to the bathroom (i.e., shower chairs, grab bars, walk in shower, raised toilets, etc.) based on the unique needs of the individual in consultation with the IDT;</td>
<td>• Battery operated or electric smoke detectors, heat sensors, or a sprinkler system installed in the residence (#11)</td>
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<td>c. Have a battery operated or electric smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguisher, or a sprinkler system;</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 (#9, 19)</td>
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<td>d. Have a 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 (#19)</td>
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<td>e. Allow at a maximum of two (2) individuals to share, with mutual consent, a bedroom and each individual has the right to have his or her own bed;</td>
<td><strong>Note:</strong> The following Individuals share a residence:</td>
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<td>f. Have accessible written documentation of actual evacuation drills occurring at least three (3) times a year;</td>
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<td>g. Have accessible written procedures for the safe storage of all medications with dispensing instructions for each individual that are consistent with the Assisting with Medication</td>
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h. Have 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 must address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding.

**CHAPTER 12 (SL) Living Supports – Supported Living Agency Requirements**

**G. Residence Requirements for Living Supports-Supported Living Services:** 1. Supported Living Provider Agencies must assure that each individual's residence is maintained to be clean, safe, and comfortable and accommodates the individual's daily living, social, and leisure activities. In addition the residence must:

- a. Maintain basic utilities, i.e., gas, power, water, and telephone;
- b. Provide environmental accommodations and assistive technology devices in the residence including modifications to the bathroom (i.e., shower chairs, grab bars, walk in shower, raised toilets, etc.) based on the unique needs of the individual in consultation with the IDT;
- c. Ensure water temperature in home does not exceed safe temperature (110°F);
- d. Have a battery operated or electric smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguisher, or a sprinkler system;
- e. Have a general-purpose First Aid kit;
- f. Allow at a maximum of two (2) individuals to share, with mutual consent, a bedroom and each individual has the right to have his or her
own bed;

g. Have accessible written documentation of actual evacuation drills occurring at least three (3) times a year. For Supported Living evacuation drills must occur at least once a year during each shift;

h. Have accessible written procedures for the safe storage of all medications with dispensing instructions for each individual that are consistent with the Assisting with Medication Delivery training or each individual's ISP; and

i. Have 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 must address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding.

CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements

R. Staff Qualifications: 3. Supervisor Qualifications And Requirements:

S Each residence shall include operable safety equipment, including but not limited to, an operable smoke detector or sprinkler system, a carbon monoxide detector if any natural gas appliance or heating is used, fire extinguisher, general purpose first aid kit, written procedures for emergency evacuation due to fire or other emergency and documentation of evacuation drills occurring at least annually during each shift, phone number for poison control within line of site of the telephone, basic utilities, general household appliances, kitchen and dining utensils, adequate food and drink for three meals per day, proper food storage, and cleaning supplies.

T Each residence shall have a blood borne
pathogens kit as applicable to the residents’ health status, personal protection equipment, and any ordered or required medical supplies shall also be available in the home.

U If not medically contraindicated, and with mutual consent, up to two (2) individuals may share a single bedroom. Each individual shall have their own bed. All bedrooms shall have doors that may be closed for privacy. Individuals have the right to decorate their bedroom in a style of their choosing consistent with safe and sanitary living conditions.

V For residences with more than two (2) residents, there shall be at least two (2) bathrooms. Toilets, tubs/showers used by the individuals shall provide for privacy and be designed or adapted for the safe provision of personal care. Water temperature shall be maintained at a safe level to prevent injury and ensure comfort and shall not exceed one hundred ten (110) degrees.

CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS
L. Residence Requirements for Family Living Services and Supported Living Services
**Service Domain:** Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement – State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver.

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<td>Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Family Living Services for 9 of 25 individuals.</td>
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1. The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual must be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the Human Services Department (HSD). For each unit billed, the record must contain the following:

   a. Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;

   b. A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and

   c. The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.

2. From the payments received for Family Living services, the Family Living Agency must:

   a. Provide a minimum payment to the
b. Provide or arrange up to seven hundred fifty (750) hours of substitute care as sick leave or relief for the primary caregiver.

B. Billable Units:

1. The billable unit for Living Supports- Family Living is based on a daily rate. A day is determined based on whether the individual was residing in the home at midnight.

2. The maximum allowable billable units cannot exceed three hundred forty (340) days per ISP year or one hundred seventy (170) days per six (6) months.

**Billable Activities:** Any activities which DSP provides in accordance with the Scope of Services for Living Supports which are not listed in non-billable services, activities or situations below.

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8.314.1 BI RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:

Providers must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the extent of the services provided to the Medicaid recipient. Services that have been billed to Medicaid, but are not substantiated in a treatment plan and/or patient records for the recipient are subject to recoupment.


**CHAPTER 1 III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION**

**B. Billable Units:** The documentation of the

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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.


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 Agency may not bill on days when an individual is hospitalized or in an institutional care setting. For this purpose a day is counted from one midnight to the following midnight.

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

Chapter 6 - COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES III. REQUIREMENTS UNIQUE TO FAMILY LIVING SERVICES

C. Service Limitations. Family Living Services cannot be provided in conjunction with any other Community Living Service, Personal Support Service, Private Duty Nursing, or Nutritional Counseling. In addition, Family Living may not be delivered during the same time as respite; therefore, a specified deduction to the daily rate for Family Living shall be made for each unit of respite received.

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

DEFINITIONS: SUBSTITUTE CARE means the provision of family living services by an agency staff or subcontractor during a planned/scheduled or emergency absence of the direct service provider.

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.
### Tag # IH32
**Customized In-Home Supports Reimbursement**

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**CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 4. REIMBURSEMENT. A. All Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality, quantity and clinical necessity furnished to individuals who are currently receiving services. The Provider Agency records shall be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the individual’s name, date, time, Provider Agency name, nature of services and length of a session of service billed.**

1. The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the Human Services Department (HSD). For each unit billed, the record shall contain the following:

   a. Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;
   
   b. A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and
   
   c. The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.

2. Customized In-Home Supports has two different rates which are based on the individual’s living condition (i.e., Living with Natural Supports or Living Independently). The maximum allowable billable hours cannot exceed the budget allocation in the associated service packages.

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<th>B. Billable Units: The billable unit for Customized In-Home Support is based on a</th>
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| Individual #1 | 
| March 2014 | 
| The Agency billed 212 units of Customized In-Home Supports (S5125 HB UA) from 3/16/2014 through 3/29/2014. Documentation received accounted for 160 units. |

| Individual #7 | 
| January 2014 | 
| The Agency billed 288 units of Customized In-Home Supports (S5125 HB) from 1/1/2014 through 1/28/2014. Documentation received accounted for 192 units. |

| March 2014 | 
| The Agency billed 264 units of Customized In-Home Supports (S5125 HB) from 3/1/2014 through 3/28/2014. Documentation received accounted for 192 units. |

| Individual #22 | 
| January 2014 | 
| The Agency billed 126 units of Customized In-Home Supports (S5125 HB) from 1/1/2014 through 1/28/2014. Documentation received accounted for 110 units. |

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C. **Billable Activities:**

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

2. Direct support provided to an individual consistent with the Scope of Services by Customized In-Home Supports direct support personnel in community locations other than the individual's residence.

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<td>• The Agency billed 244 units of Customized In-Home Supports (S5125 HB) on 1/1/2014. Documentation received accounted for 0 units.</td>
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Date: August 18, 2014

To: Carol Lynn Herrera, Owner

Provider: Expressions of Life, Inc.
Address: 9151 High Assets Way
State/Zip: Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120
E-mail Address: carolh@expressionsoflifeinc.com

Region: Metro, Northeast and Southwest
Survey Date: May 5 - 8, 2014
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Service Surveyed: 2012: Living Supports (Family Living) and Other (Customized In-Home Supports) 2007: Community Living (Family Living)

Survey Type: Routine

Dear Ms. Herrera:

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

The Plan of Correction process is now complete.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Tony Fragua
Plan of Correction Coordinator
Quality Management Bureau/DHI