



Date: October 10, 2012

To: Lorraine Herrera-Watson, Program Director
Orlando Watson, Administration Director

Provider: Meaningful Lives
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Region: Northeast
Survey Date: August 29 - 31, 2012
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed: Community Living Supports (Family Living)
Survey Type: Initial
Team Leader: Tony Fragua, BFA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau
Team Members: Cyndie Nilsen, MSN, RN, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Dear Mr. Watson and Ms. Herrera-Watson;

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.



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Submission of your Plan of Correction:

Please submit your agency's Plan of Correction in the space on the two right columns of the Report of Findings. (See attachment "A" for additional guidance in completing the Plan of Correction).

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

- 1. Quality Management Bureau, Attention: Plan of Correction Coordinator
5301 Central Ave. NE Suite 400 Albuquerque, NM 87108**
- 2. Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Regional Office for region of service surveyed**

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

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

Request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings (IRF):

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

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

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

Please call the Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-699-9356 if you have questions about the Report of Findings or Plan of Correction. Thank you for your cooperation and for the work you perform.

Sincerely,

Tony Fragua, BFA

Tony Fragua, BFA
Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Division of Health Improvement
Quality Management Bureau

Survey Process Employed:

Entrance Conference Date: August 29, 2012

Present: **Meaningful Lives**
Orlando Watson, Administration Director
Lorraine Herrera-Watson, Program Director/Service Coordinator

DOH/DHI/QMB
Tony Fragua, BFA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Cyndie Nielsen, MSN, RN, Healthcare Surveyor

Exit Conference Date: August 30, 2012

Present: **Meaningful Lives**
Lorraine Herrera-Watson, Program Director/Service Coordinator
Orlando Watson, Administration Director

DOH/DHI/QMB
Tony Fragua, BFA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Cyndie Nielsen, MSN, RN, Healthcare Surveyor

DDSD - Northeast Regional Office
Charlene Cain, Northeast Regional Director, via phone

Total Homes Visited	Number:	4
❖ Family Homes Visited	Number:	4
Administrative Locations Visited	Number:	1
Total Sample Size	Number:	4 0 - Jackson Class Members 4 - Non-Jackson Class Members 4 - Family Living
Persons Served Records Reviewed	Number:	4
Persons Served Interviewed	Number:	1
Persons Served Observed	Number:	3 (3 Individuals were not available during the on-site visits)
Direct Support Personnel Interviewed	Number:	4
Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed	Number:	12
Service Coordinator Records Reviewed	Number:	1
Administrative Files Reviewed		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Billing Records• Medical Records• Incident Management Records• Personnel Files• Training Records

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Survey Report #: Q.13.1.DDW.87184338.2.001.INT.1.284

- Agency Policy and Procedure
- Caregiver Criminal History Screening Records
- Employee Abuse Registry
- Human Rights Notes and/or Meeting Minutes Evacuation Drills
- 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 non compliance.

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

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

If you have questions about the Plan of Correction process, call the QMB Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-699-9356 or email at Crystal.Lopez-Beck@state.nm.us. Requests for technical assistance must be requested through your DDSD Regional Office.

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

Instructions for Completing Agency POC:

Required Content

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

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

The Plan of Correction must address the required six CMS core elements to address each deficiency of the POC:

1. How the specific and realistic corrective action will be accomplished for individuals found to have been affected by the deficient practice.
2. How the agency will identify other individuals who have the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice, and how the agency will act to protect individuals in similar situations.
3. What QA measures will be put into place or systemic changes made to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur

4. Indicate how the agency plans to monitor its performance to make sure that solutions are sustained. The agency must develop a QA plan for ensuring that correction is achieved and sustained. This QA plan must be implemented, and the corrective action evaluated for its effectiveness. The plan of correction is integrated into the agency quality assurance system; and
5. Include dates when corrective action will be completed. The corrective action completion dates must be acceptable to the State.
6. The POC must be signed and dated by the agency director or other authorized official.

The following details should be considered when developing your POC:

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

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

Completion Dates

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

Initial Submission of the Plan of Correction Requirements

1. The Plan of Correction must be completed on the official QMB Survey Report of Findings/Plan of Correction Form and received by QMB within ten (10) business days from the date you received the report of findings.
2. For questions about the POC process, call the QMB POC Coordinator, Crystal Lopez-Beck at 505-699-9356 for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your local DDSD Regional Office.
4. Submit your POC to Crystal Lopez-Beck, POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
 - a. Electronically at Crystal.Lopez-Beck@state.nm.us (*preferred method*)
 - b. Fax to 505-222-8661, or
 - c. Mail to POC Coordinator, 5301 Central Avenue SW, Suite 400, Albuquerque, NM 87108

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

POC Document Submission Requirements

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

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

Revisions, Modifications or Extensions to your Plan of Correction (post QMB approval) must be made in writing and submitted to the 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.

QMB Determinations of Compliance

- “Compliance with Conditions of Participation”

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

- “Partial-Compliance with Conditions of Participation”

The QMB determination of “Partial-Compliance with Conditions of Participation” indicates that a provider is out of compliance with one (1) to three (3) ‘Conditions of Participation.’ This partial-compliance, if not corrected, may result in a serious negative outcome or the potential for more than minimal harm to individuals’ health and safety. The Agency may also have standard level deficiencies (deficiencies which are not at the condition level).

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

- “Non-Compliant with Conditions of Participation”:

The QMB determination of “Non-Compliance with Conditions of Participation,” indicates a provider is significantly out of compliance with Conditions of Participation and/or has:

- Four (4) Conditions of Participation out of compliance.
- Multiple findings of widespread non-compliance with any standard or regulation with a significant potential for more than minimal harm.
- Any finding of actual harm or Immediate Jeopardy.

The Agency may also have standard level deficiencies (deficiencies which are not at the condition level).

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

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

Introduction:

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

Instructions:

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

The following limitations apply to the IRF process:

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

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

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

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

<p>funding, each individual receive supports and services that will assist and encourage independence and productivity in the community and attempt to prevent regression or loss of current capabilities. Services and supports include specialized and/or generic services, training, education and/or treatment as determined by the IDT and documented in the ISP.</p> <p>D. The intent is to provide choice and obtain opportunities for individuals to live, work and play with full participation in their communities. The following principles provide direction and purpose in planning for individuals with developmental disabilities. [05/03/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01]</p>			
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Tag # 6L14 Residential Case File	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>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:</p> <p>(1) Complete and current ISP and all supplemental plans specific to the individual;</p> <p>(2) Complete and current Health Assessment Tool;</p> <p>(3) Current emergency contact information, which includes the individual’s address, telephone number, names and telephone numbers of residential Community Living Support providers, relatives, or guardian or conservator, primary care physician’s name(s) and telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address and telephone number and dentist name, address and telephone number, and health plan;</p> <p>(4) Up-to-date progress notes, signed and dated by the person making the note for at least the past month (older notes may be transferred to the agency office);</p> <p>(5) Data collected to document ISP Action Plan</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain a complete and confidential case file in the residence for 2 of 4 Individuals receiving Family Living Services.</p> <p>The following was not found, incomplete and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Emergency & Personal Identification Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Did not contain Individual’s address (#2) ◦ Did not contain Individual’s phone number (#2) • Health Care Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Pain (#1) • Progress Notes/Daily Contacts Logs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Individual #1 - None found for 8/22 – 28, 2012 	<p>Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p>Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	

<p>implementation</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(7) Physician's or qualified health care providers written orders;</p> <p>(8) Progress notes documenting implementation of a physician's or qualified health care provider's order(s);</p> <p>(9) Medication Administration Record (MAR) for the past three (3) months which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 			
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<p>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.</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p>			
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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
CMS Assurance – 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.			
Tag # 1A20 Direct Support Personnel Training	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER AGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL: The objective of this section is to establish personnel standards for DD Medicaid Waiver Provider Agencies for the following services: Community Living Supports, Community Inclusion Services, Respite, Substitute Care and Personal Support Companion Services. These standards apply to all personnel who provide services, whether directly employed or subcontracting with the Provider Agency. Additional personnel requirements and qualifications may be applicable for specific service standards.</p> <p>C. Orientation and Training Requirements: Orientation and training for direct support staff and his or her supervisors shall comply with the DDSD/DOH Policy Governing the Training Requirements for Direct Support Staff and Internal Service Coordinators Serving Individuals with Developmental Disabilities to include the following:</p> <p>(1) Each new employee shall receive appropriate orientation, including but not limited to, all policies relating to fire prevention, accident prevention, incident management and reporting, and emergency procedures; and</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to ensure that Orientation and Training requirements were met for 2 of 12 Direct Support Personnel.</p> <p>Review of Direct Support Personnel training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings and certification being completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid (DSP #44 & 49) • CPR (DSP #49) 	<p>Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p>Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	

<p>(2) Individual-specific training for each individual under his or her direct care, as described in the individual service plan, prior to working alone with the individual.</p> <p>Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy - Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007 - II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</p> <p>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</p> <p>B. Staff shall complete individual-specific (formerly known as “Addendum B”) training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the individual service plan (ISP) of each individual served.</p> <p>C. Staff shall complete training on DOH-approved incident reporting procedures in accordance with 7 NMAC 1.13.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>E. Staff providing direct services shall maintain certification in first aid and CPR. The training materials shall meet OSHA requirements/guidelines.</p> <p>F. Staff who may be exposed to hazardous chemicals shall complete relevant training in accordance with OSHA requirements.</p> <p>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.</p>			
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<p>H. Staff shall complete and maintain certification in a DDS-approved medication course in accordance with the DDS Medication Delivery Policy M-001.</p> <p>I. Staff providing direct services shall complete safety training within the first thirty (30) days of employment and before working alone with an individual receiving service.</p>			
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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
<p>CMS Assurance – 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.</p>			
<p>Tag # 1A09 Medication Delivery (MAR) - Routine Medication</p>	<p>Standard Level Deficiency</p>		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: The objective of these standards is to establish Provider Agency policy, procedure and reporting requirements for DD Medicaid Waiver program. These requirements apply to all such Provider Agency staff, whether directly employed or subcontracting with the Provider Agency. Additional Provider Agency requirements and personnel qualifications may be applicable for specific service standards. 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 DDS Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the Board of Nursing Rules and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations. (2) When required by the DDS Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) shall be maintained and include: (a) The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician’s written or licensed health care provider’s</p>	<p>Medication Administration Records (MAR) were reviewed for the months of June, July & August 2012.</p> <p>Based on record review, 1 of 4 individuals had Medication Administration Records, which contained missing medications entries and/or other errors:</p> <p>Individual #1 August 2012 Medication Administration Records contained missing entries. No documentation found indicating reason for missing entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glucosamine 750mg (2 times daily) – Blank 8/28 (5 PM) • Alfalfa 500mg (1 time daily) – Blank 8/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22 (8 AM) • Advil PM (1 time daily) – Blank 8/28 (8 PM) 	<p>Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p>Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	

<p>prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;</p> <p>(b) Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration;</p> <p>(c) Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication;</p> <p>(d) Explanation of any medication irregularity;</p> <p>(e) Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and</p> <p>(f) For PRN medication, an explanation for the use of the PRN medication shall include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.</p> <p>(3) The Provider Agency shall also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose;</p> <p>(4) MARs are not required for individuals participating in Independent Living who self-administer their own medications;</p> <p>(5) Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications shall be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and shall include the expected desired outcomes of administering the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications;</p> <p>NMAC 16.19.11.8 MINIMUM STANDARDS: A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, HANDLING AND RECORD KEEPING OF DRUGS:</p>			
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<p>(d) The facility shall have a Medication Administration Record (MAR) documenting medication administered to residents, including over-the-counter medications. This documentation shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p>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.</p> <p>All PRN (As needed) medications shall have complete detail instructions regarding the administering of the medication. This shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ symptoms that indicate the use of the medication, ➤ exact dosage to be used, and ➤ the exact amount to be used in a 24 hour period. 			
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Tag # 1A11 Transportation Policy & Procedure	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: The objective of these standards is to establish Provider Agency policy, procedure and reporting requirements for DD Medicaid Waiver program. These requirements apply to all such Provider Agency staff, whether directly employed or subcontracting with the Provider Agency. Additional Provider Agency requirements and personnel qualifications may be applicable for specific service standards.</p> <p>G. Transportation: Provider agencies that provide Community Living, Community Inclusion or Non-Medical Transportation services shall have a written policy and procedures regarding the safe transportation of individuals in the community, which comply with New Mexico regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles to transport individuals, and which are consistent with DDSD guidelines issued July 1, 1999 titled "Client Transportation Safety". The policy and procedures must address at least the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Drivers' requirements, (2) Individual safety, including safe locations for boarding and disembarking passengers, appropriate responses to hazardous weather and other adverse driving conditions, (3) Vehicle maintenance and safety inspections, (4) Staff training regarding the safe operation of the vehicle, assisting passengers and safe lifting procedures, (5) Emergency Plans, including vehicle 	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to have a written policies and procedures regarding the safe transportation of individuals in the community, which comply with New Mexico regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles to transport individuals.</p> <p>Review of Agency's policies and procedures indicated the following elements were not found:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (2) Individual safety, including safe locations for boarding and disembarking passengers, appropriate responses to hazardous weather and other adverse driving conditions, (5) Emergency Plans, including vehicle evacuation techniques, 	<p>Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p>Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	

- evacuation techniques,
- (6) Documentation, and
- (7) Accident Procedures.

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:

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

1. Operating a fire extinguisher
2. Proper lifting procedures
3. General vehicle safety precautions (e.g., pre-trip inspection, removing keys from the ignition when not in the driver's seat)
4. Assisting passengers with cognitive and/or physical impairments (e.g., general guidelines for supporting individuals who may be unaware of safety issues involving traffic or those who require physical assistance to enter/exit a vehicle)
5. Operating wheelchair lifts (if applicable to the staff's role)
6. Wheelchair tie-down procedures (if applicable to the staff's role)
7. Emergency and evacuation procedures (e.g., roadside emergency, fire emergency)

<p>detailed in Chapter One section III E: Healthcare Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services.</p> <p>b) That each individual with a score of 4, 5, or 6 on the HAT, has a Health Care Plan developed by a licensed nurse.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(4) That an average of 3 hours of documented nutritional counseling is available annually, if recommended by the IDT.</p> <p>(5) That the physical property and grounds are free of hazards to the individual's health and safety.</p> <p>(6) In addition, for each individual receiving Supported Living or Family Living Services, the provider shall verify and document the following:</p> <p>(a) The individual has a primary licensed physician;</p> <p>(b) The individual receives an annual physical examination and other examinations as specified by a licensed physician;</p> <p>(c) The individual receives annual dental check-ups and other check-ups as specified by a licensed dentist;</p> <p>(d) The individual receives eye examinations as specified by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist; and</p> <p>(e) Agency activities that occur as follow-up to medical appointments (e.g. treatment, visits to specialists, changes in</p>			
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<p>medication or daily routine).</p> <p>NMAC 8.302.1.17 RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: A provider must maintain all the records necessary to fully disclose the nature, quality, amount and medical necessity of services furnished to an eligible recipient who is currently receiving or who has received services in the past.</p> <p>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.</p>			
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Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & Responsible Party	Date Due
CMS Assurance – Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement/Financial Accountability – <i>State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver.</i>			
Tag # 6L27 Family Living Reimbursement	Standard Level Deficiency		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION</p> <p>A. General: All Provider Agencies shall maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality, quantity and clinical necessity furnished to individuals who are currently receiving services. The Provider Agency records shall be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, individual name, servicing Provider Agency, level of services, and length of a session of service billed.</p> <p>B. Billable Units: The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the HSD. For each unit billed, the record shall contain the following:</p> <p>(1) Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;</p> <p>(2) A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and</p> <p>(3) The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.</p> <p>MAD-MR: 03-59 Eff 1/1/2004</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Family Living Services for 2 of 4 individuals.</p> <p>Individual #1 May 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 28 units of Family Living (T2033) from 5/1/2012 through 5/31/2012. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 5/6. Documentation received accounted for 27 units. One or more of the following elements was not met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Start and end time of each service encounter; <p>June 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 28 units of Family Living (T2033) from 6/1/2012 through 6/30/2012. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 6/1, 9, 16, 23 & 24. Documentation received accounted for 23 units. One or more of the following elements was not met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Start and end time of each service encounter; <p>July 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 28 units of Family Living (T2033) from 7/1/2012 through 7/31/2012. Documentation did not contain the required 	<p>Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: →</p> <p>Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →</p>	

<p>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.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 6. IX. REIMBURSEMENT FOR COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES</p> <p>B. Reimbursement for Family Living Services</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(2) Billable Activities shall include:</p> <p>(a) Direct support provided to an individual in the residence any portion of the day;</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(c) Any other activities provided in accordance with the Scope of Services.</p> <p>(3) Non-Billable Activities shall include:</p> <p>(a) The Family Living Services Provider Agency may not bill the for room and board;</p> <p>(b) Personal care, nutritional counseling and nursing supports may not be billed as separate services for an individual receiving Family Living Services; and</p>	<p>elements on 7/1, 7, 14 & 21. Documentation received accounted for 24 units. One or more of the following elements was not met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Start and end time of each service encounter; <p>Individual #2 May 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 28 units of Family Living (T2033) from 5/1/2012 through 5/31/2012. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 5/6 & 15. Documentation received accounted for 26 units. One or more of the following elements was not met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Start and end time of each service encounter; <p>June 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 28 units of Family Living (T2033) from 6/1/2012 through 6/30/2012. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 6/3 & 17. Documentation received accounted for 26 units. One or more of the following elements was not met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Start and end time of each service encounter; <p>July 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency billed 28 units of Family Living (T2033) from 7/1/2012 through 7/31/2012. Documentation did not contain the required elements on 7/22 & 28. Documentation received accounted for 26 units. One or more of the following elements was not met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Start and end time of each service encounter; 		
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<p>(c) Family Living services may not be billed for the same time period as Respite.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 - Chapter 6 - COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES III. REQUIREMENTS UNIQUE TO FAMILY LIVING SERVICES</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>RESPITE means a support service to allow the primary caregiver to take a break from care giving responsibilities while maintaining</p>			
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adequate supervision and support to the individual during the absence of the primary caregiver.			
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Date: January 10, 2013

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Survey Date: August 29 - 31, 2012
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed: Community Living Supports (Family Living)
Survey Type: Initial

Dear Mr. Watson and Ms. Herrera-Watson;

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,

Crystal Lopez-Beck
Plan of Correction Coordinator
Quality Management Bureau/DHI

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