



Date: April 23, 2012

To: Barbara Anderson, Executive Director
Provider: R-Way, LLC

E-mail Address: Barbann1123@aol.com

Region: Northeast

Survey Date: March 19 – April 23, 2012

Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Service Surveyed: Community Living Supports (Family Living, Independent Living & Respite)

Survey Type: Focused

Team Leader: Scott Good, MRC, CRC, Deputy Chief, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Dear Ms. Anderson;

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. The specific focus of this survey was to assure the Healthcare Plans and Medical Emergency Response Plans (MERPs) were in place and required face-to-face visits were taking occurring. This Report of Findings will be shared with the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division for their use in determining your current and future provider agreements. Upon receipt of this letter and Report of Findings your agency must immediately correct all deficiencies which place Individuals served at risk of harm.

Determination of Compliance:

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

Partial Compliance with Conditions of Participation

This determination is based on non compliance with one or more CMS waiver assurances at the Condition of Participation level as well as Standard level deficiencies identified in the attached QMB Report of Findings and requires implementation of a Plan of Correction.

Plan of Correction:

The attached Report of Findings identifies the Standard Level and/or Condition of Participation deficiencies found during your agency's compliance review. You are required to complete and implement a Plan of Correction. Your agency has a total of 45 business days (10 business days to submit your POC for approval and 35 days to implement your *approved* Plan of Correction) from the receipt of this letter.



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

Sincerely,

Scott Good, MRC, CRC

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Team Lead/Deputy Chief
Division of Health Improvement
Quality Management Bureau

Survey Process Employed:

Administrative Locations Visited	Number:	1 (3205 Richards Lane, Santa Fe, New Mexico)
Total Sample Size	Number:	74 2 - <i>Jackson</i> Class Members 72 - <i>Non-Jackson</i> Class Members 68 - Family Living 3 - Independent Living 3 - Respite
Persons Served Records Reviewed	Number:	74
Nursing Records Reviewed	Number:	5
Administrative Files Reviewed		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical Records• Personnel Files• Agency Policy and Procedure• Site Visit Forms

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 Deputy Chief at 505-699-0714. Requests for technical assistance must be requested through your DDS Regional Office.

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

Instructions for Completing Agency POC:

Required Content

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

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

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

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

5. Include dates when corrective action will be completed. The corrective action completion dates must be acceptable to the State.
6. The POC must be signed and dated by the agency director or other authorized official.

The following details should be considered when developing your POC:

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

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

Completion Dates

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

Initial Submission of the Plan of Correction Requirements

1. The Plan of Correction must be completed on the official QMB Survey Report of Findings/Plan of Correction Form and received by QMB within ten (10) business days from the date you received the report of findings.
2. For questions about the POC process, call the QMB Deputy Chief, at 505-699-0714 for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your local DDSD Regional Office.
4. Submit your POC to the, POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
 - a. Fax to 505-222-8661, or
 - b. Scott.good@state.nm.us
 - 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 POC Coordinator.
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.

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- c. If your POC is denied a second time your agency may be referred to the Internal Review Committee.
 - d. You will receive written confirmation when your POC has been approved by QMB and a final deadline for completion of your POC.
7. Failure to submit your POC within 10 business days without prior approval of an extension by QMB will result in a referral to the Internal Review Committee and the possible implementation of monetary penalties and/or sanctions.

POC Document Submission Requirements

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

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

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

QMB Determinations of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Attachment C

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

Introduction:

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

Instructions:

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

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Program: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service: Community Living Supports (Family Living, Independent Living & Respite)
Monitoring Type: Focused Survey
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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 # 1A03 CQI System</p>	<p>Standard Level Deficiency</p>		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 CHAPTER 1 I. PROVIDER AGENCY ENROLLMENT PROCESS I. Continuous Quality Management System: Prior to approval or renewal of a DD Waiver Provider Agreement, the Provider Agency is required to submit in writing the current Continuous Quality Improvement Plan to the DOH for approval. In addition, on an annual basis DD Waiver Provider Agencies shall develop or update and implement the Continuous Quality Improvement Plan. The CQI Plan shall be used to 1) discover strengths and challenges of the provider agency, as well as strengths, and barriers individuals experience in receiving the quality, quantity, and meaningfulness of services that he or she desires; 2) build on strengths and remediate individual and provider level issues to improve the provider's service provision over time. At a minimum the CQI Plan shall address how the agency will collect, analyze, act on data and evaluate results related to: (1) Individual access to needed services and supports; (2) Effectiveness and timeliness of implementation of Individualized Service</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to implement a quality improvement system for reviewing alleged complaints and incidents.</p> <p>Review of the Agency's Quality Improvement plan did not contain evidence of the implementation of the following:</p> <p>(2) Effectiveness and timeliness of implementation of Individualized Service Plans;</p> <p>(6) Quality and completeness documentation;</p> <p>Review of documentation indicated the Agency does not have a functional method of assuring required visits are taking place. Visits to Family Living Providers and clients served by the Service Coordinators and Nursing staff are not taking place as required.</p> <p>Additionally, the Healthcare Plans and Medical Emergency Response Plans (MERPs) required according to the Therap system are not in place.</p>	<p>Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the findings in this Tag <i>above</i> this line.</p> <hr/> <p>Enter your Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes <i>below</i> the line.</p>	

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<p>Plans;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(3) Trends in achievement of individual outcomes in the Individual Service Plans;(4) Trends in medication and medical incidents leading to adverse health events;(5) Trends in the adequacy of planning and coordination of healthcare supports at both supervisory and direct support levels;(6) Quality and completeness documentation; and(7) Trends in individual and guardian satisfaction.			
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Tag # 1A15.2 & 5I09 - Healthcare Documentation	CoP 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 - Healthcare</p> <p>Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services: Nursing services must be available as needed and documented for Provider Agencies delivering Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services.</p> <p>Chapter 1. III. E. (1 - 4) (1) Documentation of nursing assessment activities</p> <p>(a) The following hierarchy shall be used to determine which provider agency is responsible for completion of the HAT and MAAT and related subsequent planning and training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Community living services provider agency; (ii) Private duty nursing provider agency; (iii) Adult habilitation provider agency; (iv) Community access provider agency; and (v) Supported employment provider agency. <p>(b) The provider agency must arrange for their nurse to complete the Health Assessment Tool (HAT) and the Medication Administration Assessment Tool (MAAT) on at least an annual basis for each individual receiving community living, community inclusion or private duty nursing services, unless the provider agency arranges for the individual's Primary Care Practitioner (PCP) to voluntarily complete these assessments in lieu of the agency nurse. Agency nurses may also complete these assessments in collaboration with the Primary Care Practitioner if they believe such consultation is necessary for an accurate</p>	<p>After an analysis of the evidence it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on record review, the Agency failed to complete all required Nursing visits/Oversight of each direct support provider for 36 of 68 individuals. • Nursing visits/Oversight: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Individual #5 - None found for 10/2011. ◦ Individual #6 - None found for 10/2011 and 12/2011. ◦ Individual #9 - None found for 13/2012. ◦ Individual #12 - None found for 7/2011 through 3/2012. ◦ Individual #13 - None found for 7/2011 through 3/2012. ◦ Individual #26 - None found for 10/2011, 12/2011 and 3/2012. ◦ Individual #27 - None found for 7/2011 through 3/2012. ◦ Individual #29 - None found for 7/2011 through 2/2012. ◦ Individual #32 - None found for 1/2012. ◦ Individual #37 - None found for 7/2011 through 11/2011. ◦ Individual #39 - None found for 3/2011. 	<p>Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the findings in this Tag <i>above</i> this line.</p> <hr/> <p>Enter your Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes <i>below</i> the line.</p>	

<p>assessment. Family Living Provider Agencies have the option of having the subcontracted caregiver complete the HAT instead of the nurse or PCP, if the caregiver is comfortable doing so. However, the agency nurse must be available to assist the caregiver upon request.</p> <p>(c) For newly allocated individuals, the HAT and the MAAT must be completed within seventy-two (72) hours of admission into direct services or two weeks following the initial ISP, whichever comes first.</p> <p>(d) For individuals already in services, the HAT and the MAAT must be completed at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual ISP meeting and submitted to all members of the interdisciplinary team. The HAT must also be completed at the time of any significant change in clinical condition and upon return from any hospitalizations. In addition to annually, the MAAT must be completed at the time of any significant change in clinical condition, when a medication regime or route change requires delivery by licensed or certified staff, or when an individual has completed additional training designed to improve their skills to support self-administration (see DDS Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy).</p> <p>(e) Nursing assessments conducted to determine current health status or to evaluate a change in clinical condition must be documented in a signed progress note that includes time and date as well as <i>subjective</i> information including the individual complaints, signs and symptoms noted by staff, family members or other team members; <i>objective</i> information including vital signs, physical examination, weight, and other pertinent data for the given situation (e.g., seizure frequency, method in which temperature taken); <i>assessment</i> of the clinical status, and <i>plan</i> of action addressing relevant aspects of all active health problems and follow up on any recommendations of medical consultants.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Individual #40 - None found for 8/2011, 11/2011, 2/2012 and 3/2012. ◦ Individual #41 - None found for 8/2011, 11/2011 and 3/2012. ◦ Individual #42 - None found for 7/2011 through 3/2012. ◦ Individual #43 - None found for 7/2011, 9/2011 and 12/2011. ◦ Individual #45 - None found for 3/2012. ◦ Individual #47 - None found for 8/2011. ◦ Individual #48 - None found for 7/2011 and 9/2011 through 2/2012. ◦ Individual #51 - None found for 7/2011 through 11/2011, 12/2011 and 3/2012. ◦ Individual #54 - None found for 11/2011 through 1/2012. ◦ Individual #55 - None found for 3/2012. ◦ Individual #56 - None found for 7/2011 through 3/2012. ◦ Individual #62 - None found for 7/2011 through 1/2012. ◦ Individual #63 - None found for 1/2012. ◦ Individual #64 - None found for 11/2011 or 3/2012. ◦ Individual #65 - None found for 3/2012. ◦ Individual #66 - None found for 3/2012. 		
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<p>(2) Health related plans</p> <p>(a) For individuals with chronic conditions that have the potential to exacerbate into a life-threatening situation, a medical crisis prevention and intervention plan must be written by the nurse or other appropriately designated healthcare professional.</p> <p>(b) Crisis prevention and intervention plans must be written in user-friendly language that is easily understood by those implementing the plan.</p> <p>(c) The nurse shall also document training regarding the crisis prevention and intervention plan delivered to agency staff and other team members, clearly indicating competency determination for each trainee.</p> <p>(d) If the individual receives services from separate agencies for community living and community inclusion services, nurses from each agency shall collaborate in the development of and training delivery for crisis prevention and intervention plans to assure maximum consistency across settings.</p> <p>(3) For all individuals with a HAT score of 4, 5 or 6, the nurse shall develop a comprehensive healthcare plan that includes health related supports identified in the ISP (The healthcare plan is the equivalent of a nursing care plan; two separate documents are not required nor recommended):</p> <p>(a) Each healthcare plan must include a statement of the person's healthcare needs and list measurable goals to be achieved through implementation of the healthcare plan. Needs statements may be based upon supports needed for the individual to maintain a current strength, ability or skill related to their health, prevention measures, and/or supports needed to remediate, minimize or manage an existing health condition.</p> <p>(b) Goals must be measurable and shall be revised when an individual has met the goal and has the potential to attain additional goals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Individual #68 - None found for 7/2011 through 12/2011. ◦ Individual #69 - None found for 7/2011, 9/2011 through 1/2012 and 3/2012. ◦ Individual #70 - None found for 9/2011 through 11/2011, 1/2012 and 2/2012. ◦ Individual #74 - None found for 7/2011 through 3/2012. ◦ Individual #75 - None found for 7/2011 through 3/2012. ◦ Individual #76 - None found for 10/2011. ◦ Individual #77 - None found for 11/2011. ◦ Individual #78 - None found for 7/2011. ◦ Individual #79 - None found for 7/2011, 8/2011, 10/2011 through 2/2012. 		
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<p>or no longer requires supports in order to maintain the goal.</p> <p>(c) Approaches described in the plan shall be individualized to reflect the individual's unique needs, provide guidance to the caregiver(s) and designed to support successful interactions. Some interventions may be carried out by staff, family members or other team members, and other interventions may be carried out directly by the nurse – persons responsible for each intervention shall be specified in the plan.</p> <p>(d) Healthcare plans shall be written in language that will be easily understood by the person(s) identified as implementing the interventions.</p> <p>(e) The nurse shall also document training on the healthcare plan delivered to agency staff and other team members, clearly indicating competency determination for each trainee. If the individual receives services from separate agencies for community living and community inclusion services, nurses from each agency shall collaborate in the development of and training delivery for healthcare plans to assure maximum consistency across settings.</p> <p>(f) Healthcare plans must be updated to reflect relevant discharge orders whenever an individual returns to services following a hospitalization.</p> <p>(g) All crisis prevention and intervention plans and healthcare plans shall include the individual's name and date on each page and shall be signed by the author.</p> <p>(h) Crisis prevention and intervention plans as well as healthcare plans shall be reviewed by the nurse at least quarterly, and updated as needed.</p> <p>(4) General Nursing Documentation</p> <p>(a) The nurse shall complete legible and signed progress notes with date and time indicated that describe all interventions or interactions conducted with individuals served</p>			
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<p>as well as all interactions with other healthcare providers serving the individual. All interactions shall be documented whether they occur by phone or in person.</p> <p>(b) For individuals with a HAT score of 4, 5 or 6, or who have identified health concerns in their ISP, the nurse shall provide the interdisciplinary team with a quarterly report that indicates current health status and progress to date on health related ISP desired outcomes and action plans as well as progress toward goals in the healthcare plan.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 5 IV. COMMUNITY INCLUSION SERVICES PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>B. IDT Coordination</p> <p>(1) Community Inclusion Services Provider Agencies shall participate on the IDT as specified in the ISP Regulations (7.26.5 NMAC), and shall ensure direct support staff participation as needed to plan effectively for the individual; and</p> <p>(2) Coordinate with the IDT to ensure that each individual participating in Community Inclusion Services who has a score of 4, 5, or 6 on the HAT has a Health Care Plan developed by a licensed nurse, and if applicable, a Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plan.</p> <p>Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Policy. Medical Emergency Response Plan Policy MERP-001 eff.8/1/2010</p> <p>F. The MERP shall be written in clear, jargon free language and include at a minimum the following information:</p> <p>1. A brief, simple description of the condition or illness.</p>			
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<p>2. A brief description of the most likely life threatening complications that might occur and what those complications may look like to an observer.</p> <p>3. A concise list of the most important measures that may prevent the life threatening complication from occurring (e.g., avoiding allergens that trigger an asthma attack or making sure the person with diabetes has snacks with them to avoid hypoglycemia).</p> <p>4. Clear, jargon free, step-by-step instructions regarding the actions to be taken by direct support personnel (DSP) and/or others to intervene in the emergency, including criteria for when to call 911.</p> <p>5. Emergency contacts with phone numbers.</p> <p>6. Reference to whether the individual has advance directives or not, and if so, where the advance directives are located.</p>			
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Tag # 1A15.2 & 5I09 - Healthcare Documentation	CoP 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 - Healthcare Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services: Nursing services must be available as needed and documented for Provider Agencies delivering Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services.</p> <p>Chapter 1. III. E. (1 - 4) (1) Documentation of nursing assessment activities</p> <p>(a) The following hierarchy shall be used to determine which provider agency is responsible for completion of the HAT and MAAT and related subsequent planning and training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Community living services provider agency; (ii) Private duty nursing provider agency; (iii) Adult habilitation provider agency; (iv) Community access provider agency; and (v) Supported employment provider agency. <p>(b) The provider agency must arrange for their nurse to complete the Health Assessment Tool (HAT) and the Medication Administration Assessment Tool (MAAT) on at least an annual basis for each individual receiving community living, community inclusion or private duty nursing services, unless the provider agency arranges for the individual's Primary Care Practitioner (PCP) to voluntarily complete these assessments in lieu of the agency nurse. Agency nurses may also complete these assessments in collaboration with the Primary Care Practitioner if they believe such consultation is necessary for an accurate</p>	<p>After an analysis of the evidence it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur.</p> <p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain the required documentation in the Individuals Agency Record as required per standard for 29 of 72 individuals.</p> <p>The following were not found, incomplete and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constipation Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#6, 11, 12, 32, 63 & 79) • Weight/Body Mass Index <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#6, 19, 27, 65, 66 & 72) • Oral/Dental <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#7, 71) • Skin Integrity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#22, 24 & 50) • Aspiration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is 	<p>Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the findings in this Tag <i>above</i> this line.</p> <hr/> <p>Enter your Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes <i>below</i> the line.</p>	

<p>assessment. Family Living Provider Agencies have the option of having the subcontracted caregiver complete the HAT instead of the nurse or PCP, if the caregiver is comfortable doing so. However, the agency nurse must be available to assist the caregiver upon request.</p> <p>(c) For newly allocated individuals, the HAT and the MAAT must be completed within seventy-two (72) hours of admission into direct services or two weeks following the initial ISP, whichever comes first.</p> <p>(d) For individuals already in services, the HAT and the MAAT must be completed at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual ISP meeting and submitted to all members of the interdisciplinary team. The HAT must also be completed at the time of any significant change in clinical condition and upon return from any hospitalizations. In addition to annually, the MAAT must be completed at the time of any significant change in clinical condition, when a medication regime or route change requires delivery by licensed or certified staff, or when an individual has completed additional training designed to improve their skills to support self-administration (see DDS Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy).</p> <p>(e) Nursing assessments conducted to determine current health status or to evaluate a change in clinical condition must be documented in a signed progress note that includes time and date as well as <i>subjective</i> information including the individual complaints, signs and symptoms noted by staff, family members or other team members; <i>objective</i> information including vital signs, physical examination, weight, and other pertinent data for the given situation (e.g., seizure frequency, method in which temperature taken); <i>assessment</i> of the clinical status, and <i>plan</i> of action addressing relevant aspects of all active health problems and follow up on any recommendations of medical consultants.</p>	<p>required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#22 & 52)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#76) • Falls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#11, 51, 66 & 72) • Bowel and Bladder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#16, 28, 32 & 58) • Endocrine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#27) • Pain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#66 & 76) • Medical Emergency Response Plans • Fluid Restrictions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#60) • Seizures 		
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<p>(2) Health related plans</p> <p>(a) For individuals with chronic conditions that have the potential to exacerbate into a life-threatening situation, a medical crisis prevention and intervention plan must be written by the nurse or other appropriately designated healthcare professional.</p> <p>(b) Crisis prevention and intervention plans must be written in user-friendly language that is easily understood by those implementing the plan.</p> <p>(c) The nurse shall also document training regarding the crisis prevention and intervention plan delivered to agency staff and other team members, clearly indicating competency determination for each trainee.</p> <p>(d) If the individual receives services from separate agencies for community living and community inclusion services, nurses from each agency shall collaborate in the development of and training delivery for crisis prevention and intervention plans to assure maximum consistency across settings.</p> <p>(3) For all individuals with a HAT score of 4, 5 or 6, the nurse shall develop a comprehensive healthcare plan that includes health related supports identified in the ISP (The healthcare plan is the equivalent of a nursing care plan; two separate documents are not required nor recommended):</p> <p>(a) Each healthcare plan must include a statement of the person's healthcare needs and list measurable goals to be achieved through implementation of the healthcare plan. Needs statements may be based upon supports needed for the individual to maintain a current strength, ability or skill related to their health, prevention measures, and/or supports needed to remediate, minimize or manage an existing health condition.</p> <p>(b) Goals must be measurable and shall be revised when an individual has met the goal and has the potential to attain additional goals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Heath Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#45) • Feeding Tube <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Heath Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#9 & 22) • Aspiration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Heath Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#8 & 24) • Respiratory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Heath Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#14, 65, 76) • Falls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Heath Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#7, 11, 51, 66 & 72) • GI / Bowel and Bladder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Heath Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#47 & 49) • Endocrine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Heath Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#27) • Pain 		
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<p>or no longer requires supports in order to maintain the goal.</p> <p>(c) Approaches described in the plan shall be individualized to reflect the individual's unique needs, provide guidance to the caregiver(s) and designed to support successful interactions. Some interventions may be carried out by staff, family members or other team members, and other interventions may be carried out directly by the nurse – persons responsible for each intervention shall be specified in the plan.</p> <p>(d) Healthcare plans shall be written in language that will be easily understood by the person(s) identified as implementing the interventions.</p> <p>(e) The nurse shall also document training on the healthcare plan delivered to agency staff and other team members, clearly indicating competency determination for each trainee. If the individual receives services from separate agencies for community living and community inclusion services, nurses from each agency shall collaborate in the development of and training delivery for healthcare plans to assure maximum consistency across settings.</p> <p>(f) Healthcare plans must be updated to reflect relevant discharge orders whenever an individual returns to services following a hospitalization.</p> <p>(g) All crisis prevention and intervention plans and healthcare plans shall include the individual's name and date on each page and shall be signed by the author.</p> <p>(h) Crisis prevention and intervention plans as well as healthcare plans shall be reviewed by the nurse at least quarterly, and updated as needed.</p> <p>(4) General Nursing Documentation</p> <p>(a) The nurse shall complete legible and signed progress notes with date and time indicated that describe all interventions or interactions conducted with individuals served</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. (#66 & 76) 		
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<p>as well as all interactions with other healthcare providers serving the individual. All interactions shall be documented whether they occur by phone or in person.</p> <p>(b) For individuals with a HAT score of 4, 5 or 6, or who have identified health concerns in their ISP, the nurse shall provide the interdisciplinary team with a quarterly report that indicates current health status and progress to date on health related ISP desired outcomes and action plans as well as progress toward goals in the healthcare plan.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 5 IV. COMMUNITY INCLUSION SERVICES PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>B. IDT Coordination</p> <p>(1) Community Inclusion Services Provider Agencies shall participate on the IDT as specified in the ISP Regulations (7.26.5 NMAC), and shall ensure direct support staff participation as needed to plan effectively for the individual; and</p> <p>(2) Coordinate with the IDT to ensure that each individual participating in Community Inclusion Services who has a score of 4, 5, or 6 on the HAT has a Health Care Plan developed by a licensed nurse, and if applicable, a Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plan.</p> <p>Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Policy. Medical Emergency Response Plan Policy MERP-001 eff.8/1/2010</p> <p>F. The MERP shall be written in clear, jargon free language and include at a minimum the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A brief, simple description of the condition or illness. 			
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<p>2. A brief description of the most likely life threatening complications that might occur and what those complications may look like to an observer.</p> <p>3. A concise list of the most important measures that may prevent the life threatening complication from occurring (e.g., avoiding allergens that trigger an asthma attack or making sure the person with diabetes has snacks with them to avoid hypoglycemia).</p> <p>4. Clear, jargon free, step-by-step instructions regarding the actions to be taken by direct support personnel (DSP) and/or others to intervene in the emergency, including criteria for when to call 911.</p> <p>5. Emergency contacts with phone numbers.</p> <p>6. Reference to whether the individual has advance directives or not, and if so, where the advance directives are located.</p>			
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<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 6. III. REQUIREMENTS UNIQUE TO FAMILY LIVING SERVICES</p> <p>A. Support to Individuals in Family Living: The Family Living Services Provider Agency shall provide and document:</p> <p>(5) Monthly consultation, by agency supervisors or internal service coordinators, with the direct support provider to include:</p> <p>(a) Review, advise, and prompt the implementation of the individual's ISP Action Plans, schedule of activities and appointments; and</p> <p>(b) Assist with service or support issues raised by the direct support provider or observed by supervisor, service coordinator or other IDT members.</p> <p>B. Home Studies. The Family Living Services Provider Agency shall complete all DDSD requirements for approval of each direct support provider, including completion of an approved home study and training prior to placement. After the initial home study, an updated home study shall be completed annually. The home study must also be updated each time there is a change in family composition or when the family moves to a new home. The content and procedures used by the Provider Agency to conduct home studies shall be approved by DDSD.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1. I. PROVIDER AGENCY</p>	<p>After an analysis of the evidence it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur.</p> <p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to complete all DDSD requirements for approval of each direct support provider for 33 of 62 individuals.</p> <p>The following was not found, not current and/or incomplete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Monthly Service Coordination Consultation with the Direct Support Provider. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Individual #4 - None found for 9/2011. o Individual #11 - None found for 9/2011 and 2/2012. o Individual #12 - None found for 9/2011. o Individual #14 - None found for 2/2012 o Individual #19 - None found for 7/2011 and 2/2012. o Individual #22 - None found for 8/2011 and 2/2012. o Individual #23 - None found for 7/2011 through 3/2012. o Individual #25 - None found for 8/2011 and 9/2011. o Individual #27 - None found for 7/2011 through 3/2012. 	<p>Provider: State your Plan of Correction for the findings in this Tag <i>above</i> this line.</p> <hr/> <p>Enter your Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes <i>below</i> the line.</p>	

<p>ENROLLMENT PROCESS D. Scope of DDS Agreement</p> <p>(4) Provider Agencies must have prior written approval of the Department of Health to subcontract any service other than Respite;</p> <p>NMAC 8.314.5.10 - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVER</p> <p>ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS: I. Qualifications for community living service providers: There are three types of community living services: Family living, supported living and independent living. Community living providers must meet all qualifications set forth by the DOH/DDSD, DDW definitions and service standards. (1) Family living service providers for adults must meet the qualifications for staff required by the DOH/DDSD, DDW service definitions and standards. The direct care provider employed by or subcontracting with the provider agency must be approved through a home study completed prior to provision of services and conducted at subsequent intervals required of the provider agency. All family living sub-contracts must be approved by the DOH/DDSD.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Individual #28 - None found for 8/2011. ◦ Individual #31 - None found for 10/2011 or 1/2012. ◦ Individual #32 - None found for 9/2011 and 1/2012. ◦ Individual #37 - None found for 7/2011 through 12/2012. ◦ Individual #45 - None found for 7/2011, 9/2011 and 11/2011. ◦ Individual #46 - None found for 9/2011 ◦ Individual #48 - None found for 10/2011 or 3/2012. ◦ Individual #49 - None found for 9/2011 and 11/2011. ◦ Individual #50 - None found for 7/2011 and 11/2011. ◦ Individual #51 - None found for 11/2011. ◦ Individual #54 - None found for 11/2011 ◦ Individual #60 - None found for 11/2011 or 2/2012. ◦ Individual #62 - None found for 7/2011 through 1/2012. ◦ Individual #63 - None found for 7/2011. ◦ Individual #64 - None found for 12/2011. ◦ Individual #68 - None found for 7/2011 through 12/2011. 		
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