

Date: August 27, 2015

To: Barbara Anderson, Director
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Region: Northeast
Survey Date: July 1 - 14, 2015
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

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

Survey Type: Focused

Team Leader: Amanda Castañeda, MPA, Plan of Corrections Coordinator, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Dear Ms. Anderson;

The Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau has completed a Focused Survey due to concerns reported to the Division 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 the survey was to determine compliance with the agency personnel Caregiver Criminal History Screening and the Employee Abuse Registry / Consolidated On-Line Registry:

- a) Caregiver Criminal History Screening - *QMB Findings: During the Focused Survey the QMB conducted an Agency administrative review to follow up on concerns reported and to determine if the agency was complying with the NMAC requirements. Based on the findings of the Focused Survey, no concerns or deficiencies were identified in this area.*
- b) Employee Abuse Registry / Consolidated On-Line Registry - *QMB Findings: During the Focused Survey the QMB conducted an Agency administrative review to follow up on concerns reported and to determine if the agency was complying with the NMAC requirements. Based on the findings of the Focused Survey, no concerns or deficiencies were identified in this area.*

Determination of Compliance:

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

Compliance with all Conditions of Participation.

This concludes your Survey process. Please call the Plan of Correction Coordinator at 575-373-5716, if you have questions about the survey or the report. Thank you for your cooperation and for the work you perform.

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Sincerely,

Amanda Castañeda

Amanda Castañeda, MPA
Team Lead/Plan of Correction Coordinator
Division of Health Improvement / Quality Management Bureau

Survey Process Employed:

Entrance Conference Date: July 1, 2015

Present: **R-Way, LLC**
Barbara Anderson, Director (via phone)

DOH/DHI/QMB
Amanda Castañeda, MPA, Team Lead/Plan of Correction Coordinator
(via phone)

Exit Conference Date: July 14, 2015

Present: **R-Way, LLC**
Barbara Anderson, Director (via phone)

DOH/DHI/QMB
Amanda Castañeda, MPA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor (via
phone)

Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed Number: 65 (*Note: 1 Direct Support staff also preforms duties as a Service Coordinator*)

Service Coordinator Records Reviewed Number: 2 (*Note: 1 Service Coordinator also preforms duties as a direct support staff*)

Administrative Processes and Records Reviewed:

- Caregiver Criminal History Screening Records
- Consolidated Online Registry/Employee Abuse Registry

CC: Distribution List: DOH - Division of Health Improvement
DOH - Developmental Disabilities Supports Division
DOH - Office of Internal Audit
HSD - Medical Assistance Division
MFEAD – NM Attorney General

Attachment B

Department of Health, Division of Health Improvement QMB Determination of Compliance Process

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

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

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

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

Case Management Services:

- Level of Care
- Plan of Care
- Qualified Providers

Community Inclusion Supports/ Living Supports:

- Qualified Provider
- Plan of Care
- Health, Welfare and Safety

Conditions of Participation (CoPs)

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

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

The Division of Health Improvement (DHI) and the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) collaborated to revise the current Conditions of Participation (CoPs). There are seven Conditions of Participation in which providers must be in compliance.

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

Service Domain: Level of Care

Condition of Participation:

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

Service Domain: Plan of Care

Condition of Participation:

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

Condition of Participation:

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

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

Service Domain: Qualified Providers

Condition of Participation:

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

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

Service Domain: Plan of Care

Condition of Participation:

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

Service Domain: Health, Welfare and Safety

Condition of Participation:

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

Condition of Participation:

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

QMB Determinations of Compliance

Compliance with Conditions of Participation

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

Partial-Compliance with Conditions of Participation

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

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

Non-Compliance with Conditions of Participation

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

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