Date: August 13, 2008

To: Marie Velasquez, Director
Provider: A Step Above Case Management
Address: 120 Maderia SE, Suite 209
State/Zip: Albuquerque, New Mexico 87197

Region: Metro
Survey Date: July 22 - 25, 2008
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed: Case Management
Survey Type: Routine
Team Leader: Marti Madrid, LBSW, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau
Team Members: Florie Alire, RN, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau
Survey #: Q09.01.79006817.METRO.001.RTN.01

Dear Ms. Velasquez:

The Division of Health Improvement Quality Management Bureau has completed a quality review 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.

Quality Management Approval Rating:
The Division of Health Improvement is pleased to grant your agency a "QUALITY" certification for substantial compliance with DDSD Standards and regulations.

As part of your Quality certification, your agency will be required to complete an annual quality self-assessment and submit it to the Quality Management Bureau. Contact the Quality Management Bureau for additional information on completing the self-assessment process

Plan of Correction:
The attached Report of Findings identifies deficiencies found during your agency's survey. You are required to complete and implement a Plan of Correction (POC). Please submit your agency's Plan of Correction (POC) in the space on the two right columns of the Report of Findings. See attachment A for additional guidance in completing the POC. The response is due to the parties below within 10 working days of the receipt of this letter:

1. Quality Management Bureau, Attention: Plan of Correction Coordinator
   5301 Central Ave. NE Suite 900 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 within 45 working days. If your plan of correction is denied, you must resubmit a revised plan ASAP for approval. All remedies must still be completed within 45 working days of the original submission.

Failure to submit, complete or implement your POC within the required time frames will 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 determination of noncompliance (finding) you have 10 working 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 #900
Albuquerque, NM 87108
Attention: IRF request

A request for an IRF will not delay the implementation of your Plan of Correction which must be completed within 45 working days. Providers may not appeal the nature or interpretation of the standard or regulation, the team composition, sampling methodology or the Scope and Severity of the finding.

If the IRF approves the change or removal of a finding, you will be advised of any changes.

This IRF process is separate and apart from the Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR) and Fair Hearing Process for Sanctions from DOH.

Please call the Team Leader at 505-841-5831, if you have questions about the survey or the report. Thank you for your cooperation and for the work you perform.

Sincerely,

Marti Madrid, LBSW
Team Lead/Health Care Surveyor
Division of Health Improvement
Quality Management Bureau

Survey Process Employed:

Entrance Conference Date:	July 22, 2008
Present:	**A Step Above** Marie Velasquez, Director Melinda Schramm, Assistant Director **DOH/DHI/QMB** Marti Madrid, LBSW, Healthcare Surveyor/Team Lead Florie Alire, RN, Healthcare Surveyor
Exit Conference Date:	July 25, 2008
Present:	**A Step Above** Marie Velasquez, Director Melinda Schramm, Assistant Director **DOH/DHI/QMB** Marti Madrid, LBSW, Healthcare Surveyor/Team Lead Florie Alire, RN, Healthcare Surveyor
Administrative Locations Visited	Number: 1
Total Sample Size	Number: 17
Case Managers Interviewed	Number: 4
Records Reviewed (Persons Served)	Number: 17
Administrative Files Reviewed	• Billing Records • Incident Management Records • Personnel Files • Training Records • Agency Policy and Procedure • Caregiver Criminal History Screening Records • Employee Abuse Registry • Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance 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

- After a QMB Quality Review, your Survey Report will be sent to you via certified mail. You may request that it also be sent to you electronically by calling George Perrault, Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-222-8624.
- Within 10 business days of the date you received your POC, you must develop and send your Plan of Correction response to the QMB office. (Providers who do not pick up their mail will be referred to the Internal Review Committee [IRC]).
- For each Deficiency in your Survey Report, include specific information about HOW you will correct each Deficiency, WHO will fix each Deficiency ("Responsible Party"), and by WHEN ("Date Due").
- Your POC must not only address HOW, WHO and WHEN each Deficiency will be corrected, but must also address overall systemic issues to prevent the Deficiency from reoccurring, i.e., Quality Assurance (QA). Your description of your QA must include specifics about your self-auditing processes, such as HOW OFTEN you will self-audit, WHO will do it, and WHAT FORMS will be used.
- Corrective actions should be incorporated into your agency's Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement policies and procedures.
- You may send your POC response electronically to George.Perrault@state.nm.us, by fax (505-841-5815), or by postal mail.
- Do not send supporting documentation to QMB until after your POC has been approved by QMB.
- QMB will notify you if your POC has been "Approved" or "Denied".
- Whether your POC is "Approved" or "Denied", you have a maximum of 45 business days to correct all survey Deficiencies from the date of receipt of your Survey Report. If your POC is "Denied" it must be revised and resubmitted ASAP, as the 45 working day limit is in effect. Providers whose revised POC is denied will be referred to the IRC.
- The POC must be completed on the official QMB Survey Report and Plan of Correction Form, unless approved in advance by the POC Coordinator.
- The following Deficiencies must be corrected within the deadlines below (after receipt of your Survey Report):

    - CCHS and EAR: 10 working days
    - Medication errors: 10 working days
    - IMS system/training: 20 working days
    - ISP related documentation: 30 working days
    - DDSD Training 45 working days

- If you have questions about the POC process, call the QMB POC Coordinator, George Perrault at 505-222-8624 for assistance.
- For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your local DDSD Regional Office.
- Once your POC has been approved by QMB, the POC may not be altered or the dates changed.

- Requests for an extension or modification of your POC (post approval) must be made in writing and submitted to the POC Coordinator at QMB, and are approved on a case-by case basis.
- When submitting supporting documentation, organize your documents by Tag #s, and annotate or label each document using Individual #s.
- Do not submit original documents, copies are fine. Originals must be maintained in the agency/client file(s) as per DDSD Standards.
- Failure to submit, complete or implement your POC within the required timeframes will result in a referral to the IRC and the possible imposition of a $200 per day Civil Monetary Penalty until it is received, completed and/or implemented.

Attachment B

QMB Scope and Severity Matrix of survey results

Each deficiency in your Report of Findings is scored on a Scope and Severity Scale. The culmination of each deficiency's Scope and Severity is used to determine degree of compliance to standards and regulations and level of QMB Certification.

			SCOPE		
			Isolated 01% - 15%	**Pattern 16% - 79%**	**Widespread 80% - 100%**
SEVERITY	**High Impact**	Immediate Jeopardy to individual health and or safety	**J.**	**K.**	**L.**
		Actual harm	**G.**	**H.**	**I.**
	Medium Impact	No Actual Harm Potential for more than minimal harm	**D.**	**E.**	**F.** (3 or more)
			D. (2 or less)		**F.** (no conditions of participation)
	Low Impact	No Actual Harm Minimal potential for harm.	**A.**	**B.**	**C.**

Scope and Severity Definitions:

Key to Scope scale:

Isolated:
A deficiency that is limited to 1% to 15% of the sample, usually impacting no more than one or two individuals in the sample.

Pattern:
A deficiency that impacts a number or group of individuals from 16% to 79% of the sample is defined as a pattern finding. Pattern findings suggest the need for system wide corrective actions.

Widespread:
A deficiency that impacts most or all (80% to 100%) of the individuals in the sample is defined as widespread or pervasive. Widespread findings suggest the need for system wide corrective actions as well as the need to implement a Continuous Quality Improvement process to improve or build infrastructure. Widespread findings must be referred to the Internal Review Committee for review and possible actions or sanctions.

Key to Severity scale:

Low Impact Severity: (Blue)
Low level findings have no or minimal potential for harm to an individual. Providers that have no findings above a "C" level may receive a "Quality" Certification approval rating from QMB.

Medium Impact Severity: (Tan)
Medium level findings have a potential for harm to an individual. Providers that have no findings above a "F" level and/or no more than two F level findings and no F level Conditions of Participation may receive a "Merit" Certification approval rating from QMB.

High Impact Severity: (Green or Yellow)
High level findings are when harm to an individual has occurred. Providers that have no findings above "I" level may only receive a "Standard" Approval rating from QMB and will be referred to the IRC.

High Impact Severity: (Yellow)
"J, K, and L" Level findings:
This is a finding of Immediate Jeopardy. If a provider is found to have "I" level findings or higher, with an outcome of Immediate Jeopardy, including repeat findings or Conditions of Participation they will be referred to the Internal Review Committee.

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

Introduction:
Throughout the process, surveyors are openly communicating with providers. Open communication means that surveyors have clarified issues and/or requested missing information before completing the review. Regardless, there may still be instances where the provider disagrees with a specific finding.

To informally dispute a finding the provider must request in writing an Informal Reconsideration of the Finding (IRF) to the QMB Deputy Bureau Chief **within 10 working days** of receipt of the final report.

The written request for an IRF must be completed on the **QMB Request for Informal Reconsideration of Finding Form** (available on the QMB website) and must specify in detail the request for reconsideration and why the finding is inaccurate. The **IRF request must include all supporting documentation or evidence that was not previously reviewed during the survey process.**

The following limitations apply to the IRF process:

- The request for an IRF and all supporting evidence must be received in 10 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 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 Scope and Severity of a finding.
- 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 QMB Quality Approval Rating and the length of their DDSD provider contract.

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

QMB has 30 working days to complete the review and notify the provider of the decision. The request will be reviewed by the IRF committee. 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 successfully reconsidered, it will be noted and will be removed or modified from the report. 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.

Administrative Review Process:
If a Provider desires to challenge the decision of the IRF committee they may request an Administrative Review by the DHI and DDSD Director. The Request must be made in writing to the QMB Bureau Chief and received within 5 days of notification from the IRF decision.

Regarding IRC Sanctions:
The Informal Reconsideration of the Finding process is a separate process specific to QMB Survey Findings and should not be confused with any process associated with IRC Sanctions.

If a Provider desires to Dispute or Appeal an IRC Sanction that is a separate and different process. Providers may choose the Informal Dispute Resolution Process or the Formal Medicaid Fair Hearing Process to dispute or appeal IRC sanctions, please refer to the DOH Sanction policy and section 39 of the provider contract agreement.

Agency: **A Step Above Case Management, Metro Region**
Program: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service: Case Management
Monitoring Type: Routine
Date of Survey: **July 22 - 25, 2008**

Statute	Deficiency	Agency Plan of Correction and Responsible Party	Date Due
Tag # 1A08 Agency Case File	**Scope and Severity Rating: B**		
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. **D. Provider Agency Case File for the Individual:** All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the receiving agency whenever an individual changes providers. The record must also be made available for review when requested by DOH, HSD or federal government representatives for oversight purposes. The individual's case file shall include the following requirements: (1) Emergency contact information, including the individual's address, telephone number, names and telephone numbers of relatives, or guardian or conservator, physician's name(s) and telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address and telephone number, and health plan if appropriate; (2) The individual's complete and current	Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for 10 of 17 individuals. Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were missing, incomplete, and/or not current • Addendum A (# 5, 8, 9 & 15) • Health Assessment Tool (#16) • Hearing exam (#7, 8, 10 & 17) • Dental exam (#8 & 17) • Vision exam (#7 & 17) • Behavioral Support Plan (#15 & 16) • Speech Therapy Plan (#3, 5 & 13)		

ISP, with all supplemental plans specific to the individual, and the most current completed Health Assessment Tool (HAT); (3) Progress notes and other service delivery documentation; (4) Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plans, if there are any for the individual; (5) A medical history, which shall include at least demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability, psychiatric diagnoses, allergies (food, environmental, medications), immunizations, and most recent physical exam; (6) When applicable, transition plans completed for individuals at the time of discharge from Fort Stanton Hospital or Los Lunas Hospital and Training School; and (7) Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the individual upon request. (8) The receiving Provider Agency shall be provided at a minimum the following records whenever an individual changes provider agencies: (a) Complete file for the past 12 months; (b) ISP and quarterly reports from the current and prior ISP year; (c) Intake information from original admission to services; and (d) When applicable, the Individual Transition Plan at the time of discharge from Los Lunas Hospital and Training School or Ft. Stanton Hospital.			

Tag # 1A25 (CoP) CCHS	Scope and Severity Rating: E		
NMAC 7.1.9.9 **A. Prohibition on Employment:** A care provider shall not hire or continue the employment or contractual services of any applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver for whom the care provider has received notice of a disqualifying conviction, except as provided in Subsection B of this section. **NMAC 7.1.9.11** **DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS.** The following felony convictions disqualify an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver from employment or contractual services with a care provider: **A.** homicide; **B.** trafficking, or trafficking in controlled substances; **C.** kidnapping, false imprisonment, aggravated assault or aggravated battery; **D.** rape, criminal sexual penetration, criminal sexual contact, incest, indecent exposure, or other related felony sexual offenses; **E.** crimes involving adult abuse, neglect or financial exploitation; **F.** crimes involving child abuse or neglect; **G.** crimes involving robbery, larceny, extortion, burglary, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, credit card fraud, or receiving stolen property; or **H**. an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy involving any of the felonies in this subsection. Chapter 1.IV. General Provider Requirements. D. Criminal History Screening: All personnel shall be screened by the Provider Agency in regard to the employee's qualifications, references, and employment history, prior to employment. All Provider Agencies shall comply with the Criminal Records Screening for Caregivers 7.1.12 NMAC and Employee Abuse Registry 7.1.12 NMAC as required by the Department of Health, Division of Health Improvement.	Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain documentation indicating no "disqualifying convictions" or documentation of the timely submission of pertinent application information to the Caregiver Criminal History Screening Program was on file for 1 of 4 Agency Personnel. • #19 – Date of hire 3/1/2006		

Tag # 1A28 (CoP) Incident Mgt. System	Scope and Severity Rating: B		
NMAC 7.1.13.10 **INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:** **A. General:** All licensed health care facilities and community based service providers shall establish and maintain an incident management system, which emphasizes the principles of prevention and staff involvement. The licensed health care facility or community based service provider shall ensure that the incident management system policies and procedures requires all employees to be competently trained to respond to, report, and document incidents in a timely and accurate manner. E. **Consumer and Guardian Orientation Packet:** Consumers, family members and legal guardians shall be made aware of and have available immediate accessibility to the licensed health care facility and community based service provider incident reporting processes. The licensed health care facility and community based service provider shall provide consumers, family members or legal guardians an orientation packet to include incident management systems policies and procedural information concerning the reporting of abuse, neglect or misappropriation. The licensed health care facility and community based service provider shall include a signed statement indicating the date, time, and place they received their orientation packet to be contained in the consumer's file. The appropriate consumer, family member or legal guardian shall sign this at the time of orientation.	Based on record review and/or interview, the Agency failed to provide documentation indicating consumer, family members, or legal guardians had received an orientation packet including incident management system policies and procedural information concerning the reporting of abuse, neglect or exploitation for 7 of 17 individuals. • Parent/Guardian Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation Training (# 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15 & 16)		

Tag # 1A29 Complaints / Grievances	Scope and Severity Rating: A		
NMAC 7.26.3.6 A. These regulations set out rights that the department expects all providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities to respect. These regulations are intended to complement the department's Client Complaint Procedures (7 NMAC 26.4) [now 7.26.4 NMAC]. **NMAC 7.26.3.13 Client Complaint Procedure Available.** A complainant may initiate a complaint as provided in the client complaint procedure to resolve complaints alleging that a service provider has violated a client's rights as described in Section 10 [now 7.26.3.10 NMAC]. The department will enforce remedies for substantiated complaints of violation of a client's rights as provided in client complaint procedure. [09/12/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01] **NMAC 7.26.4.13 Complaint Process:** **A. (2).** The service provider's complaint or grievance procedure shall provide, at a minimum, that: **(a)** the client is notified of the service provider's complaint or grievance procedure	Based on record review, the Agency failed to provide documentation that the complaint procedure had been made available to individuals or their legal guardians for 4 of 17 individuals. • Grievance/Complaint Procedure (# 5, 6, 9 & 13)		

Tag # 4C04 - Assessment Activities	Scope and Severity Rating: D		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **CHAPTER 4 III. CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS** **B. Case Management Assessment Activities:** Assessment activities shall include but are not limited to the following requirements: (1) Complete and compile the elements of the Long Term Care Assessment Abstract (LTCAA) packet to include: (a) LTCAA form (MAD 378); (b) Comprehensive Individual Assessment (CIA); (c) Current physical exam and medical/clinical history; (d) Norm-referenced adaptive behavioral assessment; and (e) A copy of the Allocation Letter (initial submission only). (2) Prior to service delivery, obtain a copy of the Medical Assistant Worker (MAW) letter to verify that the county Income Support Division (ISD) office of the Human Services Department (HSD) has completed a determination that the individual meets financial and medical eligibility to participate in the DD Waiver program. (3) Provide a copy of the MAW letter to service providers listed on the ISP budget (MAD 046).	Based on record review the agency failed to complete and compile the elements of the Long Tem Care Assessment Abstract packet for 3 of 17 agency files. The following items were missing, not current or not found: • Level of Care (#9 & 16) • Client Individual Assessment (#16) • History and Physical (#8 & 16)		

Tag # 4C08 - ISP Development Process - Code of Ethics	Scope and Severity Rating: B		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **CHAPTER 4 III. CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS** **F. Case Manager ISP Development Process:** (4) The Case Manager will advise the individual of his or her rights and responsibilities related to receipt of services, applicable federal and state laws and guidelines, DOH policies and procedures pertaining to the development and implementation of the ISP, confidentiality, abuse, neglect, exploitation, and appropriate grievance and appeal procedures. In addition, the Case Manager shall provide the individual and/or guardian with a copy of the Case Management Code of Ethics at this time.	Based on record review, the Agency failed to provide the individual and/or guardian with a copy of the Case Management Code of Ethics for 5 of 17. • Code of Ethics (# 5, 6, 8, 13 & 15)		

Tag # 4C09 - Secondary FOC	Scope and Severity Rating: A		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **CHAPTER 4 III. CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS** **G. Secondary Freedom of Choice Process** (1) The Case Management Provider Agency will ensure that it maintains a current Secondary Freedom of Choice (FOC) form that includes all service providers offering services in that region. (2) The Case Manager will present the Secondary FOC form to the individual or authorized representative for selection of direct service providers. (3) At least annually, at the time rights and responsibilities are reviewed, individuals and guardians served will be reminded that they may change providers at any time, as well as change types of services. At this time, Case Managers shall offer to review the current Secondary FOC list with individuals and guardians served. If they are interested in changing, a new FOC shall be completed.	Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain a current Secondary Freedom of Choices for 1 of 17 individuals. The following Secondary Freedom of Choice was not found: • Physical Therapy (#4)		

Tag # 4C15 - QA Requirements	Scope and Severity Rating: B		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **CHAPTER 4 IV. CASE MANAGEMENT PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS** **C. Quality Assurance Requirements:** Case Management Provider Agencies will use an Internal Quality Assurance and Improvement Plan that must be submitted to and reviewed by the Statewide Case Management Coordinator, that shall include but is not limited to the following: (1) Case Management Provider Agencies are to: (a) Use a formal ongoing monitoring protocol that provides for the evaluation of quality, effectiveness and continued need for services and supports provided to the individual. This protocol shall be written and its implementation documented. (b) Assure that reports and ISPs meet required timelines and include required content. (c) Conduct a quarterly review of progress reports from service providers to verify that the individual's desired outcomes and action plans remain appropriate and realistic. (i) If the service providers' quarterly reports are not received by the Case Management Provider Agency within fourteen (14) days following the end of the quarter, the Case Management Provider Agency is to contact the service provider in writing requesting the report within one week from that date. (ii) If the quarterly report is not received within one week of the written request, the Case Management Provider Agency is to contact the respective DDSD Regional Office in writing within one business day for assistance in obtaining required reports.	Based on record review the Agency failed to assure that reports and ISPs meet required timelines and include the required content for 5 of 17 individuals. The following quarterly/bi-annual reports were not found: • Community Living Quarterly Reports: ° Individual #1 (7/2007 – 12/2007) ° Individual #8 (12/2007 – 6/2008) • Adult Habilitation Quarterly Reports: ° Individual #17 (1/2008 - 6/2008) • Behavioral Therapy Quarterly Reports: ° Individual #12 (9/2007 – 2/2008) ° Individual #16 (1/2008 – 6/2008) • Occupational Therapy Six Month Bi-Annual Reports: ° Individual #1 (July 2008)		

(d) Assure at least quarterly that Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plans are in place in the residence and at the Provider Agency of the Day Services for all individuals who have chronic medical condition(s) with potential for life threatening complications and/or who have behavioral challenge(s) that pose a potential for harm to themselves or others. (e) Assure at least quarterly that a current Health Care Plan (HCP) is in place in the residence and day service site for individuals who receive Community Living or Day Services and who have a HAT score of 4, 5, or 6. During face-to-face visits and review of quarterly reports, the Case Manager is required to verify that the Health Care Plan is being implemented. (f) Assure that Community Living Services are delivered in accordance with standards, including responsibility of the IDT Members to plan for at least 30 hours per week of planned activities outside the residence. If this is not possible due to the needs of the individual, a goal shall be developed that focuses on appropriate levels of community integration. These activities do not need to be limited to paid supports but may include independent or leisure activities appropriate to the individual. (g) Perform annual satisfaction surveys with individuals regarding case management services. A copy of the summary is due each December 10th to the respective DDSD Regional Office, along with a description of actions taken to address suggestions and problems identified in the survey. (h) Maintain regular communication with all providers delivering services and products			

to the individual. (i) Establish and implement a written grievance procedure. (j) Notify appropriate supervisory personnel within the Provider Agency if concerns are noted during monitoring or assessment activities related to any of the above requirements. If such concerns are not remedied by the Provider Agency within a reasonable mutually agreed period of time, the concern shall be reported in writing to the respective DDSD Regional Office and/or DHI as appropriate to the nature of the concern. This does not preclude Case Managers' obligations to report abuse, neglect or exploitation as required by New Mexico Statute. (k) Utilize and submit the "Request for DDSD Regional Office Intervention" form as needed, such as when providers are not responsive in addressing a quality assurance concern. The Case Management Provider Agency is required to keep a copy in the individual's file.			

ADDITIONAL FINDINGS: Reimbursement Deficiencies

BILLING
TAG #1A12

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 Chapter 1. III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION

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:

(1) Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;
(2) A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and
(3) The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.

Billing for Case Management services was reviewed for 17 of 17 individuals. Progress notes and billing records supported billing activities for the months of March, April and May 2008.