Date: October 4, 2019
To: Carol Lynn Montoya-Herrera, Executive Director

Provider: Expressions of Life Inc.
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City, State, Zip: Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120
E-mail Address: carolh@expressionsoflifeinc.com
Region: Metro
Survey Date: August 23 – 29, 2019

Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed: 2018: Family Living, Customized In-Home Supports
Survey Type: Routine
Team Leader: Beverly Estrada, ADN, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau
Team Member: Lora Norby, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Wolf Kruemark, BFA, Healthcare Surveyor Supervisor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Kayla Benally, BSW, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Elisa Alford, MSW, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Heather Driscoll, AA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Monica Valdez, BS, Healthcare Surveyor Advanced/Plan of Correction Coordinator, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Monica deHerrera-Pardo, LBSW, MCJ, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Dear Carol Lynn Montoya-Herrera;

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

**Determination of Compliance:**

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

*Partial Compliance with Standard Level Tags and Conditions of Participation Level Tags:* This determination is based on noncompliance with one to five (1 – 5) Condition of Participation Level Tags (*refer to Attachment D for details*). The attached QMB Report of Findings indicates Standard Level and Condition of Participation Level deficiencies identified and requires completion and implementation of a Plan of Correction.

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The following tags are identified as Condition of Participation Level:

- Tag # LS14 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)
- Tag # 1A09.2 Medication Delivery Nurse Approval for PRN Medication

The following tags are identified as Standard Level:

- Tag #1A32 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan Implementation
- Tag #1A32.1 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan Implementation (Not completed at frequency)
- Tag # 1A32.2 Individual Service Plan Implementation (Residential Implementation)
- Tag # 1A38 Living Care Arrangement / Community Inclusion Reporting Requirements
- Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency
- Tag # 1A37 Individual Specific Training
- Tag # LS06 Family Living Requirements
- Tag # IH32 Customized In-Home Supports Reimbursement

**Plan of Correction:**
The attached Report of Findings identifies the deficiencies found during your agency’s on-site 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.

You were provided information during the exit meeting portion of your on-site survey. Please refer to this information (Attachment A) for specific instruction on completing your Plan of Correction. At a minimum your Plan of Correction should address the following for each Tag cited:

**Corrective Action for Current Citation:**
- How is the deficiency going to be corrected? (i.e. obtained documents, retrain staff, individuals and/or staff no longer in service, void/adjusts completed, etc.) This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction, i.e. all documents will be requested and filed as appropriate.

**On-going Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Processes:**
- What is going to be done on an ongoing basis? (i.e. file reviews, etc.)
- How many individuals is this going to effect? (i.e. percentage of individuals reviewed, number of files reviewed, etc.)
- How often will this be completed? (i.e. weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc.)
- Who is responsible? (responsible position within your agency)
- What steps will be taken if issues are found? (i.e. retraining, requesting documents, filing RORA, etc.)
- How is this integrated in your agency’s QIS, QI Committee reviews and annual report?

**Submission of your Plan of Correction:**
Please submit your agency’s Plan of Correction in the available space on the two right-hand 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: Monica Valdez, Plan of Correction Coordinator**
   5301 Central Ave NE Suite 400, Albuquerque, New Mexico 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.

Billing Deficiencies:
If you have deficiencies noted in this report of findings under the Service Domain: Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement, you must complete a "Void/Adjust" claim or remit the identified overpayment via a check within 30 calendar days of the date of this letter to HSD/OIG/PIU, though this is not the preferred method of payment. If you choose to pay via check, please include a copy of this letter with the payment. Make the check payable to the New Mexico Human Services Department and mail to:

Attention: Lisa Medina-Lujan  
HSD/OIG/Program Integrity Unit  
1474 Rodeo Road  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

If you have questions and would like to speak with someone at HSD/OIG/PIU, please contact:

Lisa Medina-Lujan (Lisa.medina-lujan@state.nm.us)  
OR  
Jennifer Goble (Jennifer.goble2@state.nm.us)

Please be advised that there is a one-week lag period for applying payments received by check to Void/Adjust claims. During this lag period, your other claim payments may be applied to the amount you owe even though you have sent a refund, reducing your payment amount. For this reason, we recommend that you allow the system to recover the overpayment instead of sending in a check.

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:

ATTN: QMB Bureau Chief  
Request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings  
5301 Central Ave NE Suite #400  
Albuquerque, NM  87108  
Attention: IRF request/QMB

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 Monica Valdez at 505-273-1930 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,

_Beverly Estrada, ADN_

Beverly Estrada, ADN  
Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor  
Division of Health Improvement  
Quality Management Bureau
Survey Process Employed:

Administrative Review Start Date: August 23, 2019

Contact: **Expressions of Life Inc.**
Carol Lynn Montoya-Herrera, Executive Director

**DOH/DHI/QMB**
Beverly Estrada, AND, Team Lead / Healthcare Surveyor

On-site Entrance Conference Date: August 26, 2019

Present: **Expressions of Life Inc.**:
Elaine Gabaldon, Service Coordinator
Ashley Vigil, Administrative Assistant
Anthony Gonzales, Service Coordinator
MaryJean Gonzales, QA Clerk
JoAnn Gonzales, Program Manager / Service Coordinator
Carol Lynn Herrera, Executive Director

**DOH/DHI/QMB**
Beverly Estrada, ADN, Team Lead / Healthcare Surveyor
Monica Valdez, BS, Healthcare Surveyor Advanced / Plan of Correction Coordinator
Elisa Alford, MSW, Healthcare Surveyor
Kayla Benally, BSW, Healthcare Surveyor
Heather Driscoll, AA, Healthcare Surveyor
Monica deHerrera-Pardo, LBSW, MCJ, Healthcare Surveyor

Exit Conference Date: August 29, 2019

Present: **Expressions of Life Inc.**
James Herrera, Owner
Mary Jean Gonzales, QA Clerk
JoAnn Gonzales, Program Manager / Service Coordinator
Ashley Vigil, Administrative Assistant
Carol Lynn M. Herrera, Executive Director
Mary A. DeBerry, Registered Nurse
Anthony Gonzales, Service Coordinator
Gerardo Espino, Trainer

**DOH/DHI/QMB**
Beverly Estrada, ADN, Team Lead / Healthcare Surveyor
Wolf Krusemark, BFA, Healthcare Surveyor Supervisor
Kayla Benally, BSW, Healthcare Surveyor
Heather Driscoll, AA, Healthcare Surveyor
Monica deHerrera-Pardo, LBSW, MCJ, Healthcare Surveyor

**DDSD - Metro Regional Office**
Rosemary Williams, Social & Community Services Coordinator

Administrative Locations Visited 1

Total Sample Size 22

1 - Jackson Class Members
21 - Non-Jackson Class Members
Total Homes Visited 17.
  • Family Living Homes Visited 17

Persons Served Records Reviewed 22
Persons Served Interviewed 17
Persons Served Not Seen and/or Not Available 5
Direct Support Personnel Interviewed 19
Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed 107 \(1\) DSP also performs dual duties as Sub Care
Substitute Care/Respite Personnel Records Reviewed 103 \(1\) Sub Care performs dual duties as DSP
Service Coordinator Records Reviewed 2
Nurse Interview 1

Administrative Processes and Records Reviewed:
  • Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement Records for all Services Provided
  • Accreditation Records
  • Oversight of Individual Funds
  • Individual Medical and Program Case Files, including, but not limited to:
    o Individual Service Plans
    o Progress on Identified Outcomes
    o Healthcare Plans
    o Medication Administration Records
    o Medical Emergency Response Plans
    o Therapy Evaluations and Plans
    o Healthcare Documentation Regarding Appointments and Required Follow-Up
    o Other Required Health Information
  • Internal Incident Management Reports and System Process / General Events Reports
  • Personnel Files, including nursing and subcontracted staff
  • Staff Training Records, Including Competency Interviews with Staff
  • Agency Policy and Procedure Manual
  • Caregiver Criminal History Screening Records
  • Consolidated Online Registry/Employee Abuse Registry
  • Human Rights Committee Notes and Meeting Minutes
  • Evacuation Drills of Residences and Service Locations
  • Quality Assurance / Improvement Plan

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

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Attachment A

Provider Instructions for Completing the QMB Plan of Correction (POC) Process

Introduction:
After a QMB Compliance Survey, your QMB Report of Findings will be sent to you via e-mail.

Each provider must develop and implement a Plan of Correction (POC) that identifies specific quality assurance and quality improvement activities the agency will implement to correct deficiencies and prevent continued deficiencies and non-compliance.

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

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

If you have questions about the Plan of Correction process, call the Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-273-1930 or email at MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us. Requests for technical assistance must be requested through your Regional DDSD Office.

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

Instructions for Completing Agency POC:

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

If a deficiency has already been corrected since the on-site survey, 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 following details should be considered when developing your Plan of Correction:

The Plan of Correction must address each deficiency cited in the Report of Findings unless otherwise noted with a “No Plan of Correction Required statement.” The Plan of Correction must address the five (5) areas listed below:

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 those individuals in similar situations.
3. What Quality Assurance measures will be put into place and what systemic changes made to ensure the deficient practice will not recur.
4. Indicate how the agency plans to monitor its performance to make certain solutions are sustained. The agency must develop a QA plan for ensuring correction is achieved and sustained. This QA plan must be implemented, and the corrective action is evaluated for its effectiveness. The plan of correction is integrated into the agency quality assurance system; and
5. Include dates when corrective actions will be completed. The corrective action completion dates must be acceptable to the State.
The following details should be considered when developing your Plan of Correction:

- Details about how and when Individual Served, agency personnel and administrative and service delivery site 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 to service sites, as they are being used, and after they are completed;
- Your processes for ensuring that all required agency personnel are trained on required DDSD required trainings;
- How accuracy in billing/reimbursement documentation is assured;
- How health, safety is assured;
- For Case Management providers, how Individual Service Plans are reviewed to verify they meet requirements, how the timeliness of level of care (LOC) packet submissions and consumer visits are tracked;
- Your process for gathering, analyzing and responding to quality data indicators; and,
- Details about Quality Targets in various areas, current status, analyses about why targets were not met, and remedies implemented.

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

Completion Dates

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

Initial Submission of the Plan of Correction Requirements

1. The Plan of Correction must be completed on the official QMB Survey Report of Findings/Plan of Correction Form and received by QMB within ten (10) business days from the date you received the report of findings.
2. For questions about the POC process, call the POC Coordinator, Monica Valdez at 505-273-1930 or email at MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your Regional DDSD Office.
4. Submit your POC to Monica Valdez, POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
   a. Electronically at MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us (preferred method)
   b. Fax to 505-222-8661, or
   c. Mail to POC Coordinator, 5301 Central Ave NE Suite 400, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108
5. Do not submit supporting documentation (evidence of compliance) to QMB until after your POC has been approved by the QMB.
6. QMB will notify you when your POC has been “approved” or “denied.”
   a. During this time, whether your POC is “approved,” or “denied,” you will have a maximum of 45-business days from the date of receipt of your Report of Findings to correct all survey deficiencies.
   b. If your POC is denied, it must be revised and resubmitted as soon as possible, as the 45-business day limit is in effect.
   c. If your POC is denied a second time your agency may be referred to the Internal Review Committee.
   d. You will receive written confirmation when your POC has been approved by QMB and a final deadline for completion of your POC.
   e. Please note that all POC correspondence will be sent electronically unless otherwise requested.
7. Failure to submit your POC within 10 business days without prior approval of an extension by QMB will result in a referral to the Internal Review Committee and the possible implementation of monetary penalties and/or sanctions.
POC Document Submission Requirements

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

1. Your internal documents are due within a maximum of 45-business days of receipt of your Report of Findings.
2. It is preferred that you submit your documents via USPS or other carrier (scanned and saved to CD/DVD disc, flash drive, etc.). If documents containing HIPAA Protected Health Information (PHI) documents must be submitted through S-Comm (Therap), Fax or Postal System, do not send PHI directly to NMDOH email accounts. If the documents do not contain protected Health information (PHI) then you may submit your documents electronically scanned and attached to e-mails.
3. All submitted documents must be annotated; please be sure the tag numbers and Identification numbers are indicated on each document submitted. Documents which are not annotated with the Tag number and Identification number may not be accepted.
4. Do not submit original documents; Please provide copies or scanned electronic files for evidence. Originals must be maintained in the agency file(s) per DDSD Standards.
5. In lieu of some documents, you may submit copies of file or home audit forms that clearly indicate cited deficiencies have been corrected, other attestations of correction must be approved by the Plan of Correction Coordinator prior to their submission.
6. When billing deficiencies are cited, you must provide documentation to justify billing and/or void and adjust forms submitted to Xerox State Healthcare, LLC for the deficiencies cited in the Report of Findings.

Revisions, Modifications or Extensions to your Plan of Correction (post QMB approval) must be made in writing and submitted to the Plan of Correction Coordinator, prior to the due date and are approved on a case-by-case basis. No changes may be made to your POC or the timeframes for implementation without written approval of the POC Coordinator.
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 other state and federal regulations. For the purpose of the LCA / CI survey the CMS waiver assurances have been grouped into four (4) Service Domains: Plan of Care (ISP Implementation); 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 Assurance 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 during the on-site survey process and as reported in the QMB Report of Findings. All areas reviewed by QMB have been agreed to by DDSD and DHI/QMB and are reflective of CMS requirements. 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.

Each deficiency in your Report of Findings has been predetermined to be a Standard Level Deficiency, a Condition of Participation Level Deficiency, if below 85% compliance or a non-negotiable Condition of Participation Level Deficiency. Your Agency’s overall Compliance Determination is based on a Scope and Severity Scale which takes into account the number of Standard and Condition Level Tags cited as well as the percentage of Individuals affected in the sample.

Conditions of Participation (CoPs)

CoPs are based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Home and Community-Based Waiver required assurances, in addition to the New Mexico Developmental Disability Waiver (DDW) Service Standards. The Division of Health Improvement (DHI), in conjunction with the Developmental Disability Support Division (DDSD), has identified certain deficiencies that have the potential to be a Condition of Participation Level, if the tag falls below 85% compliance based on the number of people affected. Additionally, there are what are called non-negotiable Conditions of Participation, regardless if one person or multiple people are affected. In this context, a CoP is defined as an essential / fundamental regulation or standard, which when out of compliance directly affects the health and welfare of the Individuals served. If no deficiencies within a Tag are at the level of a CoP, it is cited as a Standard Level Deficiency.

Service Domains and CoPs for Living Care Arrangements and Community Inclusion are as follows:

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

- **Potential Condition of Participation Level Tags, if compliance is below 85%:**
  - 1A08.3 – Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan / ISP Components
  - 1A32 – Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan Implementation
  - LS14 – Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)
  - IS14 – CCS / CIES Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)

**Service Domain: Qualified Providers** - The State monitors non-licensed/non-certified providers to assure adherence to waiver requirements. The State implements its policies and procedures for verifying that provider training is conducted in accordance with State requirements and the approved waiver.

- **Potential Condition of Participation Level Tags, if compliance is below 85%:**
  - 1A20 - Direct Support Personnel Training
Non-Negotiable Condition of Participation Level Tags (one or more Individuals are cited):

- 1A25.1 – Caregiver Criminal History Screening
- 1A26.1 – Consolidated On-line Registry Employee Abuse Registry

Service Domain: Health, Welfare and Safety - 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.

Potential Condition of Participation Level Tags, if compliance is below 85%:

- 1A08.2 – Administrative Case File: Healthcare Requirements & Follow-up
- 1A09 – Medication Delivery Routine Medication Administration
- 1A09.1 – Medication Delivery PRN Medication Administration
- 1A15.2 – Administrative Case File: Healthcare Documentation (Therap and Required Plans)

Non-Negotiable Condition of Participation Level Tags (one or more Individuals are cited):

- 1A05 – General Requirements / Agency Policy and Procedure Requirements
- 1A07 – Social Security Income (SSI) Payments
- 1A09.2 – Medication Delivery Nurse Approval for PRN Medication
- 1A15 – Healthcare Documentation - Nurse Availability
- 1A31 – Client Rights/Human Rights
- LS25.1 – Residential Reqts. (Physical Environment - Supported Living / Family Living / Intensive Medical Living)
Attachment C

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

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

Instructions:
1. The Informal Reconsideration of the Finding (IRF) request must be received in writing to the QMB Bureau Chief within 10 business days of receipt of the final Report of Findings (Note: No extensions are granted for the IRF).
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: https://nmhealth.org/about/dhi/cbp/irf/
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 IRF process, email the IRF Chairperson, Valerie V. Valdez at valerie.valdez@state.nm.us for assistance.

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

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

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

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

**Compliance:**

The QMB determination of *Compliance* indicates that a provider has either no deficiencies found during a survey or that no deficiencies at the Condition of Participation Level were found. 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*, the provider must have received no Conditions of Participation Level Deficiencies and have a minimal number of Individuals on the sample affected by the findings indicated in the Standards Level Tags.

**Partial-Compliance with Standard Level Tags:**

The QMB determination of *Partial-Compliance with Standard Level Tags* indicates that a provider is in compliance with all Condition of Participation Level deficiencies but is out of compliance with a certain percentage of Standard Level deficiencies. This partial-compliance, if not corrected, may result in a negative outcome or the potential for more than minimal harm to individuals' health and safety. There are two ways to receive a determination of Partial Compliance with Standard Level Tags:

1. Your Report of Findings includes 16 or fewer Standards Level Tags with between 75% and 100% of the survey sample affected in any tag.
2. Your Report of Findings includes 17 or more Standard Level Tags with between 50% to 74% of the survey sample affected in any tag.

**Partial-Compliance with Standard Level Tags and Condition of Participation Level Tags:**

The QMB determination of *Partial-Compliance with Standard Level Tags and Condition of Participation Level Tags* indicates that a provider is out of compliance with one to five (1 – 5) Condition of Participation Level Tags. 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.

**Non-Compliance:**

The QMB determination of *Non-Compliance* indicates a provider is significantly out of compliance with both Standard Level deficiencies and Conditions of Participation level deficiencies. 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. There are three ways an agency can receive a determination of Non-Compliance:

1. Your Report of Findings includes 17 or more total Tags with 0 to 5 Condition of Participation Level Tags with 75% to 100% of the survey sample affected in any Condition of Participation Level tag.
2. Your Report of Findings includes any amount of Standard Level Tags with 6 or more Condition of Participation Level Tags.
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**“Non-Compliance”**

- Any Amount of Standard Level Tags and 6 or more Conditions of Participation Level Tags.

**“Partial Compliance with Standard Level tags and Condition of Participation Level Tags”**

- Any Amount Standard Level Tags, plus 1 to 5 Conditions of Participation Level tags.

**“Partial Compliance with Standard Level tags”**

- up to 16 Standard Level Tags with 75 to 100% of the individuals in the sample cited in any tag.
- 17 or more Standard Level Tags with 50 to 74% of the individuals in the sample cited any tag.

**“Compliance”**

- Up to 16 Standard Level Tags with 0 to 74% of the individuals in the sample cited in any tag.
- 17 or more Standard Level Tags with 0 to 49% of the individuals in the sample cited in any tag.
### Standard of Care

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

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Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and Client Records

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Based on residential record review, the Agency did not implement the ISP according to the timelines determined by the IDT and as specified in the ISP for each stated desired outcome and action plan for 2 of 17 individuals.

As indicated by Individual's ISP the following was found with regards to the implementation of ISP Outcomes:

**Family Living Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:**

- **Individual #7**
  - None found regarding: Live Outcome/Action Step: "... will check her phone for voice and text messages and learn how to access texts and voicemails" for 8/1 – 23, 2019. Action step is to be completed 1 time per week. (Date of home visit: 8/26/2019)

- **Individual #19**
  - None found regarding: Fun Outcome/Action Step: "Independently ... will take some time to write in her journal" for 8/1 – 26, 2019. Action step is to be completed 2 times per month. (Date of home visit: 8/27/2019)

**Provider:**

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### Standard Level Deficiency

Based on record review, the Agency did not complete written status reports as required for 12 of 22 individuals receiving Living Care Arrangements and Community Inclusion.

#### Family Living Semi-Annual Reports:


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**Chapter 19: Provider Reporting Requirements 19.5 Semi-Annual Reporting:**
The semi-annual report provides status updates to life circumstances, health, and progress


**Nursing Semi-Annual**


- **Individual #10** - Report not completed 14 days prior to the Annual ISP meeting. *(Term of ISP 5/1/2018 – 4/30/2019. Semi-Annual
toward ISP goals and/or goals related to professional and clinical services provided through the DD Waiver. This report is submitted to the CM for review and may guide actions taken by the person’s IDT if necessary. Semi-annual reports may be requested by DDSD for QA activities. Semi-annual reports are required as follows:

1. DD Waiver Provider Agencies, except AT, EMSP, Supplemental Dental, PRSC, SSE and Crisis Supports, must complete semi-annual reports.

2. A Respite Provider Agency must submit a semi-annual progress report to the CM that describes progress on the Action Plan(s) and Desired Outcome(s) when Respite is the only service included in the ISP other than Case Management, for an adult age 21 or older.

3. The first semi-annual report will cover the time from the start of the person’s ISP year until the end of the subsequent six-month period (180 calendar days) and is due ten calendar days after the period ends (190 calendar days).

4. The second semi-annual report is integrated into the annual report or professional assessment/annual re-evaluation when applicable and is due 14 calendar days prior to the annual ISP meeting.

5. Semi-annual reports must contain at a minimum written documentation of:
   a. the name of the person and date on each page;
   b. the timeframe that the report covers;
   c. timely completion of relevant activities from ISP Action Plans or clinical service goals during timeframe the report is covering;
   d. a description of progress towards Desired Outcomes in the ISP related to the service provided;
   e. a description of progress toward any service specific or treatment goals when


applicable (e.g. health related goals for nursing);
f. significant changes in routine or staffing if applicable;
g. unusual or significant life events, including significant change of health or behavioral health condition;
h. the signature of the agency staff responsible for preparing the report; and
i. any other required elements by service type that are detailed in these standards.
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maintaining the daily or other contact notes documenting the nature and frequency of service delivery, as well as data tracking only for the services provided by their agency.

6. The current Client File Matrix found in Appendix A Client File Matrix details the minimum requirements for records to be stored in agency office files, the delivery site, or with DSP while providing services in the community.

7. All records pertaining to JCMs must be retained permanently and must be made available to DDSD upon request, upon the termination or expiration of a provider agreement, or upon provider withdrawal from services.

20.5.3 Health Passport and Physician Consultation Form: All Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies must use the Health Passport and Physician Consultation form from the Therap system. This standardized document contains individual, physician and emergency contact information, a complete list of current medical diagnoses, health and safety risk factors, allergies, and information regarding insurance, guardianship, and advance directives. The Health Passport also includes a standardized form to use at medical appointments called the Physician Consultation form. The Physician Consultation form contains a list of all current medications. Requirements for the Health Passport and Physician Consultation form are:

2. The Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies must ensure that a current copy of the Health Passport and Physician Consultation forms are printed and available at all service delivery sites. Both forms must be reprinted and placed at all service delivery sites each time the e-CHAT is updated for any reason and whenever there is a change to contact information contained in the IDF.
### Chapter 13: Nursing Services: 13.2.9
**Healthcare Plans (HCP):**
1. At the nurse’s discretion, based on prudent nursing practice, interim HCPs may be developed to address issues that must be implemented immediately after admission, readmission or change of medical condition to provide safe services prior to completion of the e-CHAT and formal care planning process. This includes interim ARM plans for those persons newly identified at moderate or high risk for aspiration. All interim plans must be removed if the plan is no longer needed or when final HCP including CARMPs are in place to avoid duplication of plans.
2. In collaboration with the IDT, the agency nurse is required to create HCPs that address all the areas identified as required in the most current e-CHAT summary.

### 13.2.10 Medical Emergency Response Plan (MERP):
1. The agency nurse is required to develop a Medical Emergency Response Plan (MERP) for all conditions marked with an “R” in the e-CHAT summary report. The agency nurse should use her/his clinical judgment and input from the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) to determine whether shown as "C" in the e-CHAT summary report or other conditions also warrant a MERP.
2. MERPs are required for persons who have one or more conditions or illnesses that present a likely potential to become a life-threatening situation.
### Service Domain: Qualified Providers
The State monitors non-licensed/non-certified providers to assure adherence to waiver requirements. The State implements its policies and procedures for verifying that provider training is conducted in accordance with State requirements and the approved waiver.

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<td>Chapter 13: Nursing Services 13.2.11 Training and Implementation of Plans:</td>
<td>When DSP were asked, if the Individual had Diabetes, the following was reported:</td>
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<td>1. RNs and LPNs are required to provide Individual Specific Training (IST) regarding HCPs and MERPs.</td>
<td>• DSP #710 stated, &quot;I'm not aware of that.&quot; As indicated by the Individual Specific Training section of the ISP Residential staff are required to receive training. (Individual #9)</td>
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<td>2. The agency nurse is required to deliver and document training for DSP/DSS regarding the healthcare interventions/strategies and MERPs that the DSP are responsible to implement, clearly indicating level of competency achieved by each trainee as described in Chapter 17.10 Individual-Specific Training.</td>
<td>When DSP were asked, what steps are you to take in the event of a medication error, the following was reported:</td>
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<td>Chapter 17: Training Requirement 17.10 Individual-Specific Training: The following are elements of IST: defined standards of performance, curriculum tailored to teach skills and knowledge necessary to meet those standards of performance, and formal examination or demonstration to verify standards of performance, using the established DDSD training levels of awareness, knowledge, and skill.</td>
<td>• DSP #580 stated &quot;If it's after hours I would wait until the next day to contact the nurse, she has extra meds.&quot; (Individual #7)</td>
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<td>Reaching an awareness level may be accomplished by reading plans or other information. The trainee is cognizant of information related to a person’s specific condition. Verbal or written recall of basic information or knowing where to access the information can verify awareness.</td>
<td>When Direct Support Personnel were asked, what State Agency do you report suspected Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation, the following was reported:</td>
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<td>Reaching a knowledge level may take the form of observing a plan in action, reading a plan more thoroughly, or having a plan described by the author or their designee. Verbal or written</td>
<td>• DSP #710 stated, &quot;Expressions of Life.&quot; Staff was not able to identify the State Agency as Division of Health Improvement.</td>
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Reaching a **skill level** involves being trained by a therapist, nurse, designated or experienced designated trainer. The trainer shall demonstrate the techniques according to the plan. Then they observe and provide feedback to the trainee as they implement the techniques. This should be repeated until competence is demonstrated. Demonstration of skill or observed implementation of the techniques or strategies verifies skill level competence. Trainees should be observed on more than one occasion to ensure appropriate techniques are maintained and to provide additional coaching/feedback. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified Provider Agency personnel who must successfully complete IST requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the ISP of each person supported.

1. IST must be arranged and conducted at least annually. IST includes training on the ISP Desired Outcomes, Action Plans, strategies, and information about the person’s preferences regarding privacy, communication style, and routines. More frequent training may be necessary if the annual ISP changes before the year ends.
2. IST for therapy-related WDSI, HCPs, MERPs, CARMPs, PBSA, PBSP, and BCIP, must occur at least annually and more often if plans change, or if monitoring by the plan author or agency finds incorrect implementation, when new DSP or CM are assigned to work with a person, or when an existing DSP or CM requires a refresher.
3. The competency level of the training is based on the IST section of the ISP.
4. The person should be present for and involved in IST whenever possible.
5. Provider Agencies are responsible for
tracking of IST requirements.
6. Provider Agencies must arrange and ensure that DSP’s are trained on the contents of the plans in accordance with timelines indicated in the Individual-Specific Training Requirements: Support Plans section of the ISP and notify the plan authors when new DSP are hired to arrange for trainings.
7. If a therapist, BSC, nurse, or other author of a plan, healthcare or otherwise, chooses to designate a trainer, that person is still responsible for providing the curriculum to the designated trainer. The author of the plan is also responsible for ensuring the designated trainer is verifying competency in alignment with their curriculum, doing periodic quality assurance checks with their designated trainer, and re-certifying the designated trainer at least annually and/or when there is a change to a person’s plan.
Tag # 1A37 Individual Specific Training

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<td>Review of personnel records found no evidence of the following:</td>
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<td><strong>Direct Support Personnel (DSP):</strong></td>
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<td>• Individual Specific Training (#563, 567, 703, 708, 709)</td>
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Chapter 17: Training Requirements: The purpose of this chapter is to outline requirements for completing, reporting and documenting DDSD training requirements for DD Waiver Provider Agencies as well as requirements for certified trainers or mentors of DDSD Core curriculum training.

17.1 Training Requirements for Direct Support Personnel and Direct Support Supervisors: Direct Support Personnel (DSP) and Direct Support Supervisors (DSS) include staff and contractors from agencies providing the following services: Supported Living, Family Living, CIHS, IMLS, CCS, CIE and Crisis Supports.

1. DSP/DSS must successfully:
   a. Complete IST requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the ISP of each person supported and as outlined in 17.10 Individual-Specific Training below.
   b. Complete training on DOH-approved ANE reporting procedures in accordance with NMAC 7.1.14
   c. Complete training in universal precautions. The training materials shall meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements
   d. Complete and maintain certification in First Aid and CPR. The training materials shall meet OSHA requirements/guidelines.
   e. Complete relevant training in accordance with OSHA requirements (if job involves exposure to hazardous chemicals).
   f. Become certified in a DDSD-approved system of crisis prevention and intervention (e.g., MANDT, Handle with Care, CPI) before using EPR. Agency DSP and DSS shall maintain certification in a DDSD-
approved system if any person they support has a BCIP that includes the use of EPR.
g. Complete and maintain certification in a DDSD-approved medication course if required to assist with medication delivery.
h. Complete training regarding the HIPAA.
2. Any staff being used in an emergency to fill in or cover a shift must have at a minimum the DDSD required core trainings and be on shift with a DSP who has completed the relevant IST.

17.10 Individual-Specific Training: The following are elements of IST: defined standards of performance, curriculum tailored to teach skills and knowledge necessary to meet those standards of performance, and formal examination or demonstration to verify standards of performance, using the established DDSD training levels of awareness, knowledge, and skill.

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5. Provider Agencies are responsible for tracking of IST requirements.

6. Provider Agencies must arrange and ensure that DSP’s are trained on the contents of the plans in accordance with timelines indicated in the Individual-Specific Training Requirements: Support Plans section of the ISP and notify the plan authors when new DSP are hired to arrange for trainings.

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17.10.1 IST Training Rosters: IST Training Rosters are required for all IST trainings:
1. IST Training Rosters must include:
   a. the name of the person receiving DD Waiver services;
   b. the date of the training;
   c. IST topic for the training;
   d. the signature of each trainee;
   e. the role of each trainee (e.g., CIHS staff, CIE staff, family, etc.); and
   f. the signature and title or role of the trainer.
2. A competency based training roster (required for CARMPs) includes all information above but also includes the level of training (awareness, knowledge, or skilled) the trainee has attained. (See Chapter 5.5 Aspiration Risk Management for more details about CARMPs.)
3. A copy of the training roster is submitted to the agency employing the staff trained within seven calendar days of the training date. The original is retained by the trainer.
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<td>Based on record review and interview, the Agency did not provide documentation of annual physical examinations and/or other examinations as specified by a licensed physician for 1 of 22 individuals receiving Living Care Arrangements and Community Inclusion. Review of the administrative individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:</td>
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and
d. recommendations made through a
Healthcare Plan (HCP), including a
Comprehensive Aspiration Risk
Management Plan (CARMP), or another
plan.

2. When the person/guardian disagrees
with a recommendation or does not agree
with the implementation of that
recommendation, Provider Agencies follow
the DCP and attend the meeting
coordinated by the CM. During this
meeting:
   a. Providers inform the person/guardian of
      the rationale for that recommendation,
      so that the benefit is made clear. This
      will be done in layman’s terms and will
      include basic sharing of information
designed to assist the person/guardian
with understanding the risks and benefits
of the recommendation.
   b. The information will be focused on the
      specific area of concern by the
      person/guardian. Alternatives should be
      presented, when available, if the guardian
      is interested in considering other options
      for implementation.
   c. Providers support the person/guardian to
      make an informed decision.
   d. The decision made by the
      person/guardian during the meeting is
      accepted; plans are modified; and the
      IDT honors this health decision in every
      setting.

Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and
Client Records: 20.2 Client Records
Requirements: All DD Waiver Provider
Agencies are required to create and maintain
individual client records. The contents of client
records vary depending on the unique needs of
the person receiving services and the resultant information produced. The extent of documentation required for individual client records per service type depends on the location of the file, the type of service being provided, and the information necessary.

DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to adhere to the following:

1. Client records must contain all documents essential to the service being provided and essential to ensuring the health and safety of the person during the provision of the service.
2. Provider Agencies must have readily accessible records in home and community settings in paper or electronic form. Secure access to electronic records through the Therap web based system using computers or mobile devices is acceptable.
3. Provider Agencies are responsible for ensuring that all plans created by nurses, RDs, therapists or BSCs are present in all needed settings.
4. Provider Agencies must maintain records of all documents produced by agency personnel or contractors on behalf of each person, including any routine notes or data, annual assessments, semi-annual reports, evidence of training provided/received, progress notes, and any other interactions for which billing is generated.
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Chapter 10: Living Care Arrangements (LCA)
Living Supports-Supported Living: 10.3.9.6.1 Monitoring and Supervision
4. Ensure and document the following:
   a. The person has a Primary Care Practitioner.
   b. The person receives an annual physical examination and other examinations as recommended by a Primary Care Practitioner or specialist.
   c. The person receives annual dental check-ups and other check-ups as recommended by a licensed dentist.
   d. The person receives a hearing test as recommended by a licensed audiologist.
   e. The person receives eye examinations as recommended by a licensed optometrist or
ophthalmologist.
5. Agency activities occur as required for follow-up activities to medical appointments (e.g., treatment, visits to specialists, and changes in medication or daily routine).

10.3.10.1 Living Care Arrangements (LCA)
Living Supports-IMLS: 10.3.10.2 General Requirements: 9. Medical services must be ensured (i.e., ensure each person has a licensed Primary Care Practitioner and receives an annual physical examination, specialty medical care as needed, and annual dental checkup by a licensed dentist).

Chapter 13 Nursing Services: 13.2.3 General Requirements:
1. Each person has a licensed primary care practitioner and receives an annual physical examination and specialty medical/dental care as needed. Nurses communicate with these providers to share current health information.
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<td>Individual #10 August 2019 Medication Administration Records contained missing entries. No documentation found indicating reason for missing entries:</td>
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<td>• Fiber Gummies (1 time daily) – Blank 8/27 (5:00 PM)</td>
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**Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and Client Records 20.6 Medication Administration Record (MAR):** A current Medication Administration Record (MAR) must be maintained in all settings where medications or treatments are delivered. Family Living Providers may opt not to use MARs if they are the sole provider who supports the person with medications or treatments. However, if there are services provided by unrelated DSP, ANS for Medication Oversight must be budgeted, and a MAR must be created and used by the DSP. Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies are responsible for:

1. Creating and maintaining either an electronic or paper MAR in their service setting. Provider Agencies may use the MAR in Therap, but are not mandated to do so.
2. Continually communicating any changes about medications and treatments between Provider Agencies to assure health and safety.
3. Including the following on the MAR:
   a. The name of the person, a transcription of the physician’s or licensed health care provider’s orders including the brand and generic names for all ordered routine and PRN medications or treatments, and the diagnoses for which the medications or treatments are prescribed;
   b. The prescribed dosage, frequency and method or route of administration; times and dates of administration for all ordered routine or PRN prescriptions or treatments; over the counter (OTC) or

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“comfort” medications or treatments and all self-selected herbal or vitamin therapy;
c. Documentation of all time limited or discontinued medications or treatments;
d. The initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication delivery and a signature page or electronic record that designates the full name corresponding to the initials;
e. Documentation of refused, missed, or held medications or treatments;
f. Documentation of any allergic reaction that occurred due to medication or treatments; and
g. For PRN medications or treatments:
i. instructions for the use of the PRN medication or treatment which must include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication or treatment is to be used and the number of doses that may be used in a 24-hour period;
ii. clear documentation that the DSP contacted the agency nurse prior to assisting with the medication or treatment, unless the DSP is a Family Living Provider related by affinity of consanguinity; and
iii. documentation of the effectiveness of the PRN medication or treatment.

Chapter 10 Living Care Arrangements
10.3.4 Medication Assessment and Delivery:
Living Supports Provider Agencies must support and comply with:
1. the processes identified in the DDSD AWMD training;
2. the nursing and DSP functions identified in the Chapter 13.3 Part 2- Adult Nursing
Services;
3. all Board of Pharmacy regulations as noted in
Chapter 16.5 Board of Pharmacy; and
4. documentation requirements in a
Medication Administration Record
(MAR) as described in Chapter 20.6
Medication Administration Record
(MAR).

NMAC 16.19.11.8 MINIMUM STANDARDS:
A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE
DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, HANDLING AND
RECORD KEEPING OF DRUGS:
(d) The facility shall have a Medication
Administration Record (MAR) documenting
medication administered to residents,
including over-the-counter medications.
This documentation shall include:
(i) Name of resident;
(ii) Date given;
(iii) Drug product name;
(iv) Dosage and form;
(v) Strength of drug;
(vi) Route of administration;
(vii) How often medication is to be taken;
(viii) Time taken and staff initials;
(ix) Dates when the medication is
discontinued or changed;
(x) The name and initials of all staff
administering medications.

Model Custodial Procedure Manual
D. Administration of Drugs
Unless otherwise stated by practitioner,
patients will not be allowed to administer their
own medications.
Document the practitioner’s order authorizing
the self-administration of medications.
All PRN (As needed) medications shall have
complete detail instructions regarding the
administering of the medication. This shall include:

- symptoms that indicate the use of the medication,
- exact dosage to be used, and
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Chapter 10 Living Care Arrangements
10.3.4 Medication Assessment and Delivery:
Living Supports Provider Agencies must support and comply with:
1. the processes identified in the DDSD AWMD training;
2. the nursing and DSP functions identified in the Chapter 13.3 Part 2- Adult Nursing

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(vi) Route of administration;
(vii) How often medication is to be taken;
(viii) Time taken and staff initials;
(ix) Dates when the medication is
       discontinued or changed;
(x) The name and initials of all staff
     administering medications.

Model Custodial Procedure Manual
D. Administration of Drugs
Unless otherwise stated by practitioner,
patients will not be allowed to administer their
own medications.
Document the practitioner’s order authorizing
the self-administration of medications.

All PRN (As needed) medications shall have
complete detail instructions regarding the
administering of the medication. This shall include:
- symptoms that indicate the use of the medication,
- exact dosage to be used, and
- the exact amount to be used in a 24-hour period.
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<td>Medication Administration Record (MAR): A current Medication Administration Record (MAR) must be maintained in all settings where medications or treatments are delivered. Family Living Providers may opt not to use MARs if they are the sole provider who supports the person with medications or treatments. However, if there are services provided by unrelated DSP, ANS for Medication Oversight must be budgeted, and a MAR must be created and used by the DSP. Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies are responsible for: 1. Creating and maintaining either an electronic or paper MAR in their service setting. Provider Agencies may use the MAR in Therap, but are not mandated to do so. 2. Continually communicating any changes about medications and treatments between Provider Agencies to assure health and safety. 7. Including the following on the MAR: a. The name of the person, a transcription of the physician’s or licensed health care provider’s orders including the brand and generic names for all ordered routine and PRN medications or treatments, and the diagnoses for which the medications or treatments are prescribed; b. The prescribed dosage, frequency and method or route of administration; times and dates of administration for all ordered routine or PRN prescriptions or treatments; over the counter (OTC) or</td>
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<td>Medication Administration Records (MAR) were reviewed for the months of July 2019 and August 2019. Based on record review, 1 of 22 individuals had PRN Medication Administration Records (MAR), which contained missing elements as required by standard: Individual #13 August 2019 No Effectiveness was noted on the Medication Administration Record for the following PRN medication: • Tylenol Extra Strength – PRN — 8/4 &amp; 11, 2019 (given 1 time)</td>
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“comfort” medications or treatments and all self-selected herbal or vitamin therapy;
c. Documentation of all time limited or discontinued medications or treatments;
d. The initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication delivery and a signature page or electronic record that designates the full name corresponding to the initials;
e. Documentation of refused, missed, or held medications or treatments;
f. Documentation of any allergic reaction that occurred due to medication or treatments; and
g. For PRN medications or treatments:
   i. instructions for the use of the PRN medication or treatment which must include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication or treatment is to be used and the number of doses that may be used in a 24-hour period;
   ii. clear documentation that the DSP contacted the agency nurse prior to assisting with the medication or treatment, unless the DSP is a Family Living Provider related by affinity of consanguinity; and
   iii. documentation of the effectiveness of the PRN medication or treatment.

Chapter 10 Living Care Arrangements
10.3.4 Medication Assessment and Delivery:
Living Supports Provider Agencies must support and comply with:
1. the processes identified in the DDSD AWMD training;
2. the nursing and DSP functions identified in the Chapter 13.3 Part 2-Adult.
Nursing Services;
3. all Board of Pharmacy regulations as noted in Chapter 16.5 Board of Pharmacy; and
4. documentation requirements in a Medication Administration Record (MAR) as described in Chapter 20.6 Medication Administration Record (MAR).
Tag # 1A09.2 Medication Delivery - Nurse Approval for PRN Medication

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Based on record review and interview, the Agency did not maintain documentation of PRN usage as required by standard for 2 of 22 Individuals.

Individual #17
August 2019
No documentation of the verbal authorization from the Agency nurse prior to each administration/assistance of PRN medication was found for the following PRN medication:
- Polyethylene Glycol – PRN – 7/1 – 31, 2019. (given 1 time daily)

Individual #22
August 2019
No documentation of the verbal authorization from the Agency nurse prior to each administration/assistance of PRN medication was found for the following PRN medication:
- Miralax Powder 17 grams – PRN – 8/2, 5, 9, 12, 15, 18, 20, & 28 (given 1 time daily)

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a. DSP contact with nurse prior to assisting with medication.
   i. The only exception to prior consultation with the agency nurse is to administer selected emergency medications as listed on the Publications section of the DOH-DDSD -Clinical Services Website https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/pgsv/clinical/.

b. Nursing instructions for use of the medication.
c. Nursing follow-up on the results of the PRN use.
d. When the nurse administers the PRN medication, the reasons why the medications were given and the person’s response to the medication.
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<td>Chapter 10: Living Care Arrangements (LCA) 10.3.8 Living Supports Family Living: 10.3.8.2 Family Living Agency Requirement 10.3.8.2.1 Monitoring and Supervision: Family Living Provider Agencies must: 1. Provide and document monthly face-to-face consultation in the Family Living home conducted by agency supervisors or internal service coordinators with the DSP and the person receiving services to include: a. reviewing implementation of the person’s ISP, Outcomes, Action Plans, and associated support plans, including HCPs, MERPs, PBSP, CARMP, WDSI; b. scheduling of activities and appointments and advising the DSP regarding expectations and next steps, including the need for IST or retraining from a nurse, nutritionist, therapists or BSC; and c. assisting with resolution of service or support issues raised by the DSP or observed by the supervisor, service coordinator, or other IDT members. 2. Monitor that the DSP implement and document progress of the AT inventory, physician and nurse practitioner orders, therapy, HCPs, PBSP, BCIP, PPMP, RMP, MERPs, and CARMPs. 10.3.8.2.2 Home Studies: Family Living Provider Agencies must complete all DDSD requirements for an approved home study prior to placement. After the initial home study, an updated home study must be completed annually. The home study must also be updated.</td>
<td>Based on record review, the Agency did not complete all DDSD requirements for approval of each direct support provider for 1 of 18 individuals. Review of the Agency files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: <strong>Family Living (Annual Update) Home Study:</strong> • Individual #4 - Not Found.</td>
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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 must be approved by DDSD and must comply with CMS settings requirements.
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<td><strong>Service Domain: Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement</strong> - State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver.</td>
<td>Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Customized In-Home Supports Reimbursement for 1 of 4 individuals.</td>
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<td>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019</td>
<td>Individual #9 July 2019 • The Agency billed 140 units of Customized In-Home Supports (S5125 HB UA) from 7/1/2019 through 7/31/2019. Documentation received accounted for 78 units.</td>
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<td><strong>Chapter 21: Billing Requirements:</strong> 21.4 Recording Keeping and Documentation Requirements: DD Waiver Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to demonstrate proper provision of services for Medicaid billing. At a minimum, Provider Agencies must adhere to the following: 1. The level and type of service provided must be supported in the ISP and have an approved budget prior to service delivery and billing. 2. Comprehensive documentation of direct service delivery must include, at a minimum: a. the agency name; b. the name of the recipient of the service; c. the location of the service; d. the date of the service; e. the type of service; f. the start and end times of the service; g. the signature and title of each staff member who documents their time; and h. the nature of services. 3. A Provider Agency that receives payment for treatment, services, or goods must retain all medical and business records for a period of at least six years from the last payment date, until ongoing audits are settled, or until involvement of the state Attorney General is completed regarding settlement of any claim, whichever is longer. 4. A Provider Agency that receives payment for treatment, services or goods must retain all medical and business records relating to any of</td>
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the following for a period of at least six years from the payment date:
   a. treatment or care of any eligible recipient;
   b. services or goods provided to any eligible recipient;
   c. amounts paid by MAD on behalf of any eligible recipient; and
   d. any records required by MAD for the administration of Medicaid.

21.9 Billable Units: The unit of billing depends on the service type. The unit may be a 15-minute interval, a daily unit, a monthly unit or a dollar amount. The unit of billing is identified in the current DD Waiver Rate Table. Provider Agencies must correctly report service units.

21.9.1 Requirements for Daily Units: For services billed in daily units, Provider Agencies must adhere to the following:
1. A day is considered 24 hours from midnight to midnight.
2. If 12 or fewer hours of service are provided, then one-half unit shall be billed. A whole unit can be billed if more than 12 hours of service is provided during a 24-hour period.
3. The maximum allowable billable units cannot exceed 340 calendar days per ISP year or 170 calendar days per six months.
4. When a person transitions from one Provider Agency to another during the ISP year, a standard formula to calculate the units billed by each Provider Agency must be applied as follows:
   a. The discharging Provider Agency bills the number of calendar days that services were provided multiplied by .93 (93%).
   b. The receiving Provider Agency bills the remaining days up to 340 for the ISP year.
### 21.9.2 Requirements for Monthly Units:

For services billed in monthly units, a Provider Agency must adhere to the following:

1. A month is considered a period of 30 calendar days.
2. At least one hour of face-to-face billable services shall be provided during a calendar month where any portion of a monthly unit is billed.
3. Monthly units can be prorated by a half unit.
4. Agency transfers not occurring at the beginning of the 30-day interval are required to be coordinated in the middle of the 30-day interval so that the discharging and receiving agency receive a half unit.

### 21.9.3 Requirements for 15-minute and hourly units:

For services billed in 15-minute or hourly intervals, Provider Agencies must adhere to the following:

1. When time spent providing the service is not exactly 15 minutes or one hour, Provider Agencies are responsible for reporting time correctly following NMAC 8.302.2.
2. Services that last in their entirety less than eight minutes cannot be billed.
Date: December 20, 2019

To: Carol Lynn Montoya-Herrera, Executive Director

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Survey Date: August 23 –29, 2019

Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed: 2018: Family Living, Customized In-Home Supports
Survey Type: Routine

Dear Ms. Montoya-Herrera:

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

The Plan of Correction process is now complete.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Monica Valdez, BS

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