Date:	January 5, 2016
To:	Ray V. Chavez, Service Coordinator / Director
Provider: Address: State/Zip:	Nezzy Care of Las Cruces (Mayfield-Colt Corporation) 780 S Walnut Street, Bldg. 7 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
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CC: Address: State/Zip:	Vanessa Chavez, Service Coordinator/Program Manager 780 S Walnut Street, Bldg. 7 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
E-mail Address:	vchavez@gmail.com
Region: Routine Survey: Verification Survey:	Southwest & Southeast May 11 - 14, 2015 December 8, 2015
Program Surveyed:	Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed:	***2012:*** *Living Supports* (Supported Living, Family Living); *Inclusion Supports* (Customized Community Supports) ***2007:*** *Community Living* (Supported Living, Family Living) and *Community Inclusion* (Adult Habilitation)
Survey Type:	Verification
Team Leader:	Amanda Castaneda, MPA, Plan of Correction Coordinator, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Dear Mr. Chavez;

The Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau has completed a Verification survey of the services identified above. The purpose of the survey was to determine compliance with your Plan of Correction submitted to DHI regarding the *Routine Survey on May 11 – 14, 2015*.

Determination of Compliance:

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

Compliance with Conditions of Participation

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

Sincerely,

Amanda E. Castaneda

Amanda Castaneda, MPA
Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Quality Management Bureau
Division of Health Improvement

Survey Process Employed:

Entrance Conference Date:	December 8, 2015	
Present:	**Nezzy Care of Las Cruces (Mayfield-Colt Corporation)** Keith Cline, Service Coordinator **DOH/DHI/QMB** Amanda Castaneda, MPA, Team Lead/Plan of Correction Coordinator	
Exit Conference Date:	December 8, 2015	
Present:	**Nezzy Care of Las Cruces (Mayfield-Colt Corporation** Ray V. Chavez, Service Coordinator/Director Vanessa Chavez, Service Coordinator/Program Manager **DOH/DHI/QMB** Amanda Castaneda, MPA, Team Lead/Plan of Correction Coordinator **DDSD - SW Regional Office** Angie Brooks, DDSD Generalist	
Administrative Locations Visited	Number:	1
Total Sample Size	Number:	15 1 - *Jackson* Class Members 14 - Non-*Jackson* Class Members 6 - Supported Living 9 - Family Living 6 - Customized Community Supports 1 - Adult Habilitation
Persons Served Records Reviewed	Number:	15
Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed	Number:	68
Substitute Care/Respite Personnel Records Reviewed	Number:	7
Service Coordinator Records Reviewed	Number:	5

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:
    - Individual Service Plans
    - Progress on Identified Outcomes
- 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
- 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
MFEAD – NM Attorney General

Attachment B

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

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

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

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

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

Case Management Services:

- Level of Care
- Plan of Care
- Qualified Providers

Community Inclusion Supports/ Living Supports:

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

Conditions of Participation (CoPs)

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

QMB surveyors use professional judgment when reviewing the critical elements of each standard and regulation to determine when non-compliance with a standard level deficiency rises to the level of a CoP out of compliance. Only some deficiencies can rise to the level of a CoP (See the next section for a list of CoPs). The QMB survey team analyzes the relevant finding in terms of scope, actual harm or potential for harm, unique situations, patterns of performance, and other factors to determine if there is the potential for a negative outcome which would rise to the level of a CoP. A Standard level deficiency becomes a CoP out of compliance when the team's analysis establishes that there is an identified potential for

significant harm or actual harm. It is then cited as a CoP out of compliance. If the deficiency does not rise to the level of a CoP out of compliance, it is cited as a Standard Level Deficiency.

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

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

Service Domain: Level of Care

Condition of Participation:

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

Service Domain: Plan of Care

Condition of Participation:

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

Condition of Participation:

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

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

Service Domain: Qualified Providers

Condition of Participation:

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

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

Service Domain: Plan of Care

Condition of Participation:

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

Service Domain: Health, Welfare and Safety

Condition of Participation:

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

Condition of Participation:

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

QMB Determinations of Compliance

Compliance with Conditions of Participation

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

Partial-Compliance with Conditions of Participation

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

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

Non-Compliance with Conditions of Participation

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

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

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

Agency: **Nezzy Care of Las Cruces (Mayfield-Colt Corporation) - Southwest and Southeast Region**
Program: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service: ***2012:*** *Living Supports* (Supported Living, Family Living; *Inclusion Supports* (Customized Community Supports)
2007: *Community Living* (Supported Living) and *Community Inclusion* (Adult Habilitation)
Monitoring Type: Verification Survey
Routine Survey: **May 11 - 14, 2015**
Verification Survey: **December 8, 2015**

Standard of Care	Routine Survey Deficiencies May 11 – 14, 2015	Verification Survey New and Repeat Deficiencies December 8, 2015
Service Domain: Health and Welfare – *The state, on an ongoing basis, identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent occurrences of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Individuals shall be afforded their basic human rights. The provider supports individuals to access needed healthcare services in a timely manner.*		
Tag # 1A27 **Incident Mgt. Late and Failure to Report**	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**Standard Level Deficiency**
NMAC 7.1.14 ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION, AND DEATH REPORTING, TRAINING AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS **NMAC 7.1.14.8 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS:** **A. Duty to report:** **(1)** All community-based providers shall immediately report alleged crimes to law enforcement or call for emergency medical services as appropriate to ensure the safety of consumers. **(2)** All community-based service providers, their employees and volunteers shall immediately call the department of health improvement (DHI) hotline at 1-800-445-6242 to report abuse, neglect, exploitation, suspicious injuries or any death and also to report an environmentally hazardous condition which creates an immediate threat to health or safety.	Based on the Incident Management Bureau's Late and Failure Reports, the Agency did not report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation, unexpected and natural/expected deaths; or other reportable incidents to the Division of Health Improvement, as required by regulations for 2 of 17 individuals. Individual #8 • Incident date 4/30/2014. Allegation was Neglect. Incident report was received on 5/1/2014. Fail to Report. IMB Late and Failure Report indicated incident of Neglect Emergency Services was "Unconfirmed." Individual #17 • Incident date 000-00-00 (unable to determine). Allegation was Neglect. Late Reporting. IMB Late and Failure Report indicated incident of Neglect was "Confirmed."	**New / Repeat Finding:** Individual #18 • Incident date 00/00/0000. Allegation was Neglect. Incident report was received on 5/7/2015. Late Reporting. IMB Late and Failure Report indicated incident of Neglect was "Substantiated." *(No Plan Of Correction Required)*

B. Reporter requirement. All community-based service providers shall ensure that the employee or volunteer with knowledge of the alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, suspicious injury, or death calls the division's hotline to report the incident. **C. Initial reports, form of report, immediate action and safety planning, evidence preservation, required initial notifications: (1) Abuse, neglect, and exploitation, suspicious injury or death reporting:** Any person may report an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, suspicious injury or a death by calling the division's toll-free hotline number 1-800-445-6242. Any consumer, family member, or legal guardian may call the division's hotline to report an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, suspicious injury or death directly, or may report through the community-based service provider who, in addition to calling the hotline, must also utilize the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form. The abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form and instructions for its completion and filing are available at the division's website, http://dhi.health.state.nm.us, or may be obtained from the department by calling the division's toll free hotline number, 1-800-445-6242. **(2) Use of abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form and notification by community-based service providers:** In addition to calling the division's hotline as required in Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 7.1.14.8 NMAC, the community-based service provider shall also report the incident of abuse, neglect, exploitation, suspicious injury, or death utilizing the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form consistent with the requirements of the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation reporting guide. The community-based service provider shall ensure all abuse, neglect, exploitation or death reports describing the alleged incident are completed on the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or		

report of death form and received by the division within 24 hours of the verbal report. If the provider has internet access, the report form shall be submitted via the division's website at http://dhi.health.state.nm.us; otherwise it may be submitted via fax to 1-800-584-6057. The community-based service provider shall ensure that the reporter with the most direct knowledge of the incident participates in the preparation of the report form. **(3) Limited provider investigation:** No investigation beyond that necessary in order to be able to report the abuse, neglect, or exploitation and ensure the safety of consumers is permitted until the division has completed its investigation. **(4) Immediate action and safety planning:** Upon discovery of any alleged incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, the community-based service provider shall: **(a)** develop and implement an immediate action and safety plan for any potentially endangered consumers, if applicable; **(b)** be immediately prepared to report that immediate action and safety plan verbally, and revise the plan according to the division's direction, if necessary; and **(c)** provide the accepted immediate action and safety plan in writing on the immediate action and safety plan form within 24 hours of the verbal report. If the provider has internet access, the report form shall be submitted via the division's website at http://dhi.health.state.nm.us; otherwise it may be submitted by faxing it to the division at 1-800-584-6057. **(5) Evidence preservation:** The community-based service provider shall preserve evidence related to an alleged incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, including records, and do nothing to disturb the evidence. If physical evidence must be removed or affected, the provider shall take photographs or do whatever is reasonable to		

document the location and type of evidence found which appears related to the incident. **(6) Legal guardian or parental notification:** The responsible community-based service provider shall ensure that the consumer's legal guardian or parent is notified of the alleged incident of abuse, neglect and exploitation within 24 hours of notice of the alleged incident unless the parent or legal guardian is suspected of committing the alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation, in which case the community-based service provider shall leave notification to the division's investigative representative. **(7) Case manager or consultant notification by community-based service providers:** The responsible community-based service provider shall notify the consumer's case manager or consultant within 24 hours that an alleged incident involving abuse, neglect, or exploitation has been reported to the division. Names of other consumers and employees may be redacted before any documentation is forwarded to a case manager or consultant. **(8) Non-responsible reporter:** Providers who are reporting an incident in which they are not the responsible community-based service provider shall notify the responsible community-based service provider within 24 hours of an incident or allegation of an incident of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.		

Standard of Care	Routine Survey Deficiencies May 11 – 14, 2015	Verification Survey New and Repeat Deficiencies December 8, 2015
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.*		
Tag # 1A08 Agency Case File	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Tag # 1A08.1 Agency Case File - Progress Notes	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Tag # 1A32 and LS14 / 6L14 Individual Service Plan Implementation	**Condition of Participation Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Tag # LS14 / 6L14 Residential Case File	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
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.*		
Tag # 1A11.1 Transportation Training	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Tag # 1A20 Direct Support Personnel Training	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency	**Condition of Participation Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Tag # 1A25 Criminal Caregiver History Screening	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Tag # 1A26 Consolidated On-line Registry Employee Abuse Registry	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Tag # 1A28.1 Incident Mgt. System - Personnel Training	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Tag # 1A36 Service Coordination Requirements	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Tag # 1A37 Individual Specific Training	**Condition of Participation Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**

Service Domain: Health and Welfare – *The state, on an ongoing basis, identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent occurrences of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Individuals shall be afforded their basic human rights. The provider supports individuals to access needed healthcare services in a timely manner*		
Tag # 1A09 Medication Delivery Routine Medication Administration	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Tag # 1A09.1 Medication Delivery PRN Medication Administration	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Tag # 1A33 Board of Pharmacy – Med. Storage	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Tag # LS13 / 6L13 Community Living Healthcare Reqts.	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Tag # LS25 / 6L25 Residential Health and Safety (SL/FL)	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**
Service Domain: Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement – *State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver.*		
Tag # IS30 Customized Community Supports Reimbursement	**Standard Level Deficiency**	**COMPLETED**