Date: January 15, 2015

To: Jan Pfeiffer, Director/Administrator
Provider: Total Care at Home, Inc.
Address: 1706 N. Dal Paso
State/Zip: Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

E-mail Address: Total_Care_101@hotmail.com

Region: Southeast
Survey Date: November 12 - 13, 2014
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Service Surveyed: ***2012:*** *Other* (Customized In-Home Supports)

Survey Type: Initial
Team Leader: Florence G. Mulheron, BA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau
Team Members: Deb Russell, BS, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau.

Dear Ms. Pfeiffer;

The Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau has completed a compliance survey of the service 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 Conditions of Participation

The following tags are identified as Condition of Participation Level Deficiencies:

- Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency

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

Plan of Correction:

The attached Report of Findings identifies the Standard Level and/or Condition of Participation deficiencies found during your agency's compliance review. You are required to complete and implement a Plan of Correction. Your

agency has a total of 45 business days (10 business days to submit your POC for approval and 35 days to implement your *approved* Plan of Correction) from the receipt of this letter.

Submission of your Plan of Correction:
Please submit your agency's Plan of Correction in the space on the two right columns of the Report of Findings. *(See attachment "A" for additional guidance in completing the Plan of Correction)*.

Within 10 business days of receipt of this letter your agency Plan of Correction must be submitted to the parties below:

1. **Quality Management Bureau, Attention: Plan of Correction Coordinator**
   5301 Central Ave. NE Suite 400 Albuquerque, NM 87108

2. **Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Regional Office for region of service surveyed**

Upon notification from QMB that your *Plan of Correction has been approved*, you must implement all remedies and corrective actions to come into compliance. If your Plan of Correction is denied, you must resubmit a revised plan as soon as possible for approval, as your POC approval and all remedies must be completed within 45 business days of the receipt of this letter.

Failure to submit your POC within the allotted 10 business days or complete and implement your Plan of Correction within the total 45 business days allowed may result in the imposition of a $200 per day Civil Monetary Penalty until it is received, completed and/or implemented.

Request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings (IRF):
If you disagree with a finding of deficient practice, you have 10 business days upon receipt of this notice to request an IRF. Submit your request for an IRF in writing to:

QMB Deputy Bureau Chief
5301 Central Ave NE Suite #400
Albuquerque, NM 87108
Attention: IRF request

See Attachment "C" for additional guidance in completing the request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings. The request for an IRF will not delay the implementation of your Plan of Correction which must be completed within 45 total business days (10 business days to submit your POC for approval and 35 days to implement your *approved* Plan of Correction). Providers may not appeal the nature or interpretation of the standard or regulation, the team composition or sampling methodology. If the IRF approves the modification or removal of a finding, you will be advised of any changes.

Please call the Plan of Correction Coordinator Anthony Fragua at 505-231-7436 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,

Florence G. Mulheron, BA

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Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Division of Health Improvement
Quality Management Bureau

Survey Process Employed:

Entrance Conference Date:	November 12, 2014	
Present:	**Total Care at Home, Inc.** Jan Pfeiffer, Director/Administrator Sandra Dew, Service Coordinator/Office Manager **DOH/DHI/QMB** Florence G. Mulheron, BA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Deb Russell, BS, Healthcare Surveyor	
Exit Conference Date:	November 13, 2014	
Present:	**Total Care at Home, Inc.** Jan Pfeiffer, Director/Administrator Sandra Dew, Service Coordinator/Office Manager Carol Hood, Nurse **DOH/DHI/QMB** Florence G. Mulheron, BA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Deb Russell, BS, Healthcare Surveyor **DDSD – Southeast Regional Office** Michelle Lyons, Southeast Regional Office Manager (via telephone)	
Total Sample Size	Number:	1 0 - *Jackson* Class Members 1 - Non-*Jackson* Class Members 1 - Customized In-Home Supports
Persons Served Records Reviewed	Number:	1
Persons Served Interviewed	Number:	1
Direct Support Personnel Interviewed	Number:	1
Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed	Number:	1
Substitute Care/Respite Personnel Records Reviewed	Number:	3
Service Coordinator Records Reviewed	Number:	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:
    - Individual Service Plans
    - Progress on Identified Outcomes
    - Healthcare Plans
    - Medication Administration Records

    - Medical Emergency Response Plans
    - Therapy Evaluations and Plans
    - Healthcare Documentation Regarding Appointments and Required Follow-Up
    - 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
- 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

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 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 505-231-7436 or email at Anthony.Fragua@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 to prevent recurrence and information that ensures the regulation cited is in compliance. The remedies noted in your POC are expected to be added to your Agency's required, annual Quality Assurance Plan.

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

The Plan of Correction must address the six required Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) core elements to address each deficiency cited in the Report of Findings:

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

sustained. This QA plan must be implemented, and the corrective action evaluated for its effectiveness. The plan of correction is integrated into the agency quality assurance system; and
5. Include dates when corrective action will be completed. The corrective action completion dates must be acceptable to the State.
6. The POC must be signed and dated by the agency director or other authorized official.

The following details should be considered when developing your Plan of Correction:

- Details about how and when Consumer, Personnel and Residential files are audited by Agency personnel to ensure they contain required documents;
- Information about how Medication Administration Records are reviewed to verify they contain all required information before they are distributed, as they are being used, and after they are completed;
- Your processes for ensuring that all staff are trained in Core Competencies, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Reporting, and Individual-Specific service requirements, etc.;
- How accuracy in Billing/Reimbursement documentation is assured;
- How health, safety is assured;
- For Case Management Providers, how Individual Specific Plans are reviewed to verify they meet requirements, how the timeliness of LOC packet submissions and consumer visits are tracked;
- Your process for gathering, analyzing and responding to Quality data 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, Anthony Fragua at 505-231-7436 for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your Regional DDSD Office.
4. Submit your POC to Anthony Fragua, POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
    a. Electronically at Anthony.Fragua@state.nm.us *(preferred method)*
    b. Fax to 505-222-8661, or
    c. Mail to POC Coordinator, 5301 Central Avenue NE, Suite 400, Albuquerque, NM 87108
5. Do not submit supporting documentation (evidence of compliance) to QMB until after your POC has been approved by the 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 the documents do not contain protected Health information (PHI) the preferred method is that you 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. In addition to this, we ask that you submit:
    - Evidence of an internal audit of billing/reimbursement conducted for a sample of individuals and timeframes of your choosing to verify POC implementation;
    - Copies of "void and adjust" forms submitted to Xerox State Healthcare, LLC to correct all unjustified units identified and submitted for payment during your internal audit.

Revisions, Modifications or Extensions to your Plan of Correction (post QMB approval) must be made in writing and submitted to the 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.

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 IRC process, email the IRF Chairperson, Tony Fragua at Anthony.Fragua@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: **Total Care at Home, Inc. - Southeast Region**
Program: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service: ***2012:*** *Other* (Customized In-Home Supports)
Monitoring Type: Initial Survey
Survey Date: **November 12 - 13, 2014**

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Date Due
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 # 1A32 and LS14 / 6L14 **Individual Service Plan Implementation**	**Standard Level Deficiency**		
NMAC 7.26.5.16.C and D Development of the ISP. Implementation of the ISP. The ISP shall be implemented according to the timelines determined by the IDT and as specified in the ISP for each stated desired outcomes and action plan. C. The IDT shall review and discuss information and recommendations with the individual, with the goal of supporting the individual in attaining desired outcomes. The IDT develops an ISP based upon the individual's personal vision statement, strengths, needs, interests and preferences. The ISP is a dynamic document, revised periodically, as needed, and amended to reflect progress towards personal goals and achievements consistent with the individual's future vision. This regulation is consistent with standards established for individual plan development as set forth by the commission on the accreditation of rehabilitation facilities (CARF) and/or other program accreditation approved and adopted by the developmental disabilities division and the department of health. It is the policy of the developmental disabilities	Based on 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 outcomes and action plan for 1 of 1 individuals. As indicated by Individual's ISP the following was found with regards to the implementation of ISP Outcomes: **Administrative Files Reviewed:** **Customized In-Home Supports Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes**: Individual #1 • None found regarding: Live Outcome/Action Step: "Will purchase a movie on the internet" for 8/2014 - 10/2014.	**Provider:** State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: → **Provider:** Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →	

division (DDD), that to the extent permitted by funding, each individual receive supports and services that will assist and encourage independence and productivity in the community and attempt to prevent regression or loss of current capabilities. Services and supports include specialized and/or generic services, training, education and/or treatment as determined by the IDT and documented in the ISP. D. The intent is to provide choice and obtain opportunities for individuals to live, work and play with full participation in their communities. The following principles provide direction and purpose in planning for individuals with developmental disabilities. [05/03/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01]			

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Date Due
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 # 1A22 **Agency Personnel Competency**	**Condition of Participation Level Deficiency**		
Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy - Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007 - II. POLICY STATEMENTS: A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff. B. Staff shall complete individual specific (formerly known as "Addendum B") training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the individual service plan (ISP) for each individual serviced. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013 **CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements G. Training Requirements: 1.** All Community Inclusion Providers must provide staff training in accordance with the DDSD policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy. 3. Ensure direct service personnel receives Individual Specific Training as outlined in each individual ISP, including aspects of support plans (healthcare and behavioral) or WDSI that pertain to the employment environment. **CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements F. Meet all training requirements as follows: 1.** All Customized Community Supports Providers shall provide staff training in	After an analysis of the evidence it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur. Based on interview, the Agency did not ensure training competencies were met for 1 of 1 Direct Support Personnel. **When DSP were asked if they received training on the Individual's Individual Service Plan and what the plan covered, the following was reported:** • DSP #200 stated, "Yes." However when DSP was asked to expand on the training and what the outcomes they were responsible for implementing, DSP #200 did not know what the current outcomes were. (Individual #1) **When DSP were asked if the Individual had Health Care Plans and if so, what the plan(s) covered, the following was reported:** • DSP #200 stated, "Just to eat better and remind him to do the basic and take care of himself." As indicated by the Health and Safety section of the ISP the Individual requires Health Care Plans for: Body Mass Index, Allergy (penicillin), Oral Dental, Bowl and Bladder, Skin and Wound. (Individual #1)	**Provider:** State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: → **Provider:** Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →	

accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy; **CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements C. Training Requirements:** The Provider Agency must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy. The Provider Agency must ensure that the personnel support staff have completed training as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy. 3. Staff shall complete individual specific training requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the ISP of each individual served; and 4. Staff that assists the individual with medication (e.g., setting up medication, or reminders) must have completed Assisting with Medication Delivery (AWMD) Training. **CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements B. Living Supports- Family Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training:** A. All Family Living Provider agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff policy. DSP's or subcontractors delivering substitute care under Family Living must at a minimum comply with the section of the training policy that relates to Respite, Substitute Care, and personal support staff [Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff; Sec. II-J, Items 1-4]. Pursuant to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be	*Note: Per regulation the individual is not required to have an eCHAT completed as the services are CIHS, nevertheless, the ISP indicates health care plans are needed.* **When DSP were asked if the Individual had a Medical Emergency Response Plans and if so, what the plan(s) covered, the following was reported:** • DSP #200 stated, "No, call an ambulance". As indicated by the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP the Individual requires Medical Emergency Response Plans for: Allergy (penicillin), Body Mass Index, Oral Dental, Skin and Wound. (Individual #1) *Note: Per regulation the individual is not required to have an eCHAT completed as the services are CIHS, nevertheless, the ISP indicates Medical Emergency Response Plans are needed.* **When DSP were asked what the individual's Diagnosis were, the following was reported:** • DSP #200 stated, "Uses glasses, poor hearing, labored breathing, breaths with mouth open, high cholesterol." According to the Health and Safety section of the ISP he is diagnosed with "MR, Cerebral palsy, Spastic paralysis, extemtratone and Hyperlipidemia" Staff did not discuss the listed diagnosis. (Individual #1) **When DSP were asked if the Individual had any food and/or medication allergies that could be potentially be life threatening, the following was reported:**		

claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the state. All Family Living Provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements. B. Individual specific training must be arranged and conducted, including training on the Individual Service Plan outcomes, actions steps and strategies and associated support plans (e.g. health care plans, MERP, PBSP and BCIP etc), information about the individual's preferences with regard to privacy, communication style, and routines. Individual specific training for therapy related WDSI, Healthcare Plans, MERPs, CARMP, PBSP, and BCIP must occur at least annually and more often if plans change or if monitoring finds incorrect implementation. Family Living providers must notify the relevant support plan author whenever a new DSP is assigned to work with an individual, and therefore needs to receive training, or when an existing DSP requires a refresher. The individual should be present for and involved in individual specific training whenever possible. **CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements B. Living Supports- Supported Living Services Provider Agency Staffing Requirements: 3. Training:** A. All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must ensure staff training in accordance with the DDSD Policy T-003: for Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff. Pursuant to CMS requirements, the services that a provider renders may only be claimed for federal match if the provider has completed all necessary training required by the	• DSP #200 stated, "No, not that I know of." As indicated in the Health and Safety section of the ISP the Individual is allergic to Penicillin. (Individual #1)		

state. All Supported Living provider agencies must report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements. B Individual specific training must be arranged and conducted, including training on the ISP Outcomes, actions steps and strategies, associated support plans (e.g. health care plans, MERP, PBSP and BCIP, etc), and information about the individual's preferences with regard to privacy, communication style, and routines. Individual specific training for therapy related WDSI, Healthcare Plans, MERP, CARMP, PBSP, and BCIP must occur at least annually and more often if plans change or if monitoring finds incorrect implementation. Supported Living providers must notify the relevant support plan author whenever a new DSP is assigned to work with an individual, and therefore needs to receive training, or when an existing DSP requires a refresher. The individual should be present for and involved in individual specific. training whenever possible. **CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) R. 2. Service Requirements. Staff Qualifications 2. DSP Qualifications.** E. Complete training requirements as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff - effective March 1, 2007. Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy;			

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Date Due
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 # 1A03 CQI System	**Standard Level Deficiency**		
STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION PROVIDER AGREEMENT: ARTICLE 17. PROGRAM EVALUATIONS d. PROVIDER shall have a Quality Management and Improvement Plan in accordance with the current MF Waiver Standards and/or the DD Waiver Standards specified by the DEPARTMENT. The Quality Management and Improvement Plan for DD Waiver Providers must describe how the PROVIDER will determine that each waiver assurance and requirement is met**.** The applicable assurances and requirements are: (1) level of care determination; (2) service plan; (3) qualified providers; (4) health and welfare; (5) administrative authority; and, (6) financial accountability. For each waiver assurance, this description must include: i. Activities or processes related to discovery, i.e., monitoring and recording the findings. Descriptions of monitoring/oversight activities that occur at the individual and provider level of service delivery. These monitoring activities provide a foundation for Quality Management by generating information that can be aggregated and analyzed to measure the overall system performance; ii. The entities or individuals responsible for conducting the discovery/monitoring processes; iii. The types of information used to measure performance; and, iv. The frequency with which performance is measured.	Based on record review, the Agency did not implement their Continuous Quality Management System as required by standard. Review of the Agency's CQI Plan revealed the following: • The Agency's CQI Plan did not contain the following components: a. **Implementation of ISPs:** extent to which services are delivered in accordance with ISPs and associated support plans with WDSI including the type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the ISP as well as effectiveness of such implementation as indicated by achievement of outcomes; In addition, the Provider Agency must complete a QA/QI report annually by February 15th of each calendar year, or as otherwise request by DOH. The report must be kept on file at the agency, made available for review by DOH and, upon request from DDSD the report must be submitted to the relevant DDSD Regional Offices. The report on file at the agency did not summarize the following: (a.) Sufficiency of staff coverage; (b.) Effectiveness and timeliness of implementation of ISPs and associated support plans and/or WDSI, including trends	**Provider:** State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here: → **Provider:** Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here: →	

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013 **CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements: J. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Program:** Agencies must develop and maintain an active QA/QI program in order to assure the provision of quality services. This includes the development of a QA/QI plan, data gathering and analysis, and routine meetings to analyze the results of QA/QI activities. 1. **Development of a QA/QI plan:** The quality management plan is used by an agency to continually determine whether the agency is performing within program requirements, achieving desired outcomes and identifying opportunities for improvement. The quality management plan describes the process the Provider Agency uses in each phase of the process: discovery, remediation and improvement. It describes the frequency, the source and types of information gathered, as well as the methods used to analyze and measure performance. The quality management plan should describe how the data collected will be used to improve the delivery of services and methods to evaluate whether implementation of improvements are working. 2. **Implementing a QA/QI Committee:** The QA/QI committee must convene on at least a quarterly basis and as needed to review service reports, to identify any deficiencies, trends, patterns or concerns as well as opportunities for quality improvement. The QA/QI meeting must be documented. The QA/QI review should address at least the following: a. **Implementation of ISPs:** extent to which services are delivered in accordance with ISPs and associated support plans with WDSI including the type, scope, amount, duration and frequency specified in the ISP as well as effectiveness of such implementation as indicated by achievement of outcomes;	in achievement of individual desired outcomes; (c.) Results of General Events Reporting data analysis; (d.) Action taken regarding individual grievances; (e.) Presence and completeness of required documentation; (f.) A description of how data collected as part of the agency's QA/QI plan was used; what quality improvement initiatives were undertaken and what were the results of those efforts, including discovery and remediation of any service delivery deficiencies discovered through the QI process; and (g.) Significant program changes.		

3. The Provider Agency must complete a QA/QI report annually by February 15th of each calendar year or as otherwise requested by DOH. The report must be kept on file at the agency, made available for review by DOH and upon request from DDSD; the report must be submitted to the relevant DDSD Regional Offices. The report will summarize: a. Analysis of General Events Reports data in Therap; b. Compliance with Caregivers Criminal History Screening requirements; c. Compliance with Employee Abuse Registry requirements; d. Compliance with DDSD training requirements; e. Patterns of reportable incidents; f. Results of improvement actions taken in previous quarters; g. Sufficiency of staff coverage; h. Effectiveness and timeliness of implementation of ISPs, and associated support including trends in achievement of individual desired outcomes; i. Results of General Events Reporting data analysis; j. Action taken regarding individual grievances; k. Presence and completeness of required documentation; **l.** A description of how data collected as part of the agency's QA/QI Plan was used; what quality improvement initiatives were undertaken and what were the results of those efforts, including discovery and remediation of any service delivery deficiencies discovered through the QA/QI process; and **m.** Significant program changes. **CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements: I. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Program:** Agencies must develop and maintain an active QA/QI program in order to assure the provision of quality services. This includes the			

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b. Effectiveness and timeliness of implementation of ISPs, including trends in achievement of individual desired outcomes; c. Results of General Events Reporting data analysis, Trends in category II significant events; d. Patterns in medication errors; e. Action taken regarding individual grievances; f. Presence and completeness of required documentation; g. A description of how data collected as part of the agency's QI plan was used; h. What quality improvement initiatives were undertaken and what were the results of those efforts, including discovery and remediation of any service delivery deficiencies discovered through the QI process; and i. Significant program changes. **CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements: B. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Program:** Supported Living Provider Agencies must develop and maintain an active QA/QI program in order to assure the provision of quality services. This includes the development of a QA/QI plan, data gathering and analysis, and routine meetings to analyze the results of QA/QI activities. 1. **Development of a QA/QI plan:** The quality management plan is used by an agency to continually determine whether the agency is performing within program requirements, achieving desired outcomes and identifying opportunities for improvement. The quality management plan describes the process the Provider Agency uses in each phase of the process: discovery, remediation and improvement. It describes the frequency, the source and types of information gathered, as well as the methods used to analyze and measure performance. The quality management plan should describe how the data collected will be used to improve the delivery of services and			

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e. Action taken regarding individual grievances; f. Presence and completeness of required documentation; g. A description of how data collected as part of the agency's QA/QI plan was used, what quality improvement initiatives were undertaken, and the results of those efforts, including discovery and remediation of any service delivery deficiencies discovered through the QI process; and h. Significant program changes. **CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 3. Service Requirements: F. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Program:** Agencies must develop and maintain an active QA/QI program in order to assure the provision of quality services. This includes the development of a QA/QI plan, data gathering and analysis, and routine meetings to analyze the results of QI activities. 1. **Development of a QI plan:** The quality management plan is used by an agency to continually determine whether the agency is performing within program requirements, achieving desired outcomes and identifying opportunities for improvement. The quality management plan describes the process the Provider Agency uses in each phase of the process: discovery, remediation and improvement. It describes the frequency, the source and types of information gathered, as well as the methods used to analyze and measure performance. The quality management plan should describe how the data collected will be used to improve the delivery of services and methods to evaluate whether implementation of improvements are working. 2. **Implementing a QA/QI Committee:** The QA/QI committee shall convene on at least on a quarterly basis and as needed to review service reports, to identify any deficiencies, trends, patterns or concerns, as well as opportunities for quality improvement. For Intensive Medical Living			

providers, at least one nurse shall be a member of this committee. The QA meeting shall be documented. The QA review should address at least the following: a. Implementation of the ISPs, including the extent to which services are delivered in accordance with the ISPs and associated support plans and /or WDSI including the type, scope, amount, duration, and frequency specified in the ISPs as well as effectiveness of such implementation as indicated by achievement of outcomes; b. Trends in General Events as defined by DDSD; c. Compliance with Caregivers Criminal History Screening Requirements; d. Compliance with DDSD training requirements; e. Trends in reportable incidents; and f. Results of improvement actions taken in previous quarters. 3. The Provider Agency must complete a QA/QI report annually by February 15th of each calendar year, or as otherwise requested by DOH. The report must be kept on file at the agency, made available for review by DOH and upon request from DDSD; the report must be submitted to the relevant DDSD Regional Offices. The report will summarizes: a. Sufficiency of staff coverage; b. Effectiveness and timeliness of implementation of ISPs and associated Support plans and/or WDSI including trends in achievement of individual desired outcomes; c. Trends in reportable incidents; d. Trends in medication errors; e. Action taken regarding individual grievances; f. Presence and completeness of required documentation; g. How data collected as part of the agency's QA/QI was used, what quality improvement initiatives were undertaken, and what were the results of those efforts, including discovery and remediation of any service delivery deficiencies discovered through the QI process; and			

h. Significant program changes. **CHAPTER 14 (ANS) 3. Service Requirements:** **N. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Program:** Agencies must develop and maintain an active QA/QI program in order to assure the provision of quality services. This includes the development of a QA/QI plan, data gathering and analysis, and routine meetings to analyze the results of QI activities. 1. **Development of a QI plan:** The quality management plan is used by an agency to continually determine whether the agency is performing within program requirements, achieving desired outcomes and identifying opportunities for improvement. The quality management plan describes the process the Provider Agency uses in each phase of the process: discovery, remediation and improvement. It describes the frequency, the source and types of information gathered, as well as the methods used to analyze and measure performance. The quality management plan should describe how the data collected will be used to improve the delivery of services and methods to evaluate whether implementation of improvements are working. 2. **Implementing a QA/QI Committee:** The QA/QI committee shall convene on at least on a quarterly basis and as needed to review service reports, to identify any deficiencies, trends, patterns or concerns, as well as opportunities for quality improvement. For Intensive Medical Living providers, at least one nurse shall be a member of this committee. The QA meeting shall be documented. The QA review should address at least the following: a. Trends in General Events as defined by DDSD; b. Compliance with Caregivers Criminal History Screening Requirements; c. Compliance with DDSD training requirements; d. Trends in reportable incidents; and			

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the following internal monitoring and facilitating quality improvement program: **(1)** community-based service providers shall have current abuse, neglect, and exploitation management policy and procedures in place that comply with the department's requirements; **(2)** community-based service providers providing intellectual and developmental disabilities services must have a designated incident management coordinator in place; and **(3)** community-based service providers providing intellectual and developmental disabilities services must have an incident management committee to identify any deficiencies, trends, patterns, or concerns as well as opportunities for quality improvement, address internal and external incident reports for the purpose of examining internal root causes, and to take action on identified issues.			

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Date Due

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 #1A12
All Services Reimbursement (No Deficiencies Found)

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CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 4. REIMBURSEMENT. A. All Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality, quantity and clinical necessity furnished to individuals who are currently receiving services. The Provider Agency records shall be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the individual's name, date, time, Provider Agency name, nature of services and length of a session of service billed.

1. The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the Human Services Department (HSD). For each unit billed, the record shall contain the following:

   a. Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;

   b. A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and

   c. The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.

Billing for Other (Customized In-Home Supports) service was reviewed for 1 of 1 individuals. *Progress notes and billing records supported billing activities for the months of August, September and October 2014.*

Date: March 26, 2015

To: Jan Pfeiffer, Director/Administrator
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Region: Southeast
Survey Date: November 12 - 13, 2014
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Service Surveyed: ***2012:*** *Other* (Customized In-Home Supports)
Survey Type: Initial

Dear Ms. Pfeiffer:

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 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,

Tony Fragua

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Health Program Manager/Plan of Correction Coordinator
Quality Management Bureau/DHI

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