Date: January 18, 2017

To: Matthew Bardwell, Director of Operations
Provider: Connections, LLC
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E-mail Address: mbarwell@connectionsnm.com

Region: Metro Region
Survey Date: October 19 – 31, 2016
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Service Surveyed: ***2012:*** *Inclusion Supports* (Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment Services)

2007: *Community Inclusion* (Adult Habilitation, Supported Employment)

Survey Type: Routine

Team Leader: Jason Cornwell, MFA, MA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Team Members: Barbara Kane, BAS, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Chris Melon, MPA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau and Anthony Fragua, BFA, Health Program Manager, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Dear Mr. Bardwell;

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:

Non-Compliance with all Conditions of Participation

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

- Tag # 1A32 Individual Service Plan and Implementation
- Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency
- Tag # 1A08.2 Healthcare Requirements

- Tag # 1A15 Healthcare Documentation Nurse Contract/ Employee
- Tag # 1A15.1 Nurse Availability
- Tag # 1A15.2 Healthcare Documentation

This determination is based on noncompliance with three or more CMS waiver assurances at the Condition of Participation level and 6 Condition of Participation level deficiencies overall, as well as widespread 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.

During the exit interview of your on-site survey Attachment A on the Plan of Correction Process was provided to you. Please refer to 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:
- 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? (i.e. file reviews, periodic check with checklist, 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)
- What steps will be taken if issues are found? (i.e. retraining, requesting documents, filing RORI, etc.)

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: Amanda Castaneda, Plan of Correction Coordinator 1170 North Solano Suite D Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001**

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 claims 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
2025 S. Pacheco Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Or if using UPS, FedEx, DHL (courier mail) send to physical address at:

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

Please be advised that there is a one-week lag period for applying payments received by check to Voided/Adjusted 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:

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 Amanda Castaneda at 575-373-5716 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,

Jason Cornwell

Jason Cornwell MFA, MA
Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Division of Health Improvement
Quality Management Bureau

Survey Process Employed:

Administrative Review Start Date:	October 19, 2016	
Contact:	**Connections LLC** Matthew Bardwell, Direct Support Personnel / Service Coordinator / Director of Operations **DOH/DHI/QMB** Jason Cornwell, MFA, MA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor	
On-site Entrance Conference Date:	October 21, 2016	
Present:	**Connections LLC** Matthew Bardwell, Direct Support Personnel / Service Coordinator / Director of Operations **DOH/DHI/QMB** Jason Cornwell, MFA, MA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Anthony Fragua, BFA, Health Program Manager	
Exit Conference Date:	October 26, 2016	
Present:	**Connections LLC** Matthew Bardwell, Direct Support Personnel / Service Coordinator / Director of Operations Richard Ball, Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable Coordinator Kathy Trujillo, Direct Support Professional, Job Coach **DOH/DHI/QMB** Jason Cornwell, MFA, MA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Barbara Kane, BAS, Healthcare Surveyor Chris Melon, MPA, Healthcare Surveyor **DDSD - Metro Regional Office** Jackie Sanchez, Community Inclusion Coordinator	
Administrative Locations Visited	Number:	1
Total Sample Size	Number:	16 5 - *Jackson* Class Members 11 - Non-*Jackson* Class Members 5 - Adult Habilitation 2 - Supported Employment 6 - Customized Community Supports 6 - Community Integrated Employment Services
Persons Served Records Reviewed	Number:	16
Persons Served Interviewed	Number:	9
Persons Served Observed	Number:	1 (One Individual chose not to participate in the interview)
Persons Served Not Seen and/or Not Available	Number:	6

Direct Support Personnel Interviewed	Number:	8 (Director also performs duties as Direct Support Personnel and Service Coordinator)
Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed	Number:	9 (Director also performs duties as Direct Support Personnel and Service Coordinator)
Service Coordinator Records Reviewed	Number:	1 (Director also performs duties as Direct Support Personnel and Service Coordinator)
Administrative Interviews	Number:	2

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
- Human Rights Committee Notes and Meeting Minutes (Not applicable if Agency only provides IS)
- 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
MFEAD – NM Attorney General
DOH – Internal Review Committee (when needed)

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 575-373-5716 or email at AmandaE.Castaneda@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.

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, Amanda Castaneda at 575-373-5716 or email at AmandaE.Castaneda@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 Amanda Castaneda, POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
    a. Electronically at AmandaE.Castaneda@state.nm.us *(preferred method)*
    b. Fax to 575-528-5019, or
    c. Mail to POC Coordinator, 1170 North Solano Ste D, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
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.

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 the following Service Domains.

Case Management Services *(Four Service Domains)*:

- Plan of Care: ISP Development & Monitoring
- Level of Care
- Qualified Providers
- Health, Safety and Welfare

Community Living Supports / Inclusion Supports *(Three Service Domains)*:

- Service Plans: ISP Implementation
- Qualified Provider
- Health, Safety and Welfare

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: Plan of Care ISP Development & Monitoring

Condition of Participation:

1. **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:

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

Service Domain: Level of Care

Condition of Participation:

3. **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.

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: Service Plan: ISP Implementation

Condition of Participation:

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

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 and/or 6 or more Condition of Participation level deficiencies overall, as well as widespread Standard level deficiencies identified in the attached QMB Report of Findings and requires implementation of a Plan of Correction.

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: **Connections LLC – Metro Region**
Program: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service: ***2012:*** *Inclusion Supports* (Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment Services)
2007: *Community Inclusion* (Adult Habilitation, Supported Employment)
Monitoring Type: Routine Survey
Survey Date: **October 19 – 31, 2016**

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 # 1A08 **Agency Case File**	**Standard Level Deficiency**		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **Chapter 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements** **J. Consumer Records Policy:** Community Integrated Employment Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. **Chapter 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements:** **G. Consumer Records Policy:** All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. Additional documentation that is required to be maintained at the administrative office includes: 1. Vocational Assessments (if applicable) that are of quality and contain content acceptable to DVR and DDSD.	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file at the administrative office for 13 of 16 individuals. Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: • **ISP budget forms MAD 046** ◦ Not Found (#4, 6, 15) ◦ Not Current (#3, 16) *(No POC required as budget is delayed in approval process)* • **Current Emergency and Personal Identification Information** ◦ Did not contain Health Plan Information (#4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15) ◦ Did not contain Pharmacy Information (#7, 13, 14) • ISP Signature Page (#4, 5, 13, 15) • Individual Specific Training Section of ISP (#6)	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)***:** → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)***:** →	

Chapter 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements: E. Consumer Records Policy: All Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. **Chapter 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy:** All Family Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. **Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy:** All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. **Chapter 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements:** C. Documents to be maintained in the agency administrative office, include: (This is not an all-inclusive list refer to standard as it includes other items) • Emergency contact information; • Personal identification; • ISP budget forms and budget prior authorization; • ISP with signature page and all applicable assessments, including teaching and support strategies, Positive Behavior Support Plan (PBSP), Behavior Crisis Intervention Plan (BCIP), or other relevant behavioral plans, Medical Emergency Response Plan (MERP), Healthcare Plan, Comprehensive Aspiration Risk Management Plan (CARMP), and Written	• **ISP Teaching and Support Strategies** ◦ *Individual #7 - TSS not found for the following Action Steps:* ◦ Work/learn Outcome Statement: ➢ "…will identify new interests." ➢ "…will practice the identified interest." ◦ *Individual #9 - TSS not found for the following Action Steps:* ◦ Work/learn Outcome Statement: ➢ "…will practice standing to tolerance with contact guard." ◦ *Individual #10 - TSS not found for the following Action Steps:* ◦ Work/learn Outcome Statement: ➢ "…will choose a volunteer activity using facial expressions, vocalizations, gestures, and/or her communication icons." ➢ "…will complete at least one assigned task at her volunteer site." ➢ "With Staff Assistance …will interact with at least one person at her volunteer site using her expressions, her gestures, and/or sharing supplies appropriately." ➢ "…will gather and sort the laundry for her job site." ➢ "…will load and set the washing machine, including adding the soap, with staff assistance only as needed." ➢ "…will fold the laundry and put it away in the appropriate place."		

Direct Support Instructions (WDSI); • Dated and signed evidence that the individual has been informed of agency grievance/complaint procedure at least annually, or upon admission for a short term stay; • Copy of Guardianship or Power of Attorney documents as applicable; • Behavior Support Consultant, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist and Speech-Language Pathology progress reports as applicable, except for short term stays; • Written consent by relevant health decision maker and primary care practitioner for self-administration of medication or assistance with medication from DSP as applicable; • Progress notes written by DSP and nurses; • Signed secondary freedom of choice form; • Transition Plan as applicable for change of provider in past twelve (12) months. **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION (DDSD): Director's Release: Consumer Record Requirements eff. 11/1/2012 III. Requirement Amendments(s) or Clarifications:** A. All case management, living supports, customized in-home supports, community integrated employment and customized community supports providers must maintain records for individuals served through DD Waiver in accordance with the Individual Case File Matrix incorporated in this director's release. H. Readily accessible electronic records are accessible, including those stored through the Therap web-based system. **NMAC 8.302.1.17 RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:** A provider must maintain all the records necessary to fully disclose the nature, quality, amount and	• Positive Behavioral Support Plan (#4, 5, 7, 13) • Behavior Crisis Intervention Plan (#4, 6, 7, 12, 13) • Speech Therapy Plan (#10, 12, 13, 14, 15) • Occupational Therapy Plan (#4, 9, 10, 12) • Physical Therapy Plan (#3, 9, 12) • Documentation of Guardianship/Power of Attorney (#4, 7)		

medical necessity of services furnished to an eligible recipient who is currently receiving or who has received services in the past. B. **Documentation of test results:** Results of tests and services must be documented, which includes results of laboratory and radiology procedures or progress following therapy or treatment.			

Tag # 1A32 and LS14 / 6L14 Individual Service Plan Implementation	Condition of Participation 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 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.	After an analysis of the evidence it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur. 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 10 of 16 individuals. As indicated by Individuals ISP the following was found with regards to the implementation of ISP Outcomes: **Administrative Files Reviewed:** **Customized Community Supports Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes**: Individual #4 • Review of Agency's documented Outcomes and Action Steps do not match the current ISP Outcomes and Action Steps for Work/learn area. **Agency's Outcomes/Action Steps are as follows:** ◦ *"…will choose the music he wants to use during class."* ◦ *"…will plan what he wants to do in his class."* ◦ *"…will lead his exercise class."* **Annual ISP (5/2016 – 5/2017) Outcomes/Action Steps are as follows:** ◦ *"… will practice the names of two*	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

The following principles provide direction and purpose in planning for individuals with developmental disabilities. [05/03/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01]	*coworkers."* ◦ *"…will use the names he has learned to greet them by name."* Individual #12 • None found regarding: Work/learn, Outcome/Action Step: "…will volunteer" for 7/2016 - 9/2016. Action step is to be completed 3 times per month. Individual #13 • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will volunteer" is to be completed 1 time per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 9/2016. • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will choose an opponent" is to be completed 1 time per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 9/2016. • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will review the rules with his opponent" is to be completed 1 time per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 9/2016. • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will play chess" is to be completed 1 time per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 9/2016.		

	Adult Habilitation Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes: Individual #3 • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will choose where he would like to go" is to be completed 2 times per month, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 7/2016 - 9/2016. • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will use the bus map to navigate the route" is to be completed 2 times per month, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 7/2016 - 9/2016. • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will show the bus pass to the driver" is to be completed 2 times per month, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 7/2016 and 9/2016. Individual #8 • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will participate in a performance oriented group like music, dance" is to be completed 1 time per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 7/2016 - 9/2016. Individual #9 • Review of Agency's documented Outcomes and Action Steps do not match the current ISP Outcomes and Action Steps for		

	Work/learn area. **Agency's Outcomes/Action Steps are as follows:** ◦ *"…will be encouraged to participate in 20 minutes of activities."* **Annual ISP (6/2016 – 6/2017) Outcomes/Action Steps are as follows:** ◦ *"… will practice standing to tolerance with contact guard."* Individual #16 • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will use cards in games to name each staff" is to be completed 1 time per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 7/2016 - 9/2016. • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will greet the 4 staff members by name in the morning" is to be completed 2 times per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 7/2016 - 9/2016. **Community Integrated Employment Services Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:** Individual #2 • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will practice the Accuplacer test" is to be completed 2 times per month, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 7/2016 - 9/2016.		

	Individual #7 • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will identify new interests" is to be completed 1 time per month, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 9/2016. • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will practice the identified interest" is to be completed 1 time per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 9/2016. Individual #14 • None found regarding: Work/learn Outcome/Action Step: "…will meet with the job developer" for 7/2016 - 9/2016. Action step is to be completed 1 time per week. • None found regarding: Work/learn Outcome/Action Step: "…will complete the application/ interview process until he obtains a second job" for 7/2016 - 9/2016. Action step is to be completed 1 time per week. **Supported Employment Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:** Individual #8 • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will be taken to various potential employers volunteer sites and secure a new job in the community" is to be completed 1 time per week, evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 7/2016 - 9/2016		

Tag # IS11 / 5I11 Reporting Requirements Inclusion Reports	Standard Level Deficiency		
7.26.5.17 DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PLAN (ISP) - DISSEMINATION OF THE ISP, DOCUMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE: C. Objective quantifiable data reporting progress or lack of progress towards stated outcomes, and action plans shall be maintained in the individual's records at each provider agency implementing the ISP. Provider agencies shall use this data to evaluate the effectiveness of services provided. Provider agencies shall submit to the case manager data reports and individual progress summaries quarterly, or more frequently, as decided by the IDT. These reports shall be included in the individual's case management record, and used by the team to determine the ongoing effectiveness of the supports and services being provided. Determination of effectiveness shall result in timely modification of supports and services as needed. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements:** **I. Reporting Requirements:** The Community Integrated Employment Agency must submit the following: 1. Semi-annual progress reports to the case manager one hundred ninety (190) calendar days following the date of the annual ISP; a. Written updates to the ISP Work/Learn Action Plan annually or as necessary due to change in work goals to the case manager. These updates do not require an IDT meeting unless changes requiring team	Based on record review, the Agency did not complete written status reports as required for 9 of 16 individuals receiving Inclusion Services. Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, and/or incomplete: **Customized Community Supports Semi-Annual Reports** • Individual #11 - None found for January 2016 – June 2016. *(Term of ISP 1/01/2016 - 12/31/2016).* • Individual #13 - None found for December 2015 – May 2016. *(Term of ISP 12/1/2015 - 11/30/2016).* **Adult Habilitation Quarterly Reports** • Individual #3 – None found for May 2016 – July 2016. *(Term of ISP 2/1/2016 – 1/31/2017).* • Individual #8 - None found for May 2016 – July 2016. *(Term of ISP 2/1/2016 – 1/31/2017).* • Individual #10 - None found for September 2015 – December 2015 and March 2016 - September 2016. *(Term of ISP 3/29/2015 – 3/28/2016 and 3/29/2016 - 3/28/2017) (ISP meeting held 12/17/2015)* • Individual #16 - None found for May 2016 – July 2016. *(Term of ISP 5/1/2016 – 4/30/2017).*	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

input need to be made (e.g., adding more hours to the Community Integrated Employment budget); b. Written annual updates to the ISP work/learn action plan to DDSD; 2. VAP to the case manager if completed externally to the ISP; 3. Initial ISP reflecting the Vocational Assessment or the annual ISP with the updated VAP integrated or a copy of an external VAP if one was completed to DDSD; 4. Quarterly Community Integrated Employment Wage and Hour Reports for individuals employed and in job development to DDSD based on the DDSD fiscal year; and a. Data related to the requirements of the Performance Contract to DDSD quarterly. **CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements: H. Reporting Requirements:** The Customized Community Supports Provider Agency shall submit the following: 1. Semi-annual progress reports one hundred ninety (190) days following the date of the annual ISP, and 14 days prior to the annual IDT meeting: a. Identification of and implementation of a Meaningful Day definition for each person served; b. Documentation for each date of service delivery summarizing the following: i. Choice based options offered throughout the day; and ii. Progress toward outcomes using age	**Community Integrated Employment Services Semi-Annual Reports** • Individual #2 - None found for October 2015 – April 2016. *(Term of ISP 10/22/2015 - 10/21/2016).* • Individual #5 - None found for May 2015 – February 2016. *(Term of ISP 5/29/2015 - 5/28/2016) (ISP meeting held 3/10/2016).* • Individual #11 - None found for January 2016 – June 2016. *(Term of ISP 1/01/2016 - 12/31/2016).* • Individual #14 - None found for December 2015 – June 2016. *(Term of ISP 12/6/2015 – 12/5/2016)*		

appropriate strategies specified in each individual's action steps in the ISP, and associated support plans/WDSI. c. Record of personally meaningful community inclusion activities; and d. Written updates, to the ISP Work/Learn Action Plan annually or as necessary due to change in work goals. These updates do not require an IDT meeting unless changes requiring team input need to be made. e. Data related to the requirements of the Performance Contract to DDSD quarterly. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **CHAPTER 5 IV. COMMUNITY INCLUSION SERVICES PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS** **E. Provider Agency Reporting Requirements:** All Community Inclusion Provider Agencies are required to submit written quarterly status reports to the individual's Case Manager no later than fourteen (14) calendar days following the end of each quarter. In addition to reporting required by specific Community Access, Supported Employment, and Adult Habilitation Standards, the quarterly reports shall contain the following written documentation: (1) Identification and implementation of a meaningful day definition for each person served; (2) Documentation summarizing the following: (a) Daily choice-based options; and (b) Daily progress toward goals using age-appropriate strategies specified in each individual's action plan in the ISP. (3) Significant changes in the individual's routine or staffing;			

(4) Unusual or significant life events; (5) Quarterly updates on health status, including changes in medication, assistive technology needs and durable medical equipment needs; (6) Record of personally meaningful community inclusion; (7) Success of supports as measured by whether or not the person makes progress toward his or her desired outcomes as identified in the ISP; and (8) Any additional reporting required by DDSD.			

Tag # IS12 – Person Centered Assessment (Inclusion Services)	Standard Level Deficiency		
New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) DIRECTOR'S **RELEASE** (DR) #: 16.01.01 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 15, 2016 Rescind Policy Number: VAP-001; Procedure Number: VAPP-001 **I. SUMMARY:** Effective January 15, 2016, the Department of Health/Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) rescinded the Vocational Assessment Profile Policy (VAP-001) and Vocational Assessment Profile Procedure for Individuals on the Developmental Disabilities Waiver Who Are and Who Are Not Jackson Class Members (VAPP-001) dated July 16, 2008. **II. REQUIREMENTS AND CLARIFICATIONS:** To replace this policy and procedure, it is the expectation that providers who support individuals on the Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) complete an annual person-centered assessment. This is a requirement for all DD Waiver recipients who receive Customized Community Supports and/or Community Integrated Employment services, including Jackson Class Members who receive Community Inclusion Services. In addition, for new allocations, individuals transferring from Mi Via Waiver services to traditional DD Waiver services, or for individuals who are new to a provider or are requesting a service for the first time, a person-centered assessment shall be completed within 90 days. A person-centered assessment is a tool to elicit information about a person. The tool is to be used for person-centered planning and collecting information that shall be included in	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a confidential case file for everyone receiving Inclusion Services for 2 of 16 individuals. Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: • Annual Review - Person Centered Assessment (#8, 11)	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

the Individual Service Plan (ISP). A person-centered assessment should contain, at a minimum: Information about the individual's background and current status, the individual's strengths, interests, conditions for success to integrate into the community, including conditions for job success (for individuals who are working or wish to work), and support needs for the individual. A person-centered assessment must include individual and/or family involvement. Additionally, information from staff members who are closest to the individual and who know the individual the best should be included in the assessment. A new person-centered assessment should be completed at least every five years. If there is a significant change in an individual's circumstance, a new assessment will be required sooner. Person-centered assessments should reviewed and be updated annually. Changes to the updated assessment should be signed and dated in order to demonstrate that the assessment was reviewed.			

Tag # IS22 / 5I22 SE Agency Case File	Standard Level Deficiency		
New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) DIRECTOR'S **RELEASE** (DR) #: 16.01.01 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 15, 2016 Rescind Policy Number: VAP-001; Procedure Number: VAPP-001 **II. SUMMARY:** Effective January 15, 2016, the Department of Health/Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) rescinded the Vocational Assessment Profile Policy (VAP-001) and Vocational Assessment Profile Procedure for Individuals on the Developmental Disabilities Waiver Who Are and Who Are Not Jackson Class Members (VAPP-001) dated July 16, 2008. **II. REQUIREMENTS AND CLARIFICATIONS:** To replace this policy and procedure, it is the expectation that providers who support individuals on the Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) complete an annual person-centered assessment. This is a requirement for all DD Waiver recipients who receive Customized Community Supports and/or Community Integrated Employment services, including Jackson Class Members who receive Community Inclusion Services. In addition, for new allocations, individuals transferring from Mi Via Waiver services to traditional DD Waiver services, or for individuals who are new to a provider or are requesting a service for the first time, a person-centered assessment shall be completed within 90 days. A person-centered assessment is a tool to elicit information about a person. The tool is to be used for person-centered planning and collecting information that shall be included in	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a confidential case file for each individual receiving Community Integrated Employment Services / Supported Employment Services for 2 of 8 individuals. Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: • Required Certificates and Documentation ◦ Earnings and Benefits (#5, 14)	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

the Individual Service Plan (ISP). A person-centered assessment should contain, at a minimum: Information about the individual's background and current status, the individual's strengths, interests, conditions for success to integrate into the community, including conditions for job success (for individuals who are working or wish to work), and support needs for the individual. A person-centered assessment must include individual and/or family involvement. Additionally, information from staff members who are closest to the individual and who know the individual the best should be included in the assessment. A career development plan should be in place for job seekers to outline the tasks needed to obtain employment. A career development plan can be a separate document or be added as an addendum to a person-centered assessment. A career development plan should have specific action steps that identifies who does what, by when. The information needs to be incorporated into the ISP as an Action Plan. A new person-centered assessment should be completed at least every five years. If there is a significant change in an individual's circumstance, a new assessment will be required sooner. Person-centered assessments should reviewed and be updated annually. Changes to the updated assessment should be signed and dated in order to demonstrate that the assessment was reviewed. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements**			

J. Consumer Records Policy: Community Integrated Employment Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **CHAPTER 5 VII. SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES REQUIREMENTS** **D. Provider Agency Requirements** (1) Provider Agency Records: The provider adheres to the Department of Labor (DOL) wage laws and maintains required certificates and documentation. These documents are subject to review by the DDSD. Each individual's earnings and benefits shall be monitored by the Provider Agency in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act. Each individual's earnings and benefits shall be reviewed at least semi-annually by the Supported Employment Provider to ensure the appropriateness of pay rates and benefits. (2) The Provider Agency shall maintain a confidential case file for each individual that includes all items listed in section IV.D. above and the following additional items: (a) Quarterly progress reports; (b) Vocational assessments (A vocational assessment or profile is an objective analysis of a person's interests, skills, needs, career goals, preferences, concerns, in areas that can pertain to an employment outcome and can ultimately be compared to the requirements and attributes of a potential job in order to determine the degree of compatibility as well as identification of training needs). A vocational assessment			

must be of a quality and content to be acceptable to DVR or DDSD; (c) Career development plan as incorporated in the ISP; a career development plan consists of the vocational assessment and the ISP Work/Learn Action Plan that specifies steps necessary towards a successful employment outcome and identifies the people who will complete specific tasks including the individual, as well and a review and reporting mechanism for mutual accountability; and (d) Documentation of decisions concerning the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation that services provided under the Waiver are not otherwise available under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.			

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; 6/15/2015 **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 7 of 8 Direct Support Personnel. **When DSP were asked if the individual had a Behavioral Crisis Intervention Plan and if so, what the plan covered, the following was reported:** • DSP #200 stated, "No." According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP the individual has Behavioral Crisis Intervention Plan. (Individual #6) **When DSP were asked if the Individual had a Speech Therapy Plan and if so, what the plan covered, the following was reported:** • DSP #204 stated, "No, it's not in the book." According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP the Individual requires a Speech Therapy Plan. (Individual #15) • DSP #205 stated, "I don't think so, no." According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP the Individual requires a Speech Therapy Plan. (Individual #12)	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

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 claimed for federal match if the provider has	**When DSP were asked if the Individual had a Physical Therapy Plan and if so, what the plan covered, the following was reported:** • DSP #205 stated, "No." According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP the Individual requires a Physical Therapy Plan. (Individual #12) **When DSP were asked if the Individual had Health Care Plans and if so, what the plan(s) covered, the following was reported:** • DSP #202 stated, "Does not." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual requires Health Care Plans for Body Mass Index. (Individual #1) • DSP #203 stated, "I don't know." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual requires Health Care Plans for Aspiration, Falls, Seizures, Skin and Wound and Status of Care. (Individual #16) • DSP #206 stated, "No, just aspiration." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual also requires a Health Care Plan for Body Mass Index. (Individual #2) • DSP #206 stated, "Aspiration and GERD." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual also requires Health Care Plans for Health Prevents Desired Level of Communication, Pain and Respiratory. (Individual #4) • DSP #206 stated, "GERD, Aspiration, Seizure, and Tube Feeding." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health		

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 state. All Supported Living provider agencies must report required personnel training status to	Assessment Tool, the Individual also requires Health Care Plans for Dehydration, Status of Care, Constipation, Bowel and Bladder, Respiratory, Spasticity, Falls, and Skin and Wound. (Individual #9) • DSP #208 stated, "I don't show any…that might not be completely correct." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual requires a Health Care Plan for Falls. (Individual #5) **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 #203 stated, "Not that I know of." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual requires Medical Emergency Response Plans for Aspiration, Falls, and Seizures. In addition, according to the Individual Specific Section of the ISP the individual also requires Medical Emergency Response Plans for Hypertension and Osteoporosis. (Individual #16) • DSP #206 stated, "No." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual requires a Medical Emergency Response Plan for Respiratory. (Individual #4) • DSP #206 stated, "Aspiration, Seizure, and Tube Feeding." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual also requires Medical Emergency Response Plans for Respiratory and Falls. (Individual #9) • DSP #208 stated, "No." As indicated by the		

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Tag # 1A28.1 Incident Mgt. System - Personnel Training	Standard Level Deficiency		
NMAC 7.1.14 ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION, AND DEATH REPORTING, TRAINING AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS **NMAC 7.1.14.9 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:** **A. General:** All community-based service providers shall establish and maintain an incident management system, which emphasizes the principles of prevention and staff involvement. The community-based service provider shall ensure that the incident management system policies and procedures requires all employees and volunteers to be competently trained to respond to, report, and preserve evidence related to incidents in a timely and accurate manner. **B. Training curriculum:** Prior to an employee or volunteer's initial work with the community-based service provider, all employees and volunteers shall be trained on an applicable written training curriculum including incident policies and procedures for identification, and timely reporting of abuse, neglect, exploitation, suspicious injury, and all deaths as required in Subsection A of 7.1.14.8 NMAC. The trainings shall be reviewed at annual, not to exceed 12-month intervals. The training curriculum as set forth in Subsection C of 7.1.14.9 NMAC may include computer-based training. Periodic reviews shall include, at a minimum, review of the written training curriculum and site-specific issues pertaining to the community-based service provider's facility. Training shall be conducted in a language that is understood by the employee or volunteer. **C. Incident management system training curriculum requirements:** **(1)** The community-based service provider shall conduct training or designate a	Based on record review and interview, the Agency did not ensure Incident Management Training for 1 of 9 Agency Personnel. **When Direct Support Personnel were asked what State Agency must be contacted when there is suspected Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation, the following was reported:** • DSP #205 stated, "'M' something, I don't know." Staff was not able to identify the State Agency as Division of Health Improvement.	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

knowledgeable representative to conduct training, in accordance with the written training curriculum provided electronically by the division that includes but is not limited to: **(a)** an overview of the potential risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation; **(b)** informational procedures for properly filing the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form; **(c)** specific instructions of the employees' legal responsibility to report an incident of abuse, neglect and exploitation, suspicious injury, and all deaths; **(d)** specific instructions on how to respond to abuse, neglect, or exploitation; **(e)** emergency action procedures to be followed in the event of an alleged incident or knowledge of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or suspicious injury. **(2)** All current employees and volunteers shall receive training within 90 days of the effective date of this rule. **(3)** All new employees and volunteers shall receive training prior to providing services to consumers. **D. Training documentation:** All community-based service providers shall prepare training documentation for each employee and volunteer to include a signed statement indicating the date, time, and place they received their incident management reporting instruction. The community-based service provider shall maintain documentation of an employee or volunteer's training for a period of at least three years, or six months after termination of an employee's employment or the volunteer's work. Training curricula shall be kept on the provider premises and made available upon request by the department. Training documentation shall be made available immediately upon a division representative's request. Failure to provide employee and volunteer training documentation			

shall subject the community-based service provider to the penalties provided for in this rule. **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. C. Staff shall complete training on DOH-approved incident reporting procedures in accordance with 7 NMAC 1.13.			

Tag # 1A36 Service Coordination Requirements	Standard 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: K. In addition to the applicable requirements described in policy statements B – I (above), direct support staff, direct support supervisors, and internal service coordinators shall complete DDSD-approved core curriculum training. Attachments A and B to this policy identify the specific competency requirements for the following levels of core curriculum training: 1. Introductory Level – must be completed within thirty (30) days of assignment to his/her position with the agency. 2. Orientation – must be completed within ninety (90) days of assignment to his/her position with the agency. 3. Level I – must be completed within one (1) year of assignment to his/her position with the agency. **NMAC 7.26.5.7** "service coordinator": the community provider staff member, sometimes called the program manager or the internal case manager, who supervises, implements and monitors the service plan within the community service provider agency **NMAC 7.26.5.11** (b) service coordinator: the service coordinators of the community provider agencies shall assure that appropriate staff develop strategies specific to their responsibilities in the ISP; the service coordinators shall assure the action plans and strategies are implemented consistent with the provisions of the ISP, and shall report to the case manager on ISP implementation and the	Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure that Orientation and Training requirements were met for 1 of 1 Service Coordinators. Review of Service Coordinators training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings being completed: • Sexuality for People with Developmental Disabilities (SC #208)	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

individual's progress on action plans within their agencies; for persons funded solely by state general funds, the service coordinator shall assume all the duties of the independent case manager described within these regulations; if there are two or more "key" community service provider agencies with two or more service coordinator staff, the IDT shall designate which service coordinator shall assume the duties of the case manager; the criteria to guide the IDTs selection are set forth as follows: (i) the designated service coordinator shall have the skills necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the case manager as defined in these regulations; (ii) the designated service coordinator shall have the time and interest to fulfill the functions of the case manager as defined in these regulations; (iii) the designated service coordinator shall be familiar with and understand community service delivery and supports; (iv) the designated service coordinator shall know the individual or be willing to become familiar and develop a relationship with the individual being served;			

Tag # 1A43 General Events Reporting	Standard Level Deficiency		
Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy: General Events Reporting Effective 1/1/2012 **1. Purpose** To report, track and analyze significant events experiences by adult participants of the DD Waiver program, which do not meet criteria for abuse, neglect or exploitation, or other "reportable incident" as defined by the Incident Management Bureau of the Division of Health Improvement, Department of Health, but which pose a risk to individuals served. Analysis of reported significant events is intended to identify emerging patterns so that preventative actions can be identified at the individual, provider agency, regional and statewide levels. **II. Policy Statements** A. Designated employees of each agency will enter specified information into the General Events Reporting section of the secure website operated under contract by Therap Services within 2 business days of the occurrence or knowledge by the reporting agency of any of the following defined events in which DDSD requires reporting: Chocking, Missing Person, Suicide Attempt or Threat, Restraint related to Behavior, Serious Injury including Skin Breakdown, Fall (with or without injury), Out of Home Placement and Infections…Providers shall utilize the "Significant Events Reporting System Guide" to assure that events are reported correctly for DDSD tracking purposes. At providers' discretion additional events may be tracked within the Therap General Events Reporting	Based on record review the Agency did not follow the General Events Reporting requirements as indicated by the policy for 2 of 16 individuals. **The following General Events Reporting records contained evidence that indicated the General Events Report was not entered and approved within 2 business days:** Individual #9 Agency Internal Incident Report indicates on 6/20/2016 the Individual had Skin Breakdown. Incident Report was not entered into the General Events Reporting system as required by DDSD Policy. Agency Internal Incident Report indicates on 5/31/2016 the Individual had Skin Breakdown. Incident Report was not entered into the General Events Reporting system as required by DDSD Policy. Individual #10 Agency Internal Incident Report indicates on 4/22/2016 the Individual fell without Injury. Incident Report was not entered into the General Events Reporting system as required by DDSD Policy.	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

which are not required by DDSD such as medication errors. B. General Events Reporting does not replace agency obligations to report abuse, neglect, exploitation and other reportable incidents in compliance with policies and procedures issued by the Department's Incident Management Bureau of the Division of Health Improvement.			

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	Based on record review and interview, the Agency had not fully implemented their Continuous Quality Management System as required by standard. Review of the findings identified during the on-site survey (10/19 – 31, 2016) and as reflected in this report of findings, the Agency had multiple deficiencies noted, including Conditions of Participation out of compliance, which indicates the CQI plan provided by the Agency was not being used to successfully identify and improve systems within the agency.	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)***:** → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)***:** →	

performance; and, iv. The frequency with which performance is measured. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **Chapter 1 Introduction:** As outlined in the quality assurance/quality improvement section in each of the service standards, all approved DDW providers are required to develop and utilize a quality assurance/quality improvement (QA/QI) plan to continually determine whether it operates in accordance with program requirements and regulations, achieves desired outcomes and identifies opportunities for improvement. CMS expects states to follow a continuous quality improvement process to monitor the implementation of the waiver assurances and methods to address identified problems in any area of non-compliance. **CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements: Quality Assurance Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Plan**: Community-based providers shall develop and maintain an active QA/QI plan in order to assure the provisions of quality services. 1. **Development of a QA/QI plan:** The QA/QI 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 QA/QI 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 QA/QI plan must describe how the data collected will be used to improve the delivery of services and methods to evaluate whether implementation of improvements are working. The plan shall include but is not limited to: a. Activities or processes related to discovery, i.e., monitoring and recording the findings. Descriptions of monitoring/oversight activities that occur at the individual's and provider level of service delivery. These monitoring activities provide a foundation for QA/QI plan by generating information that can be aggregated and analyzed to measure the overall system performance. b. The entities or individuals responsible for conducting the discovery/monitoring process; c. The types of information used to measure performance; and d. The frequency with which performance is measured. 2. **Implementing a QA/QI Committee:** The QA/QI committee must convene on at least a quarterly basis and as needed to review monthly service reports, to identify and remedy 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 the ISP, including: i. Implementation of outcomes and action steps at the required frequency outlined in the ISP; and ii. Outcome statements for each life area are measurable and can be readily determined when it is accomplished or completed. b. Compliance with Caregivers Criminal History Screening requirements; c. Compliance with Employee Abuse Registry requirements; d. Compliance with DDSD training requirements; e. Patterns in reportable incidents; f. Sufficiency of staff coverage; g. Patterns in medication errors; h. Action taken regarding individual grievances; i. Presence and completeness of required documentation; and J Significant program changes. **CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements: Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Plan:** Community-based providers shall develop and maintain an active QA/QI plan in order to assure the provisions of quality services. **1. Development of a QA/QI plan:** The			

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Agency must complete a QA/QI report annually from the QA/QI Plan by February 15th of each calendar year. The report must be sent to DDSD, kept on file at the agency, and made available upon request. The report will summarize the listed items above. **CHAPTER 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements: Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Plan:** Community-based providers shall develop and maintain an active QA/QI plan in order to assure the provisions of quality services. 1. **Development of a QA/QI plan:** The QA/QI 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 QA/QI 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 QA/QI plan must describe how the data collected will be used to improve the delivery of services and methods to evaluate whether implementation of improvements are working. The plan shall include but is not limited to: a. Activities or processes related to discovery, i.e., monitoring and recording the findings. Descriptions of monitoring /oversight activities that occur at the individual's and provider level of service delivery. These monitoring activities provide a foundation for QA/QI plan by			

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j. Significant program changes. **Preparation of the Report:** The Provider Agency must complete a QA/QI report annually from the QA/QI Plan by February 15th of each calendar year. The report must be sent to DDSD, kept on file at the agency, and made available upon request. The report will summarize the listed items above. **CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 3. Service Requirements: F. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Program: Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Program:** Community-based providers shall develop and maintain an active QA/QI plan in order to assure the provisions of quality services. 1. **Development of a QA/QI plan:** The QA/QI 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 QA/QI 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 QA/QI plan must describe how the data collected will be used to improve the delivery of services and methods to evaluate whether implementation of improvements are working. The plan shall include but is not limited to: a. Activities or processes related to discovery, i.e., monitoring and recording the findings. Descriptions of monitoring /oversight activities that occur at the			

individual's and provider level of service delivery. These monitoring activities provide a foundation for QA/QI plan by generating information that can be aggregated and analyzed to measure the overall system performance. b. The entities or individuals responsible for conducting the discovery/monitoring process; c. The types of information used to measure performance; and d. The frequency with which performance is measured. 2. **Implementing a QA/QI Committee:** The QA/QI committee must convene on at least a quarterly basis and as needed to review monthly service reports, to identify and remedy 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 the ISP, including: i. Implementation of outcomes and action steps at the required frequency outlined in the ISP; and ii. Outcome statements for each life area are measurable and can be readily determined when it is accomplished or completed. b. Compliance with Caregivers Criminal History Screening requirements; c. Compliance with Employee Abuse Registry requirements;			

d. Compliance with DDSD training requirements; e. Patterns in reportable incidents; f. Sufficiency of staff coverage; g. Patterns in medication errors; h. Action taken regarding individual grievances; i. Presence and completeness of required documentation; and j. Significant program changes. **Preparation of the Report:** The Provider Agency must complete a QA/QI report annually from the QA/QI Plan by February 15th of each calendar year. The report must be sent to DDSD, kept on file at the agency, and made available upon request. The report will summarize the listed items above. **CHAPTER 14 (ANS) 3. Service Requirements: N. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Program: Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement (QA/QI) Plan:** Community-based providers shall develop and maintain an active QA/QI plan in order to assure the provisions of quality services. 1. **Development of a QA/QI plan:** The QA/QI 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 QA/QI plan describes the process the Provider Agency uses in each phase of the process:			

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NMAC 7.1.14.8 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS: F. Quality assurance/quality improvement program for community-based service providers: F. Quality assurance/quality improvement program for community-based service providers: The community-based service provider shall establish and implement a quality improvement program for reviewing alleged complaints and incidents of abuse, neglect, or exploitation against them as a provider after the division's investigation is complete. The incident management program shall include written documentation of corrective actions taken. The community-based service provider shall take all reasonable steps to prevent further incidents. The community-based service provider shall provide 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.			

Tag #1A08.2 Healthcare Requirements	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
NMAC 8.302.1.17 RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: A provider must maintain all the records necessary to fully disclose the nature, quality, amount and medical necessity of services furnished to an eligible recipient who is currently receiving or who has received services in the past. B. **Documentation of test results:** Results of tests and services must be documented, which includes results of laboratory and radiology procedures or progress following therapy or treatment. **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION (DDSD): Director's Release: Consumer Record Requirements eff. 11/1/2012** **III. Requirement Amendments(s) or Clarifications:** A. All case management, living supports, customized in-home supports, community integrated employment and customized community supports providers must maintain records for individuals served through DD Waiver in accordance with the Individual Case File Matrix incorporated in this director's release. H. Readily accessible electronic records are accessible, including those stored through the Therap web-based system. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **Chapter 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements** **H. Consumer Records Policy:** All Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are	After an analysis of the evidence it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur. Based on record review, the Agency did not provide documentation of annual physical examinations and/or other examinations as specified by a licensed physician for 12 of 16 individuals receiving Community Inclusion, Living Services and/or Other Services. Review of the administrative individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: ***Community Inclusion Services / Other Services Healthcare Requirements (Individuals Receiving Inclusion / Other Services Only):*** • **Annual Physical** (#1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15) • **Dental Exam** ◦ Individual #1 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. No evidence of exam was found. ◦ Individual #4 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. No evidence of exam was found. ◦ Individual #7 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. No evidence of exam was found. ◦ Individual #11 - As indicated by collateral documentation reviewed, the exam was completed on 3/03/2015. As indicated by	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

required to comply with the DDSD Consumer Records Policy. **Chapter 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements: G. Consumer Records Policy:** All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. **Chapter 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements: E. Consumer Records Policy:** All Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. **Chapter 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy:** All Family Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. **Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy:** All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. **Chapter 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements:** C. Documents to be maintained in the agency administrative office, include: (This is not an all-inclusive list refer to standard as it includes other items)…	the DDSD file matrix, Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. No evidence of current exam was found. ◦ Individual #12 - As indicated by collateral documentation reviewed, the exam was completed on 8/10/2015. Per the DDSD file matrix, Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. No evidence of current exam was found. ◦ Individual #15 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. No evidence of exam was found. • **Vision Exam** ◦ Individual #1 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Vision Exams are to be conducted every other year. No evidence of exam was found. ◦ Individual #4 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Vision Exams are to be conducted every other year. No evidence of exam was found. ◦ Individual #5 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Vision Exams are to be conducted every other year. No evidence of exam was found. ◦ Individual #6 - As indicated by collateral documentation reviewed, exam was completed on 7/09/2015. Follow-up was to be completed in 12 months. No evidence of follow-up found. ◦ Individual #7 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Vision Exams are to be conducted every other year. No evidence of exam was		

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: D. Provider Agency Case File for the Individual:** All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the receiving agency whenever an individual changes providers. The record must also be made available for review when requested by DOH, HSD or federal government representatives for oversight purposes. The individual's case file shall include the following requirements: (5) A medical history, which shall include at least demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability, psychiatric diagnoses, allergies (food, environmental, medications), immunizations, and most recent physical exam; **CHAPTER 6. VI. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING** **G. Health Care Requirements for Community Living Services**. (1) The Community Living Service providers shall ensure completion of a HAT for each individual receiving this service. The HAT shall be completed 2 weeks prior to the annual ISP meeting and submitted to the Case Manager and all other IDT Members. A revised HAT is required to also be submitted whenever the individual's health status changes significantly. For individuals who are newly allocated to the DD Waiver program, the HAT may be completed within 2 weeks following the initial ISP meeting and submitted with any strategies and support plans indicated in the ISP, or within 72 hours following admission into direct	found. ◦ Individual #8 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Vision Exams are to be conducted every other year. No evidence of exam was found. ◦ Individual #9 - As indicated by collateral documentation reviewed, exam was completed on 8/05/2014. Follow-up was to be completed in 24 months. No evidence of follow-up found. ◦ Individual #11 - As indicated by collateral documentation reviewed, exam was completed on 10/01/2015. Follow-up was to be completed in 6 months. No evidence of follow-up found. ◦ Individual #15 - As indicated by the DDSD file matrix Vision Exams are to be conducted every other year. No evidence of exam was found. • **Auditory Exam** ◦ Individual #6 - As indicated by collateral documentation reviewed, exam was completed on 6/25/2014. Follow-up was to be completed in 24 months. No evidence of follow-up found. ◦ Individual #9 - As indicated by collateral documentation reviewed, exam was completed on 4/2/2014. Follow-up was to be completed in 24 months. No evidence of follow-up found.		

services, whichever comes first. (2) Each individual will have a Health Care Coordinator, designated by the IDT. When the individual's HAT score is 4, 5 or 6 the Health Care Coordinator shall be an IDT member, other than the individual. The Health Care Coordinator shall oversee and monitor health care services for the individual in accordance with these standards. In circumstances where no IDT member voluntarily accepts designation as the health care coordinator, the community living provider shall assign a staff member to this role. (3) For each individual receiving Community Living Services, the provider agency shall ensure and document the following: (a) Provision of health care oversight consistent with these Standards as detailed in Chapter One section III E: Healthcare Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services. b) That each individual with a score of 4, 5, or 6 on the HAT, has a Health Care Plan developed by a licensed nurse. (c) That an individual with chronic condition(s) with the potential to exacerbate into a life threatening condition, has Crisis Prevention/ Intervention Plan(s) developed by a licensed nurse or other appropriate professional for each such condition. (4) That an average of 3 hours of documented nutritional counseling is available annually, if recommended by the IDT. (5) That the physical property and grounds are free of hazards to the individual's health and safety. (6) In addition, for each individual receiving Supported Living or Family Living Services, the provider shall verify and document the			

following: (a) The individual has a primary licensed physician; (b) The individual receives an annual physical examination and other examinations as specified by a licensed physician; (c) The individual receives annual dental check-ups and other check-ups as specified by a licensed dentist; (d) The individual receives eye examinations as specified by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist; and (e) Agency activities that occur as follow-up to medical appointments (e.g. treatment, visits to specialists, changes in medication or daily routine).			

Tag # 1A15 Healthcare Documentation Nurse Contract/Employee	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **Chapter 6 (CCS) 2. Service Requirements** D. Group Customized Community Supports providers must have nurse staffing available to meet the needs of the individuals and staff during that service as part of the bundled nursing rate. 1. If Group CCS providers also offer Individual and/or Small Group CCS, and wish to provide nursing supports during those service, may opt to add Adult Nursing Services to their provider contract in order to be able to deliver and bill Adult Nursing Services to individuals who require health related supports during Individual or Small Group CCS. If the agency does not offer Adult Nursing Services, the individual will need to select an Adult Nursing Services provider from the SFOC to receive health related support when they are not participating in Group CCS. E. Providers who offer only Individual and or Small Group Customized Community Supports may opt to add Adult Nursing Services to their provider contract. If the agency does not offer Adult Nursing Services, the individual will need to select an Adult Nursing Services provider from the SFOC. Refer to Adult Nursing Services chapter for more information. **Chapter 11 (FL) 2. Service Requirements:**	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 have an employed or contracted licensed registered nurse. When asked about the Agency Nursing Contract, Director of Operations #208 stated, "Our nurse is available by telephone and will sometimes perform trainings on Saturdays to review Health Care Plans and Medical Emergency Response Plans." Director of Operations #208 provided a copy of a Nursing Contract dated 3/21/2010 and license certification for RN #209. On 10/27/2016, Surveyor conducted a telephone interview with RN #209. RN #209 stated that he had not provided any services for the agency for a period of "about one year" (since October 2015). RN #209 added that he and Director of Operations #208 had not personally spoken since October 2015 when the Agency "hired another RN". RN #209 further stated that he "would consider the contract null and void and would want to renegotiate" if he were to be called to provide services. Attempts to reach Director of Operations #208 for clarification have gone unanswered as of October 31, 2016.	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

H. Health Care Requirements for Family Living: 1. All Family Living Providers are required to be an Adult Nursing Provider for those that receive Family Living Services from their agency. Please refer to Adult Nursing chapter for requirements. 2. Individuals are supported to receive coordinated health care services based on each individual's specific health needs, conditions and desires. Health care services are accessed through the individual's Medicaid State Plan benefits through Fee for Service or Managed Care and through Medicare and/or private insurance for individuals who have these additional types of insurance coverage. **Chapter 12 (SL) 2. Service Requirements** 1. **Nursing Requirements and Roles:** a. Supported Living Provider Agencies are required to have a RN licensed by the State of New Mexico on staff. The agency nurse may be an employee or a sub-contractor. b. The Supported Living Provider Agency must ensure that activities conducted by agency nurses comply with the roles and responsibilities identified in these standards. c. The Supported Living Provider Agency must not use a LPN without a RN supervisor. The RN must provide face-to-face supervision required by the New Mexico Nurse Practice Act and these			

service standards for LPNs, CNAs and DSP who have been delegated nursing tasks. d. On-call nursing services: An on-call nurse must be available to DSP during the periods when a nurse is not present. The on-call nurse must be able to make an on-site visit when information provided by DSP over the phone indicate, in the nurse's professional judgment, the need for a face to face assessment to determine appropriate action. An LPN taking on-call shifts must have access to their RN supervisor by phone during their on-call shift in case consultation is required. It is expected that no single nurse carry the full burden of on-call duties for the agency and that nurses be appropriately compensated for taking their turn covering on-call shifts. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **Chapter 1. III. E. (1 - 4) CHAPTER 1. III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION** **E. Healthcare Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services:** Nursing services must be available as needed and documented for Provider Agencies delivering Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **CHAPTER 6 VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS**			

K. Nursing Requirements and Roles (1) All Community Living Service Provider Agencies are required to have a registered nurse (RN) on staff. The agency nurse may be an employee or a sub-contractor. (3) A Community Living Support Provider Agency shall not use a licensed practical nurse (LPN) without a registered nurse (RN) supervisor.			

Tag # 1A15.1 Nurse Availability	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements** **C.** Employ or subcontract with at least one RN to comply with services under "Nursing and Medical Oversight Services as needed" that is detailed in the Scope of Services above for Group Customized Community Supports Services. If the size of the provider warrants more than one nurse, a RN must supervise LPNs. 2. Ensure compliance with the New Mexico Nurse Practice Act and DDSD Policies and Procedures regarding Delegation of Specific Nursing Functions, including: i. Provider agencies (Small group and Group services) must develop and implement policies and procedures regarding delegation which must comply with relevant DDSD Policies and Procedures, and the New Mexico Nurse Practice Act. Agencies must ensure that all nurses they employ or contract with are knowledgeable of all these requirements; **CHAPTER 11. 2. Service Requirements I. Health Care Requirements for Family Living:** **9.** Family Living Provider Agencies are required to be an Adult Nursing provider and have a Registered Nurse (RN) licensed by the State of New Mexico on staff and residing in New Mexico or bordering towns see: Adult Nursing requirements. The agency nurse may be an employee or a sub-contractor. A. The Family Living Provider Agency must not	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 nursing services were available as needed for 16 of 16 individuals. When Direct Service Professionals (DSP) were asked if an agency nurse was available to them, the following was reported: • DSP #200 stated, "No." • DSP #201 stated, "No, I don't know the name of the nurse or number, I call [#208 Director of Operations / Service Coordinator]." • DSP #202 stated, "It was …., not sure now." **When the agency nurse, as reported by Director of Operations #208, was asked about their contract with the Agency, the following was reported:** • RN #209 stated, "I would consider the contract null and void and would want to renegotiate if I were called to provide services."	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

use a LPN without a RN supervisor. The RN must provide face to face supervision required by the New Mexico Nurse Practice Act and these services standards for LPNs, CMAs, and direct support personnel who have been delegated nursing tasks. B. On-call nursing services: An on-call nurse must be available to surrogate or host families DSP for medication oversight. It is expected that no single nurse carry the full burden of on-call duties for the agency. **CHAPTER 12. 2. Service Requirements. L. Training and Requirement: 6. Nursing Requirements and Roles:** A. Supported Living Provider Agencies are required to have a RN licensed by the State of New Mexico on staff. The agency nurse may be an employee or a sub-contractor. **CHAPTER 13. 1. SCOPE OF SERVICE. A. Living Supports- Intensive Medical Living Service includes the following:** 1. **Provide appropriate levels of supports:** Agency nurses and Direct Support Personnel (DSP) provide individualized support based upon assessed need. Assessment shall include use of required health-related assessments, eligibility parameters issued by the Developmental Disabilities Support Division (DDSD), other pertinent assessments completed by the nurse, and the nurse's professional judgment. 2. **Provide daily nursing visits:** a. A daily, face to face nursing visit must be made by a Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in order to deliver required direct nursing care, monitor each individual's status, and oversee DSP delivery of health related care and interventions. Face to face nursing visits may			

not be delegated to non-licensed staff. b. Although a nurse may be present in the home for extended periods of time, a nurse is not required to be present in the home during periods of time when direct nursing services are not needed. **NEW MEXICO NURSING PRACTICE ACT CHAPTER 61, ARTICLE 3** I. "licensed practical nursing" means the practice of a directed scope of nursing requiring basic knowledge of the biological, physical, social and behavioral sciences and nursing procedures, which practice is at the direction of a registered nurse, physician or dentist licensed to practice in this state. This practice includes but is not limited to: (1) contributing to the assessment of the health status of individuals, families and communities; (2) participating in the development and modification of the plan of care; (3) implementing appropriate aspects of the plan of care commensurate with education and verified competence; (4) collaborating with other health care professionals in the management of health care; and (5) participating in the evaluation of responses to interventions;			

Tag # 1A15.2 and IS09 / 5I09 Healthcare Documentation	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **Chapter 5 (CIES) 3. Agency Requirements H. Consumer Records Policy:** All Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Consumer Records Policy. **Chapter 6 (CCS) 2. Service Requirements. E.** The agency nurse(s) for Customized Community Supports providers must provide the following services: 1. Implementation of pertinent PCP orders; ongoing oversight and monitoring of the individual's health status and medically related supports when receiving this service; **3. Agency Requirements: Consumer Records Policy:** All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. **Chapter 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements: E. Consumer Records Policy:** All Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. **Chapter 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy:** All Family Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for	After an analysis of the evidence it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur. Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain the required documentation in the Individual's Agency Record as required by standard for 15 of 16 individuals. Review of the administrative individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: • Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool (Echat) (#4, 7, 11) • Medication Administration Assessment Tool (#1, 4, 7, 9, 11) • Comprehensive Aspiration Risk Management Plan: ➢ Not Found (#2, 10) ➢ Not Current (#8) • Aspiration Risk Screening Tool (#1, 4, 7, 9, 11) • **Quarterly Nursing Review of HCP/Medical Emergency Response Plans:** ◦ None found for August 2015 – July 2016 (#3) *(Term of ISP 2/1/2015 – 1/31/2016 and 2/1/2016 – 1/31/2017).* ◦ None found for September 2015 – September 2016 (#9) *(Term of ISP 6/1/2015 – 5/31/2016 and 6/1/2016 – 5/31/2017).*	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. **I. Health Care Requirements for Family Living: 5.** A nurse employed or contracted by the Family Living Supports provider must complete the e-CHAT, the Aspiration Risk Screening Tool, (ARST), and the Medication Administration Assessment Tool (MAAT) and any other assessments deemed appropriate on at least an annual basis for each individual served, upon significant change of clinical condition and upon return from any hospitalizations. In addition, the MAAT must be updated for any significant change of medication regime, change of route that requires delivery by licensed or certified staff, or when an individual has completed training designed to improve their skills to support self-administration. a. For newly-allocated or admitted individuals, assessments are required to be completed within three (3) business days of admission or two (2) weeks following the initial ISP meeting, whichever comes first. b. For individuals already in services, the required assessments are to be completed no more than forty-five (45) calendar days and at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the annual ISP meeting. c. Assessments must be updated within three (3) business days following any significant change of clinical condition and within three (3) business days following return from hospitalization. **d.** Other nursing assessments conducted to determine current health status or to evaluate a change in clinical condition must be documented in a signed progress note that includes time and date as well as subjective	◦ None found for December 2016 – September 2016 (#10) *(Term of ISP 3/29/2015 – 3/28/2016 and 3/29/2016 – 3/28/2017).* • **Semi-Annual Nursing Review of HCP/Medical Emergency Response Plans:** ◦ None found for August 2015 – April 2016 (#1) *(Term of ISP 8/31/15 – 8/30/2016) (ISP meeting held 4/22/2016).* ◦ None found for October 2015 – June 2016 (#2) *(Term of ISP 10/22/2015 – 10/21/2016) (ISP meeting held 7/7/2015).* ◦ None found for May 2015 – January 2016 (#4) *(Term of ISP 5/15/2015 – 5/14/2016) (ISP meeting held 2/5/2016).* ◦ None found for May 2015 – February 2016 (#5) *(Term of ISP 5/29/2015 – 5/28/2016) (ISP meeting held 3/10/2016).* ◦ None found for December 2015 – May 2016 (#6) *(Term of ISP 12/1/2015 – 11/30/2016).* ◦ None found for May 2015 – January 2016 (#7) *(Term of ISP 5/15/2015 – 5/14/2016) (ISP meeting held 2/3/2016).* ◦ None found for January 2016 – June 2016 (#11) *(Term of ISP 1/1/2016 – 12/31/2016).* ◦ None found for April 2016 – September 2016 (#12) *(Term of ISP 4/1/2016 – 3/31/2017).* ◦ None found for December 2015 – May 2016 (#13) *(Term of ISP 12/1/2015 – 11/30/2016).*		

information including the individual complaints, signs and symptoms noted by staff, family members or other team members; objective information including vital signs, physical examination, weight, and other pertinent data for the given situation (e.g., seizure frequency, method in which temperature taken); assessment of the clinical status, and plan of action addressing relevant aspects of all active health problems and follow up on any recommendations of medical consultants. **e.** Develop any urgently needed interim Healthcare Plans or MERPs per DDSD policy pending authorization of ongoing Adult Nursing services as indicated by health status and individual/guardian choice. **Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements: D. Consumer Records Policy:** All Living Supports- Supported Living Provider Agencies must maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Provider agency case files for individuals are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. **2. Service Requirements. L. Training and Requirements. 5. Health Related Documentation:** For each individual receiving Living Supports- Supported Living, the provider agency must ensure and document the following: a. That an individual with chronic condition(s) with the potential to exacerbate into a life threatening condition, has a MERP developed by a licensed nurse or other appropriate professional according to the DDSD Medical Emergency Response Plan Policy, that DSP have been trained to implement such plan(s), and ensure that a copy of such plan(s) are	◦ None found for December 2015 – June 2016 (#14) *(Term of ISP 12/6/2015 – 12/5/2016).* • **Special Health Care Needs:** • *Nutritional Plan* ◦ Individual #4 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ◦ Individual #6 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ◦ Individual #9 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ◦ Individual #10 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ◦ Individual #12 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • **Health Care Plans** • *Anaphylaxis* ◦ Individual #10 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Aspiration* ◦ Individual #13 - According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Body Mass Index*		

readily available to DSP in the home; b. That an average of five (5) hours of documented nutritional counseling is available annually, if recommended by the IDT and clinically indicated; c. That the nurse has completed legible and signed progress notes with date and time indicated that describe all interventions or interactions conducted with individuals served, as well as all interactions with other healthcare providers serving the individual. All interactions must be documented whether they occur by phone or in person; and d. Document for each individual that: i. The individual has a Primary Care Provider (PCP); ii. The individual receives an annual physical examination and other examinations as specified by a PCP; iii. The individual receives annual dental check-ups and other check-ups as specified by a licensed dentist; iv. The individual receives a hearing test as specified by a licensed audiologist; v. The individual receives eye examinations as specified by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist; and vi. 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). vii. The agency nurse will provide the	◦ Individual #1 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ◦ Individual #2 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ◦ Individual #5 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ◦ Individual #11 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Bowel and Bladder* ◦ Individual #3 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Constipation* ◦ Individual #3 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ◦ Individual #8 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Dehydration* ◦ Individual #9 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.		

individual's team with a semi-annual nursing report that discusses the services provided and the status of the individual in the last six (6) months. This may be provided electronically or in paper format to the team no later than (2) weeks prior to the ISP and semi-annually. **f.** The Supported Living Provider Agency must ensure that activities conducted by agency nurses comply with the roles and responsibilities identified in these standards. **Chapter 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements:** C. Documents to be maintained in the agency administrative office, include: A. All assessments completed by the agency nurse, including the Intensive Medical Living Eligibility Parameters tool; for e-CHAT a printed copy of the current e-CHAT summary report shall suffice; F. Annual physical exams and annual dental exams (not applicable for short term stays); G. Tri-annual vision exam (Not applicable for short term stays. See Medicaid policy 8.310.6 for allowable exceptions for more frequent vision exam); H. Audiology/hearing exam as applicable (Not applicable for short term stays; See Medicaid policy 8.324.6 for applicable requirements); I. All other evaluations called for in the ISP for which the Services provider is responsible to arrange; J. Medical screening, tests and lab results (for short term stays, only those which occur during the period of the stay); L. Record of medical and dental appointments, including any treatment provided (for short term	• *GERD* ◦ Individual #4 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Falls* ◦ Individual #5 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ◦ Individual #9 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Health Issues Prevent Desired Level of Participation* ◦ Individual #4 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Pain* ◦ Individual #4 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Respiratory* ◦ Individual #4 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ◦ Individual #9 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Seizure*		

stays, only those appointments that occur during the stay); O. Semi-annual ISP progress reports and MERP reviews (not applicable for short term stays); P. Quarterly nursing summary reports (not applicable for short term stays); **NMAC 8.302.1.17 RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:** A provider must maintain all the records necessary to fully disclose the nature, quality, amount and medical necessity of services furnished to an eligible recipient who is currently receiving or who has received services in the past. B. **Documentation of test results:** Results of tests and services must be documented, which includes results of laboratory and radiology procedures or progress following therapy or treatment. **Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Policy. Medical Emergency Response Plan Policy MERP-001 eff.8/1/2010** F. The MERP shall be written in clear, jargon free language and include at a minimum the following information: 1. A brief, simple description of the condition or illness. 2. A brief description of the most likely life threatening complications that might occur and what those complications may look like to an observer. 3. A concise list of the most important measures that may prevent the life threatening complication from occurring (e.g., avoiding allergens that trigger an asthma attack or making sure the person with diabetes has	° Individual #3 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ° Individual #10 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ° Individual #11 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Skin and Wound* ° Individual #3 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ° Individual #9 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Spasticity* ° Individual #3 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ° Individual #9 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • **Medical Emergency Response Plans** • *Anaphylaxis* ° Individual #10 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool		

snacks with them to avoid hypoglycemia). 4. Clear, jargon free, step-by-step instructions regarding the actions to be taken by direct support personnel (DSP) and/or others to intervene in the emergency, including criteria for when to call 911. 5. Emergency contacts with phone numbers. 6. Reference to whether the individual has advance directives or not, and if so, where the advance directives are located. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: D. Provider Agency Case File for the Individual:** All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the receiving agency whenever an individual changes providers. The record must also be made available for review when requested by DOH, HSD or federal government representatives for oversight purposes. The individual's case file shall include the following requirements…1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, **CHAPTER 1. III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION - Healthcare Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services: Chapter 1. III. E. (1 - 4) (1) Documentation of nursing assessment activities (2) Health related plans and (4) General Nursing Documentation** Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **CHAPTER 5 IV. COMMUNITY INCLUSION SERVICES PROVIDER AGENCY**	the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Aspiration* ◦ Individual #3 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ◦ Individual #10 - According to the Individual Specific Training section of the ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ◦ Individual #13 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ◦ Individual #16 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Constipation* ◦ Individual #8 - According to the Individual Specific Training section of the ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Falls* ◦ Individual #5 - According to the Individual Specific Training section of the ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ◦ Individual #9 - According to the Individual Specific Training section of the ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.		

REQUIREMENTS B. **IDT Coordination** (2) Coordinate with the IDT to ensure that each individual participating in Community Inclusion Services who has a score of 4, 5, or 6 on the HAT has a Health Care Plan developed by a licensed nurse, and if applicable, a Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plan.	° Individual #16 - According to the Individual Specific Training section of the ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Hypertension* ° Individual #16 - According to the Individual Specific Training section of the ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Osteoporosis* ° Individual #16 - According to the Individual Specific Training section of the ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Respiratory* ° Individual #4 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ° Individual #9 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. • *Seizure* ° Individual #3 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ° Individual #7 - According to the Individual Specific Training section of the ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ° Individual #10 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool		

	the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ° Individual #11 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. ° Individual #16 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.		

Tag # 1A28.2 Incident Mgt. System - Parent/Guardian Training	Standard Level Deficiency		
7.1.14.9 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: **A. General:** All community-based service providers shall establish and maintain an incident management system, which emphasizes the principles of prevention and staff involvement. The community-based service provider shall ensure that the incident management system policies and procedures requires all employees and volunteers to be competently trained to respond to, report, and preserve evidence related to incidents in a timely and accurate manner. **E. Consumer and guardian orientation packet:** Consumers, family members, and legal guardians shall be made aware of and have available immediate access to the community-based service provider incident reporting processes. The community-based service provider shall provide consumers, family members, or legal guardians an orientation packet to include incident management systems policies and procedural information concerning the reporting of abuse, neglect, exploitation, suspicious injury, or death. The community-based service provider shall include a signed statement indicating the date, time, and place they received their orientation packet to be contained in the consumer's file. The appropriate consumer, family member, or legal guardian shall sign this at the time of orientation.	Based on record review, the Agency did not provide documentation indicating consumer, family members, or legal guardians had received an orientation packet including incident management system policies and procedural information concerning the reporting of Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation, for 3 of 16 individuals. Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found and/or incomplete: • Parent/Guardian Incident Management Training (Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation) (#3, 8, 11)	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

Tag # 1A29 Complaints / Grievances Acknowledgement	Standard Level Deficiency		
NMAC 7.26.3.6 These regulations set out rights that the department expects all providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities to respect. These regulations are intended to complement the department's Client Complaint Procedures (7 NMAC 26.4) [now 7.26.4 NMAC]. **NMAC 7.26.3.13 Client Complaint Procedure Available.** A complainant may initiate a complaint as provided in the client complaint procedure to resolve complaints alleging that a service provider has violated a client's rights as described in Section 10 [now 7.26.3.10 NMAC]. The department will enforce remedies for substantiated complaints of violation of a client's rights as provided in client complaint procedure. [09/12/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01] **NMAC 7.26.4.13 Complaint Process:** **A. (2).** The service provider's complaint or grievance procedure shall provide, at a minimum, that: **(a)** the client is notified of the service provider's complaint or grievance procedure	Based on record review, the Agency did not provide documentation, the complaint procedure had been made available to individuals or their legal guardians for 2 of 16 individuals. Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found and/or incomplete: • Grievance/Complaint Procedure Acknowledgement (#3, 11)	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

Tag # 1A31 Client Rights/Human Rights	Standard Level Deficiency		
7.26.3.11 RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITATION OF CLIENT'S RIGHTS: A. A service provider shall not restrict or limit a client's rights except: (1) where the restriction or limitation is allowed in an emergency and is necessary to prevent imminent risk of physical harm to the client or another person; or (2) where the interdisciplinary team has determined that the client's limited capacity to exercise the right threatens his or her physical safety; or (3) as provided for in Section 10.1.14 [now Subsection N of 7.26.3.10 NMAC]. B. Any emergency intervention to prevent physical harm shall be reasonable to prevent harm, shall be the least restrictive intervention necessary to meet the emergency, shall be allowed no longer than necessary and shall be subject to interdisciplinary team (IDT) review. The IDT upon completion of its review may refer its findings to the office of quality assurance. The emergency intervention may be subject to review by the service provider's behavioral support committee or human rights committee in accordance with the behavioral support policies or other department regulation or policy. C. The service provider may adopt reasonable program policies of general applicability to clients served by that service provider that do not violate client rights. [09/12/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01] **Long Term Services Division** **Policy Title: Human Rights Committee Requirements Eff Date: March 1, 2003** **IV. POLICY STATEMENT -** Human Rights	Based on record review and/or interview, the Agency did not ensure the rights of Individuals was not restricted or limited for 2 of 16 Individuals. A review of Agency Individual files found no documentation of Positive Behavior Plans and/or Positive Behavior Crisis Plans, which contain restrictions being reviewed at least quarterly by the Human Rights Committee. No current Human Rights Approval was found for the following: • Physical Restraint ("agency approved protocols for restraint procedures") Last Review was dated 5/27/2016. (Individual #14) • Physical Restraint (physical) - (Individual #16) No evidence found of Human Rights Committee approval.	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to effect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

Committees are required for residential service provider agencies. The purpose of these committees with respect to the provision of Behavior Supports is to review and monitor the implementation of certain Behavior Support Plans. Human Rights Committees may not approve any of the interventions specifically prohibited in the following policies: • Aversive Intervention Prohibitions • Psychotropic Medications Use • Behavioral Support Service Provision. A Human Rights Committee may also serve other agency functions as appropriate, such as the review of internal policies on sexuality and incident management follow-up. **A. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE ROLE IN BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS** Only those Behavior Support Plans with an aversive intervention included as part of the plan or associated Crisis Intervention Plan need to be reviewed prior to implementation. Plans not containing aversive interventions do not require Human Rights Committee review or approval. 2. The Human Rights Committee will determine and adopt a written policy stating the frequency and purpose of meetings. Behavior Support Plans approved by the Human Rights Committee will be reviewed at least quarterly. 3. Records, including minutes of all meetings will be retained at the agency with primary responsibility for implementation for at least five years from the completion of each individual's Individual Service Plan. **Department of Health Developmental**			

Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) - Procedure Title: **Medication Assessment and Delivery Procedure Eff Date: November 1, 2006** **B. 1. e.** If the PRN medication is to be used in response to psychiatric and/or behavioral symptoms in addition to the above requirements, obtain current written consent from the individual, guardian or surrogate health decision maker and submit for review by the agency's Human Rights Committee (References: Psychotropic Medication Use Policy, Section D, page 5 Use of PRN Psychotropic Medications; and, Human Rights Committee Requirements Policy, Section B, page 4 Interventions Requiring Review and Approval – Use of PRN Medications).			

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)

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015

CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 6. REIMBURSEMENT All Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the type, quality, quantity and clinical necessity of services furnished to individuals who are currently receiving services. The Provider Agency records must be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, individual name, servicing provider, nature of services, and length of a session of service billed.

1. The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual must be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the HSD. For each unit billed, the record must 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.

CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 4. REIMBURSEMENT A. Required Records: All Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the type, quality, quantity and clinical necessity of services furnished to individuals who are currently receiving services. The Provider Agency records must be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, individual name, servicing Provider Agency, 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.

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **Chapter 1. III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION B. Billable Units:** The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the HSD. For each unit billed, the record shall contain the following:

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

Billing for *Inclusion Supports* (Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment Services) and Community Inclusion (Adult Habilitation and Supported Employment) services was reviewed for 16 of 16 individuals. *Progress notes and billing records supported billing activities for the months of July, August and September 2016.*

Date: February 21, 2017

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Region: Metro Region
Survey Date: October 19 – 31, 2016
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Service Surveyed: ***2012:*** *Inclusion Supports* (Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment Services)

2007: *Community Inclusion* (Adult Habilitation, Supported Employment)

Survey Type: Routine

Dear Mr. Bardwell;

The Division of Health Improvement Quality Management Bureau received and approved the Plan of Correction you submitted. Your Plan of Correction is not closed.

Your Plan of Correction will be considered for closure when a Verification survey confirms that you have corrected all survey deficiencies and sustained all corrections.

The Quality Management Bureau will be need to conduct a verification survey to ensure previously cited deficiencies have been corrected and that systemic Quality Improvement and Quality Assurance processes have been effective at sustaining corrections.

If the Verification survey determines survey deficiencies have been corrected and corrective measures have effectively maintained compliance with DDW Standards, your Plan of Correction will be considered for closure.

If the Verification survey identifies repeat deficiencies, the Plan of Correction process will continue and your case may be referred to the Internal Review Committee for discussion of possible civil monetary penalties possible monetary fines and/or other sanctions.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Plan of Correction process.

Sincerely,

Amanda Castañeda

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

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Date: October 11, 2017

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Survey Type: Routine

Dear Mr. Bardwell;

On May 31, 2017, the Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau received notification from the Developmental Disabilities Supports Division of non-renewal to your Provider Agreement. The Plan of Correction process with the Quality Management Bureau was not complete, however due to your provider status:

The Plan of Correction is now closed.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping to provide the health, safety and personal growth of the people you serve.

Sincerely,

Amanda Castañeda

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Plan of Correction Coordinator
Quality Management Bureau/DHI

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