Date: December 12, 2017

To: Nicole Anderson, Executive Director
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Region: Metro Region
Survey Date: August 25 - 31, 2017
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed: **2007:** Supported Living, Community Access
2012: Supported Living, Family Living, Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment Services, Customized In-Home Supports
Survey Type: Routine

Team Leader: Deb Russell, BS, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

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

Dear Laura Veal;

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:

Compliance with all Conditions of Participation

This determination is based on your agency's compliance with CMS waiver assurances at the Condition of Participation level. The attached QMB Report of Findings indicates Standard Level deficiencies identified 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,

Deb Russell, BS

Deb Russell, BS
Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Division of Health Improvement
Quality Management Bureau

Survey Process Employed:

Administrative Review Start Date:	August 25, 2017
Present:	**Advantage Communications System, Inc.** Laura Veal, Owner **DOH/DHI/QMB** Debbie Russell, BS, Healthcare Surveyor
On-site Entrance Conference Date:	August 28, 2017
Present:	**Advantage Communications System, Inc.** Laura Veal, Owner Nicole Anderson, Executive Director **DOH/DHI/QMB** Debbie Russell, BS, Healthcare Surveyor Kandis Gomez, AA, Healthcare Surveyor Barbara Kane, BAS, Healthcare Surveyor Lora Norby, Healthcare Surveyor
Exit Conference Date:	August 31, 2017
Present:	**Advantage Communications System, Inc.** Laura Veal, Owner Nicole Anderson, Executive Director Jayme Rickard, Community Integrated Employment Director Monica Johnson, Trainer Tyra Murrieta, Family Living Coordinator Samantha Garcia, Residential Coordinator Griselda Valenzuela, Supported Living Director Zina Payne, Quality Assurance Coordinator Joseph Garcia, Supported Living Service Coordinator Michael Trevino, Job Developer **DOH/DHI/QMB** Debbie Russell, BS, Healthcare Surveyor Kandis Gomez, AA, Healthcare Surveyor Barbara Kane, BAS, Healthcare Surveyor Chris Melon, MPA, Healthcare Surveyor Lora Norby, Healthcare Surveyor **DDSD – Metro Regional Office** Rose Mary Williams, Social Community Services Coordinator
Administrative Locations Visited	1
Total Sample Size	16 1 - *Jackson* Class Members 15 - Non-*Jackson* Class Members 6 - Supported Living 6 - Family Living 1 - Community Access 6 - Community Integrated Employment Services

	7 - Customized Community Supports 2 - Customized In-Home Supports
Total Homes Visited	11
❖ Supported Living Homes Visited	5 *Note: The following Individuals share a SL residence:* ➢ #3 & 14
❖ Family Living Homes Visited	6
Persons Served Records Reviewed	16
Persons Served Interviewed	8
Persons Served Observed	3 (Three these individuals were present and chose not to participate in the interview process)
Persons Served Not Seen and/or Not Available	5 (Three individuals chose not to participate in the interview process and were not observed; two individuals were not available)
Direct Support Personnel Interviewed	21 *(Note: 8 Service Coordinators performed interviews as DSP as they serve dual roles)*
Substitute Care/Respite Personnel Records Reviewed	14
Service Coordinator Records Reviewed	9
Administrative Interviews	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
- 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

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.

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Survey Type: Routine
Survey Date: **August 25 - 31, 2017**

Standard of Care	*Deficiencies*	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & 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. **Chapter 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements: E. Consumer Records Policy:** All Provider	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file at the administrative office for 1 of 16 Individuals. Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: **ISP Signature Page:** • Not Found (#5)	**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?): →*	

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 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 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 # 1A08.1 Agency Case File - Progress Notes	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: 6. Reimbursement A. 1.** …Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality…The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record… **Chapter 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements: 4. Reimbursement A. Record Requirements 1.** …Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality…The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record… **Chapter 7 (CIHS) 3. Agency Requirements: 4. Reimbursement A. 1.**…Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality…The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record… **Chapter 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements: 4. Reimbursement A. 1.**…Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality…The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record… **Chapter 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements: 2. Reimbursement A. 1.** Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality…The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain progress notes and other service delivery documentation for 1 of 16 Individuals. Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found: **Customized Community Services Notes/Daily Contact Logs:** • Individual #11 - None found for 5/2017 - 7/2017.	**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?): →*	

kept on the written or electronic record… **Chapter 13 (IMLS) 3. Agency Requirements: 4. Reimbursement A. 1.**…Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality…The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record… **Chapter 15 (ANS) 4. Reimbursement A. 1.** …Provider Agencies must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality…The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record… 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: (3) Progress notes and other service delivery documentation;			

Tag # 1A32 and LS14 / 6L14 Individual Service Plan Implementation	Standard Level Deficiency		
NMAC 7.26.5.16.C and D Development of the ISP. Implementation of the ISP. The ISP shall be implemented according to the timelines determined by the IDT and as specified in the ISP for each stated desired outcomes and action plan. C. The IDT shall review and discuss information and recommendations with the individual, with the goal of supporting the individual in attaining desired outcomes. The IDT develops an ISP based upon the individual's personal vision statement, strengths, needs, interests and preferences. The ISP is a dynamic document, revised periodically, as needed, and amended to reflect progress towards personal goals and achievements consistent with the individual's future vision. This regulation is consistent with standards established for individual plan development as set forth by the commission on the accreditation of rehabilitation facilities (CARF) and/or other program accreditation approved and adopted by the developmental disabilities division and the department of health. It is the policy of the developmental disabilities 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	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 6 of 16 individuals. As indicated by Individuals ISP the following was found with regards to the implementation of ISP Outcomes: **Administrative Files Reviewed:** **Supported Living Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:** Individual #11 • According to the Live Outcome; Action Step for "...will plant the garden and will tend it as required throughout the gardening season" is to be completed 1 time per day. Evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 6/2017. **Family Living Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:** Individual #15 • None found regarding: Live Outcome/Action Step: "...will practice locating the item from her list" for 5/2017 - 7/2017. Action step is to be completed 1 time per week. • According to the Live Outcome; Action Step for "...will select items and put into shopping cart" is to be completed 1 time per week. Evidence found indicated it was not being	**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?): →*	

play with full participation in their communities. The following principles provide direction and purpose in planning for individuals with developmental disabilities. [05/03/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01]	completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 5/2017 - 7/2017. **Customized Community Supports Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:** Individual #11 • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "...will attend CCS activities and visit gyms/community centers as planned" is to be completed 2 - 3 times per week. Evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 5/2017 - 7/2017. **Community Integrated Employment Services Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:** Individual #8 • None found regarding: Work/learn Outcome/Action Step: "...will be on time to work" for 7/2017. Action step is to be completed as scheduled. Individual progress notes indicate the Individual worked 5 days 7/4, 5, 12, 19 and 26. No evidence of tracking related to being on time found. **Residential Files Reviewed:** **Family Living Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:** Individual #4 • According to the Live Outcome; Action Steps for "...will pack his lunch" 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 8/1 - 30, 2017. Individual #5 • None found regarding: Live Outcome/Action Step: "...will complete one household chore with minimal verbal prompts" for 8/1 - 30, 2017. Action step is to be completed 2 times per week. **Supported Living Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:** Individual #14 • None found regarding: Live Outcome/Action Step: "...will review his finances online." for 8/1 - 28, 2017. Action step is to be completed 1 time per week.		

Tag # LS14 / 6L14 Residential Case File	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **CHAPTER 11 (FL) 3. Agency Requirements** **C. Residence Case File:** The Agency must maintain in the individual's home a complete and current confidential case file for each individual. Residence case files are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. **CHAPTER 12 (SL) 3. Agency Requirements** **C. Residence Case File:** The Agency must maintain in the individual's home a complete and current confidential case file for each individual. Residence case files are required to comply with the DDSD Individual Case File Matrix policy. **CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements** **B.1. Documents to Be Maintained in The Home:** a. Current Health Passport generated through the e-CHAT section of the Therap website and printed for use in the home in case of disruption in internet access; b. Personal identification; c. Current ISP with all applicable assessments, teaching and support strategies, and as applicable for the consumer, PBSP, BCIP, MERP, health care plans, CARMPs, Written Therapy Support Plans, and any other plans (e.g. PRN Psychotropic Medication Plans) as applicable; d. Dated and signed consent to release information forms as applicable; e. Current orders from health care practitioners; f. Documentation and maintenance of accurate medical history in Therap website; g.Medication Administration Records for the current month; h. Record of medical and dental appointments for the current year, or during the period of stay for short term stays, including any treatment provided; i. Progress notes written by DSP and nurses;	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file in the residence for 5 of 12 Individuals receiving Family Living Services and Supported Living Services. Review of the residential individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: **Current Emergency and Personal Identification Information:** • Did not contain Primary Care Physician information (#19) **Annual ISP:** • Incomplete (#4) **ISP Teaching and Support Strategies** ◦ *Individual #5 - TSS not found for the following Live Outcome Statement/Action Step*: ➢ "…will complete one household chore with minimal verbal prompts." ◦ *Individual #8 - TSS not found for the following Live Outcome Statement/Action Step*: ➢ "…will ride the ATV when he is out camping." ◦ *Individual #14 - TSS not found for the following Live Outcome Statement/Action Step:* ➢ "…will review his finances online."	**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?): →*	

j. Documentation and data collection related to ISP implementation; k. Medicaid card; l. Salud membership card or Medicare card as applicable; and m. A Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) document and/or Advanced Directives as applicable. **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 4/1/2007*** **CHAPTER 6. VIII. COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICE PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS** **A. Residence Case File:** For individuals receiving Supported Living or Family Living, the Agency shall maintain in the individual's home a complete and current confidential case file for each individual. For individuals receiving Independent Living Services, rather than maintaining this file at the individual's home, the complete and current confidential case file for each individual shall be maintained at the agency's administrative site. Each file shall include the following: (1) Complete and current ISP and all supplemental plans specific to the individual; (2) Complete and current Health Assessment Tool;	➢ "…will pay his bills." ➢ "…will meet with Supported Living Coordinator to review finances." **Positive Behavioral Plan:** Not current (#8) **Behavior Crisis Intervention Plan:** • Not current (#8) **Occupational Therapy Plan:** • Not current (#8) **Progress Notes/Daily Contacts Logs:** • Individual #5 - None found for 8/5 – 8, 2017 (date of visit: 8/30/2017)		

(3) Current emergency contact information, which includes the individual's address, telephone number, names and telephone numbers of residential Community Living Support providers, relatives, or guardian or conservator, primary care physician's name(s) and telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address and telephone number and dentist name, address and telephone number, and health plan; (4) Up-to-date progress notes, signed and dated by the person making the note for at least the past month (older notes may be transferred to the agency office); (5) Data collected to document ISP Action Plan implementation (6) Progress notes written by direct care staff and by nurses regarding individual health status and physical conditions including action taken in response to identified changes in condition for at least the past month; (7) Physician's or qualified health care providers written orders; (8) Progress notes documenting implementation of a physician's or qualified health care provider's order(s); (9) Medication Administration Record (MAR) for the past three (3) months which includes: (a) The name of the individual; (b) A transcription of the healthcare practitioner's prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication; (c) Diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed; (d) Dosage, frequency and method/route of delivery; (e) Times and dates of delivery; (f) Initials of person administering or assisting with medication; and (g) An explanation of any medication irregularity, allergic reaction or adverse effect. (h) For PRN medication an explanation for the use of the PRN must include: (i) Observable signs/symptoms or circumstances			

in which the medication is to be used, and (ii) Documentation of the effectiveness/result of the PRN delivered. (i) A MAR is not required for individuals participating in Independent Living Services who self-administer their own medication. However, when medication administration is provided as part of the Independent Living Service a MAR must be maintained at the individual's home and an updated copy must be placed in the agency file on a weekly basis. (10) Record of visits to healthcare practitioners including any treatment provided at the visit and a record of all diagnostic testing for the current ISP year; and (11) Medical History to include: demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability and any psychiatric diagnosis, allergies (food, environmental, medications), status of routine adult health care screenings, immunizations, hospital discharge summaries for past twelve (12) months, past medical history including hospitalizations, surgeries, injuries, family history and current physical exam.			

Standard of Care	*Deficiencies*	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & 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 # 1A11.1 Transportation Training	**Standard Level Deficiency**		
Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy **Eff. Date:** March 1, 2007 **II. POLICY STATEMENTS:** I. Staff providing direct services shall complete safety training within the first thirty (30) days of employment and before working alone with an individual receiving services. The training shall address at least the following: 1. Operating a fire extinguisher 2. Proper lifting procedures 3. General vehicle safety precautions (e.g., pre-trip inspection, removing keys from the ignition when not in the driver's seat) 4. Assisting passengers with cognitive and/or physical impairments (e.g., general guidelines for supporting individuals who may be unaware of safety issues involving traffic or those who require physical assistance to enter/exit a vehicle) 5. Operating wheelchair lifts (if applicable to the staff's role) 6. Wheelchair tie-down procedures (if applicable to the staff's role) 7. Emergency and evacuation procedures (e.g., roadside emergency, fire emergency) **NMAC 7.9.2 F. TRANSPORTATION: (1)** Any employee or agent of a regulated facility or agency who is responsible for assisting a resident in boarding or alighting from a motor vehicle must complete a state-approved training program in passenger transportation assistance	Based on record review, the Agency did not provide and/or have documentation for staff training regarding the safe operation of the vehicle, assisting passengers and safe lifting procedures for 1 of 76 Direct Support Personnel. **When DSP were asked if they had received transportation training including training on the agency's policies and procedures following was reported:** • DSP #517 stated, "No."	**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?): →*	

before assisting any resident. The passenger transportation assistance program shall be comprised of but not limited to the following elements: resident assessment, emergency procedures, supervised practice in the safe operation of equipment, familiarity with state regulations governing the transportation of persons with disabilities, and a method for determining and documenting successful completion of the course. The course requirements above are examples and may be modified as needed. **(2)** Any employee or agent of a regulated facility or agency who drives a motor vehicle provided by the facility or agency for use in the transportation of clients must complete: **(a)** A state approved training program in passenger assistance and (**b)** A state approved training program in the operation of a motor vehicle to transport clients of a regulated facility or agency. The motor vehicle transportation assistance program shall be comprised of but not limited to the following elements: resident assessment, emergency procedures, supervised practice in the safe operation of motor vehicles, familiarity with state regulations governing the transportation of persons with disabilities, maintenance and safety record keeping, training on hazardous driving conditions and a method for determining and documenting successful completion of the course. The course requirements above are examples and may be modified as needed. **(c)** A valid New Mexico driver's license for the type of vehicle being operated consistent with State of New Mexico requirements. **(3)** Each regulated facility and agency shall establish and enforce written polices (including training) and procedures for employees who provide assistance to clients with boarding or alighting from motor vehicles.			

(4) Each regulated facility and agency shall establish and enforce written polices (including training and procedures for employees who operate motor vehicles to transport clients. 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. **CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements F. Meet all training requirements as follows: 1.** All Customized Community Supports Providers shall provide staff training in 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 **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 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. **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 the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements. **CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) R. 2. Service Requirements. Staff Qualifications 2. DSP Qualifications.** E. Complete training requirements as specified in the DDSD Policy T-			

003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff - effective March 1, 2007. Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy;			

Tag # 1A20 Direct Support Personnel Training	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: 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) of each individual served. C. Staff shall complete training on DOH-approved incident reporting procedures in accordance with 7 NMAC 1.13. D. Staff providing direct services shall complete training in universal precautions on an annual basis. The training materials shall meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements. E. Staff providing direct services shall maintain certification in first aid and CPR. The training materials shall meet OSHA requirements/guidelines. F. Staff who may be exposed to hazardous chemicals shall complete relevant training in accordance with OSHA requirements. G. Staff shall be certified in a DDSD-approved behavioral intervention system (e.g., Mandt, CPI) before using physical restraint techniques. Staff members providing direct services shall maintain certification in a DDSD-approved behavioral intervention system if an individual they support has a behavioral crisis plan that includes the use of physical restraint techniques. H. Staff shall complete and maintain certification in a DDSD-approved medication course in accordance with the DDSD Medication Delivery Policy M-001. I. Staff providing direct services shall complete	Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure Orientation and Training requirements were met for 1 of 76 Direct Support Personnel. Review of Direct Support Personnel training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings and certification being completed as required: **Advocacy 101** • Not Found (#558)	**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?): →*	

safety training within the first thirty (30) days of employment and before working alone with an individual receiving service. 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. **CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 3. Agency Requirements F. Meet all training requirements as follows: 1.** All Customized Community Supports Providers shall provide staff training in 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 **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 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. **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 the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements. **CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) R. 2. Service Requirements. Staff Qualifications 2. DSP Qualifications.** E. Complete training requirements as specified in the DDSD Policy T-003: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff - effective March 1, 2007. Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in the DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation of DDSD Training Requirements Policy;			

Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency	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: 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 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	Based on interviews, the Agency did not ensure training competencies were met for 3 of 21 Direct Support Personnel. **When DSP were asked if the Individual had any specific dietary and/or nutritional requirements, the following was reported:** • DSP #576 stated, "He doesn't have any nutritional plan so just make sure he eats 3 times a day." As indicated by the Individual Specific Training section of the ISP, the individual requires a Nutritional/Dietary Plan. (Individual #5) **When DSP were asked if the Individual had a Positive Behavioral Crisis Plan and if so, what the plan covered, the following was reported:** • DSP #529 stated, "I don't think he does." According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP, the individual has a Positive Behavioral Crisis Plan. (Individual #4) • DSP #576 stated, "I don't see any. I don't remember if he does or not." According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP, the individual has a Positive Behavioral Crisis Plan. (Individual #5) **When DSP were asked if the Individual had Health Care Plans and if so, what the plan(s) covered, the following was reported:** • DSP #529 stated, "Not really." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual requires Health Care Plans for Body Mass Index, Status of Oral Care. (Individual #4)	**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?): →*	

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 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	**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 #529 stated, "No." As indicated by the Individual Specific Training section of the ISP indicates the Individual requires Medical Emergency Response Plans for Allergies/Sulfur. (Individual #4) **When DSP were asked, what steps are you to take in the event of a medication error, the following was reported:** • DSP #517 stated, "Put on MAR. Maybe notify the doctor." As indicated by the Agency policy, "Assisting with Medication Delivery" DSP are to "Contact the agency nurse immediately; unless the family has opted out of nursing oversight, at which time the physician should be notified." According to documentation received during the survey, the family did not opt out of medication oversight, therefore would be responsible to follow the Agency's policy and procedure. (Individual #19)		

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 the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD Policy T-001: Reporting and Documentation for DDSD Training Requirements. B Individual specific training must be arranged			

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

Tag # 1A26 Consolidated On-line Registry/Employee Abuse Registry	Standard Level Deficiency		
NMAC 7.1.12.8 REGISTRY ESTABLISHED; PROVIDER INQUIRY REQUIRED: Upon the effective date of this rule, the department has established and maintains an accurate and complete electronic registry that contains the name, date of birth, address, social security number, and other appropriate identifying information of all persons who, while employed by a provider, have been determined by the department, as a result of an investigation of a complaint, to have engaged in a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person receiving care or services from a provider. Additions and updates to the registry shall be posted no later than two (2) business days following receipt. Only department staff designated by the custodian may access, maintain and update the data in the registry. A. **Provider requirement to inquire of registry**. A provider, prior to employing or contracting with an employee, shall inquire of the registry whether the individual under consideration for employment or contracting is listed on the registry. B. **Prohibited employment.** A provider may not employ or contract with an individual to be an employee if the individual is listed on the registry as having a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person receiving care or services from a provider. D. **Documentation of inquiry to registry**. The provider shall maintain documentation in the employee's personnel or employment records that evidences the fact that the provider made an inquiry to the registry concerning that employee prior to employment. Such	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain documentation in the employee's personnel records that evidenced inquiry into the Employee Abuse Registry prior to employment for 7 of 91 Agency Personnel. **The following Agency Personnel records contained evidence that indicated the Employee Abuse Registry check was completed after hire:** **Direct Support Personnel (DSP):** • #508 - Date of hire 8/10/2017, completed 8/16/2017. • #512 - Date of hire 7/11/2017, completed 7/14/2017. • #526 - Date of hire 8/17/2017, completed 8/29/2017. • #534 - Date of hire 7/11/2017, completed 7/14/2017. • #539 - Date of hire 8/1/2017, completed 8/9/2017. • #554 - Date of hire 2/10/2017, completed 2/22/2017.	**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?): →*	

documentation must include evidence, based on the response to such inquiry received from the custodian by the provider, that the employee was not listed on the registry as having a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation. E. **Documentation for other staff**. With respect to all employed or contracted individuals providing direct care who are licensed health care professionals or certified nurse aides, the provider shall maintain documentation reflecting the individual's current licensure as a health care professional or current certification as a nurse aide. F. **Consequences of noncompliance**. The department or other governmental agency having regulatory enforcement authority over a provider may sanction a provider in accordance with applicable law if the provider fails to make an appropriate and timely inquiry of the registry, or fails to maintain evidence of such inquiry, in connection with the hiring or contracting of an employee; or for employing or contracting any person to work as an employee who is listed on the registry. Such sanctions may include a directed plan of correction, civil monetary penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars ($5000) per instance, or termination or non-renewal of any contract with the department or other governmental agency.	• #566 - Date of hire 7/27/2017, completed 8/1/2017.		

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 knowledgeable	Based on record review and interview, the Agency did not ensure Incident Management Training for 3 of 77 Agency Personnel. **Service Coordination Personnel (SC)** • Incident Management Training (Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation) (#572) **When Direct Support Personnel were asked what State Agency must be contacted when there is suspected Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation, the following was reported:** • DSP #505 stated, "Adult Protective Services." Staff was not able to identify the State Agency as Division of Health Improvement. • DSP #556 stated, "Call 911. I was never given a list." 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?): →*	

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 # 1A43.1 General Events Reporting - Individual Approval	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 which are not required by DDSD such as medication errors. B. General Events Reporting does not replace	Based on record review, the Agency did not follow the General Events Reporting requirements as indicated by the policy for 6 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 #1 • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 5/20/2017 the Individual did not return home as indicated in his Individual Service Plan (Other). GER was approved on 6/6/2017. Individual #3 • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 10/14/2016 the Individual was taken to Urgent Care (Other) GER was approved on 10/25/2016. • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 10/30/2016 the Individual fell without injury (Other) GER was approved on 11/4/2016. • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 11/17/2016 the Individual was taken to Urgent Care (Other) GER was approved on 11/22/2016. • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 12/20/2016 the Individual fell without	**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?): →*	

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.	injury (Other) GER was approved on 1/3/2017. Individual #9 • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 5/30/2017 the Individual was taken to Urgent Care (Other). GER is pending approval. Individual #12 • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 5/28/2017 the Individual eloped (Other). GER was approved on 6/4/2017. • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 7/3/2017 the Individual eloped (Other). GER was approved on 7/12/2017. Individual #14 • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 8/18/2016 the Individual called law enforcement and filed a report (Other). GER was approved on 8/30/2016. Individual #21 • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 10/6/2016 the Individual fell with injury (Injury). GER is pending approval.		

Standard of Care	*Deficiencies*	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & 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 # 1A06 On-Call Requirements	**Standard Level Deficiency**		
STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION PROVIDER AGREEMENT ARTICLE 14. STANDARDS FOR SERVICES AND LICENSING a. The PROVIDER agrees to provide services as set forth in the Scope of Service, in accordance with all applicable regulations and standards including the current DD Waiver Service Standards and MF Waiver Service Standards. **ARTICLE 39. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS** Provider Agreements and amendments reference and incorporate laws, regulations, policies, procedures, directives, and contract provisions not only of DOH, but of HSD… **PROVIDER APPLICATION NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION COMMUNITY PROGRAMS BUREAU** Effective 10/1/2012 **Revised 3/2014** **Section V DDW Program Descriptions** **2. DD Waiver Policy and Procedures (coversheet and page numbers required)** d. To ensure the health and safety of individuals receiving services, as required in the DDSD Service Standards, please provide your agency's i. Emergency and on-call procedures; **3. Additional Program Descriptions for DD Waiver Adult Nursing Services (coversheet and page numbers required)** a. Describe your agency's arrangements for on-	Based on interview, the Agency did not ensure Agency Personnel were aware of the Agency's On-Call Policy and Procedures for 1 of 21 Agency Personnel. **When DSP were asked if the agency had an on-call procedure, the following was reported:** • DSP #556 stated, "I never use them. They never went over any numbers with me." (Individual #15)	**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?): →*	

call nursing coverage to comply with PRN aspects of the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedure as well as response to individuals changing condition/unanticipated health related events; Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **Chapter 11 (FL) 2. Service Requirement 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. 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 (SL) 2. Service Requirements L. Training Requirements. 6. Nursing Requirements and Roles: 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, a need for a face to face assessment to determine appropriate action. An LPN taking on-call 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.			

Tag # 1A08.2 Healthcare Requirements	Standard 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 required to comply with the DDSD Consumer Records Policy.	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 2 of 16 individuals receiving Community Inclusion, Living Services and Other Services. Review of the administrative individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: **Vision Exam** ◦ Individual #4 - As indicated by collateral documentation reviewed, exam was completed on 11/7/2014. Follow-up was to be completed in 2 years. No evidence of follow-up found. ◦ Individual #7 - As indicated by collateral documentation reviewed, exam was completed on 7/29/2015. Follow-up was to be completed in 1 year. No evidence of follow-up found.	**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 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)… 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 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 # 1A09 Medication Delivery - Routine Medication Administration	Standard Level Deficiency		
NMAC 16.19.11.8 MINIMUM STANDARDS: A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, HANDLING AND RECORD KEEPING OF DRUGS: (d) The facility shall have a Medication Administration Record (MAR) documenting medication administered to residents, **including over-the-counter medications.** This documentation shall include: (i) Name of resident; (ii) Date given; (iii) Drug product name; (iv) Dosage and form; (v) Strength of drug; (vi) Route of administration; (vii) How often medication is to be taken; (viii) Time taken and staff initials; (ix) Dates when the medication is discontinued or changed; (x) The name and initials of all staff administering medications. **Model Custodial Procedure Manual** - ***D. Administration of Drugs:*** Unless otherwise stated by practitioner, patients will not be allowed to administer their own medications. Document the practitioner's order authorizing the self-administration of medications. All PRN (As needed) medications shall have complete detail instructions regarding the administering of the medication. This shall include: • symptoms that indicate the use of the medication, • exact dosage to be used, and • the exact amount to be used in a 24-hour period.	Medication Administration Records (MAR) were reviewed for the months of July and August 2017. Based on record review, 1 of 16 individuals had Medication Administration Records (MAR), which contained missing medications entries and/or other errors: Individual #11 July 2017 Medication Administration Records contained missing entries. No documentation found indicating reason for missing entries: • Cephalexin 500mg (4 times daily) – Blank 7/1, 3 (8:00 AM); 7/1, 2 (2:00 PM); 7/2, 3 (2:00 AM) • Clonazepam 1mg (3 times daily) – Blank 7/1, 15 (4:00 PM); 7/15 (8:00 AM)	**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?): →*	

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **CHAPTER 5 (CIES) 1. Scope of Service B. Self Employment 8.** Providing assistance with medication delivery as outlined in the ISP; **C. Individual Community Integrated Employment 3.** Providing assistance with medication delivery as outlined in the ISP; **D. Group Community Integrated Employment 4.** Providing assistance with medication delivery as outlined in the ISP; and **B. Community Integrated Employment Agency Staffing Requirements: o.** Comply with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures; **CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 1. Scope of Services A. Individualized Customized Community Supports 19.** Providing assistance or supports with medications in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery policy. **C. Small Group Customized Community Supports 19.** Providing assistance or supports with medications in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery policy. **D. Group Customized Community Supports 19.** Providing assistance or supports with medications in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery policy. **CHAPTER 11 (FL) 1 SCOPE OF SERVICES A. Living Supports- Family Living Services:** The scope of Family Living Services includes, but is not limited to the following as identified by the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT): 19. Assisting in medication delivery, and related monitoring, in accordance with the DDSD's Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, New Mexico Nurse Practice Act, and Board of Pharmacy regulations including skill			

development activities leading to the ability for individuals to self-administer medication as appropriate; and **I. Healthcare Requirements for Family Living.** **3. B.** Adult Nursing Services for medication oversight are required for all surrogate Living Supports- Family Living direct support personnel if the individual has regularly scheduled medication. Adult Nursing services for medication oversight are required for all surrogate Family Living Direct Support Personnel (including substitute care), if the individual has regularly scheduled medication. 6. Support Living- Family Living Provider Agencies must have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the New Mexico Nurse Practice Act and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations. a. All twenty-four (24) hour residential home sites serving two (2) or more unrelated individuals must be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy, per current regulations; b. When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) must be maintained and include: i. The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician's or licensed health care provider's prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, and diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed; ii. Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration; iii. Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication delivery; iv. Explanation of any medication error; v. Documentation of any allergic reaction or			

adverse medication effect; and vi. For PRN medication, instructions for the use of the PRN medication must include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered. c. The Family Living Provider Agency must also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose; and d. Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications must be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and must include the expected desired outcomes of administering the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications. e. Medication Oversight is optional if the individual resides with their biological family (by affinity or consanguinity). If Medication Oversight is not selected as an Ongoing Nursing Service, all elements of medication administration and oversight are the sole responsibility of the individual and their biological family. Therefore, a monthly medication administration record (MAR) is not required unless the family requests it and continually communicates all medication changes to the provider agency in a timely manner to insure accuracy of the MAR. i. The family must communicate at least annually and as needed for significant change of condition with the agency nurse regarding the current medications and the individual's response to medications for purpose of accurately completing required nursing assessments. ii. As per the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedure, paid DSP who are not related by affinity or consanguinity to the individual may not deliver medications to the			

individual unless they have completed Assisting with Medication Delivery (AWMD) training. DSP may also be under a delegation relationship with a DDW agency nurse or be a Certified Medication Aide (CMA). Where CMAs are used, the agency is responsible for maintaining compliance with New Mexico Board of Nursing requirements. iii. If the substitute care provider is a surrogate (not related by affinity or consanguinity) Medication Oversight must be selected and provided. **CHAPTER 12 (SL) 2. Service Requirements** **K. Training and Requirements: 3.** Supported Living Provider Agencies must have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, New Mexico Nurse Practice Act, and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations. a. All twenty-four (24) hour residential home sites serving two (2) or more unrelated individuals must be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy, per current regulations; b. When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) must be maintained and include: i. The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician's or licensed health care provider's prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, and diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed; ii. Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration; iii. Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication delivery;			

iv. Explanation of any medication error; v. Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and vi. For PRN medication, instructions for the use of the PRN medication must include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered. c. When PRN medications are used, there must be clear documentation that the DSP contacted the agency nurse prior to assisting with the medication. d. The Supported Living Provider Agency must also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose; and e. Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications must be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and must include the expected desired outcomes of administrating the medication, signs, and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications. **CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements. B.** There must be compliance with all policy requirements for Intensive Medical Living Service Providers, including written policy and procedures regarding medication delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors consistent with the DDSD Medication Delivery Policy and Procedures, relevant Board of Nursing Rules, and Pharmacy Board standards and regulations. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY Requirements: E. Medication Delivery:** Provider Agencies that provide Community			

Living, Community Inclusion or Private Duty Nursing services shall have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the Board of Nursing Rules and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations. (1) All twenty-four (24) hour residential home sites serving two (2) or more unrelated individuals shall be licensed by the Board of Pharmacy, per current regulations. (2) When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) shall be maintained and include: (a) The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician's written or licensed health care provider's prescription including the brand and generic name of the medication, diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed; (b) Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration; (c) Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication; (d) Explanation of any medication irregularity; (e) Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and (f) For PRN medication, an explanation for the use of the PRN medication shall include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered. (3) The Provider Agency shall also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose; (4) MARs are not required for individuals			

participating in Independent Living who self-administer their own medications; (5) Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications shall be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and shall include the expected desired outcomes of administrating the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications;			

Tag # 1A15.1 Nurse Availability	Standard 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 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	Based on interview, the Agency did not ensure nursing services were available as needed for 1 of 16 individuals. **When Direct Service Professionals (DSP) were asked if a nurse was available to the Individual at all times, the following was reported:** • DSP #517 stated, "No." DSP did not elaborate on specifics to when the nurse was not available.	**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?): →*	

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 # LS25 / 6L25 Residential Health and Safety (SL/FL)	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **CHAPTER 11 (FL) Living Supports – Family Living Agency Requirements G. Residence Requirements for Living Supports- Family Living Services:** 1. Family Living Services providers must assure that each individual's residence is maintained to be clean, safe and comfortable and accommodates the individuals' daily living, social and leisure activities. In addition, the residence must: a. Maintain basic utilities, i.e., gas, power, water and telephone; b. Provide environmental accommodations and assistive technology devices in the residence including modifications to the bathroom (i.e., shower chairs, grab bars, walk in shower, raised toilets, etc.) based on the unique needs of the individual in consultation with the IDT; c. Have a battery operated or electric smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguisher, or a sprinkler system; d. Have a general-purpose first aid kit; e. Allow at a maximum of two (2) individuals to share, with mutual consent, a bedroom and each individual has the right to have his or her own bed; f. Have accessible written documentation of actual evacuation drills occurring at least three (3) times a year; g. Have accessible written procedures for the safe storage of all medications with dispensing instructions for each individual that are consistent with the Assisting with Medication Delivery training or each individual's ISP; and h. Have accessible written procedures for emergency placement and relocation of	Based on observation, the Agency did not ensure that each individual's residence met all requirements within the standard for 8 of 11 Supported Living and Family Living residences. Review of the residential records and observation of the residence revealed the following items were not found, not functioning or incomplete: **Supported Living Requirements:** • Water temperature in home does not exceed safe temperature (110^0 F) ➢ Water temperature in home measured 116.4^0 F (#3, 14) ➢ Water temperature in home measured 128.8^0 F (#12) • Accessible written procedures for emergency evacuation e.g. fire and weather-related threats (#1, 3, 14) • Accessible written procedures for the safe storage of all medications with dispensing instructions for each individual that are consistent with the Assisting with Medication Administration training or each individual's ISP (#1, 3, 14) • Accessible written procedures for emergency placement and relocation of individuals in the event of an emergency evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable for occupancy. The emergency evacuation procedures shall address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding (#1, 3, 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?): →*	

individuals in the event of an emergency evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable for occupancy. The emergency evacuation procedures must address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding. **CHAPTER 12 (SL) Living Supports – Supported Living Agency Requirements G. Residence Requirements for Living Supports- Supported Living Services:** 1. Supported Living Provider Agencies must assure that each individual's residence is maintained to be clean, safe, and comfortable and accommodates the individual's daily living, social, and leisure activities. In addition, the residence must: a. Maintain basic utilities, i.e., gas, power, water, and telephone; b. Provide environmental accommodations and assistive technology devices in the residence including modifications to the bathroom (i.e., shower chairs, grab bars, walk in shower, raised toilets, etc.) based on the unique needs of the individual in consultation with the IDT; c. Ensure water temperature in home does not exceed safe temperature (110^0 F); d. Have a battery operated or electric smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguisher, or a sprinkler system; e. Have a general-purpose First Aid kit; f. Allow at a maximum of two (2) individuals to share, with mutual consent, a bedroom and each individual has the right to have his or her own bed; g. Have accessible written documentation of actual evacuation drills occurring at least three (3) times a year. For Supported Living evacuation drills must occur at least once a year during each shift; h. Have accessible written procedures for the	**Family Living Requirements:** • General-purpose first aid kit (#15) • Accessible written procedures for emergency evacuation e.g. fire and weather-related threats (#4, 5, 8) • Accessible written procedures for the safe storage of all medications with dispensing instructions for each individual that are consistent with the Assisting with Medication Administration training or each individual's ISP (#4, 8, 20) • Accessible written procedures for emergency placement and relocation of individuals in the event of an emergency evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable for occupancy. The emergency evacuation procedures shall address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding (#4, 5, 8) *Note: The following Individuals share a residence:* ➢ #3, 14		

safe storage of all medications with dispensing instructions for each individual that are consistent with the Assisting with Medication Delivery training or each individual's ISP; and i. Have accessible written procedures for emergency placement and relocation of individuals in the event of an emergency evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable for occupancy. The emergency evacuation procedures must address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding. **CHAPTER 13 (IMLS) 2. Service Requirements R. Staff Qualifications: 3. Supervisor Qualifications And Requirements:** S Each residence shall include operable safety equipment, including but not limited to, an operable smoke detector or sprinkler system, a carbon monoxide detector if any natural gas appliance or heating is used, fire extinguisher, general purpose first aid kit, written procedures for emergency evacuation due to fire or other emergency and documentation of evacuation drills occurring at least annually during each shift, phone number for poison control within line of site of the telephone, basic utilities, general household appliances, kitchen and dining utensils, adequate food and drink for three meals per day, proper food storage, and cleaning supplies. T Each residence shall have a blood borne pathogens kit as applicable to the residents' health status, personal protection equipment, and any ordered or required medical supplies shall also be available in the home. U If not medically contraindicated, and with mutual consent, up to two (2) individuals may share a single bedroom. Each individual shall have their own bed. All bedrooms shall have doors that may be closed for privacy.			

Individuals have the right to decorate their bedroom in a style of their choosing consistent with safe and sanitary living conditions. V For residences with more than two (2) residents, there shall be at least two (2) bathrooms. Toilets, tubs/showers used by the individuals shall provide for privacy and be designed or adapted for the safe provision of personal care. Water temperature shall be maintained at a safe level to prevent injury and ensure comfort and shall not exceed one hundred ten (110) degrees.			

Standard of Care	*Deficiencies*	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI & 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 # IS30 Customized Community Supports Reimbursement	**Standard Level Deficiency**		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **CHAPTER 6 (CCS) 4. REIMBURSEMENT** **A. Required Records:** Customized Community Supports Services 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. Customized Community Supports Services 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. Providers are required to comply with the New Mexico Human Services Department Billing Regulations. B. Billable Unit: 1. The billable unit for Individual Customized Community Supports is a fifteen (15) minute unit. 2. The billable unit for Community Inclusion Aide is a fifteen (15) minute unit. 3. The billable unit for Group Customized Community Supports is a fifteen (15) minute unit, with the rate category based on the NM DDW group assignment. 4. The time at home is intermittent or brief; e.g. one hour time period for lunch and/or change of clothes. The Provider Agency may bill for providing this support under Customized Community Supports without prior approval from DDSD.	Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Customized Community Supports for 2 of 10 individuals. Individual #8 May 2017 • The Agency billed 58 units of Customized Community Supports (Individual) (H2021 HB U1) from 5/9/2017 through 5/11/2017. Documentation received accounted for 54 units. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)*. Individual #21 July 2017 • The Agency billed 89 units of Customized Community Supports (Individual) (H2021 HB U1) from 7/5/2017 through 7/7/2017. Documentation received accounted for 16 units. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)*	**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?): →*	

5. The billable unit for Individual Intensive Behavioral Customized Community Supports is a fifteen (15) minute unit. 6. The billable unit for Fiscal Management for Adult Education is one dollar per unit including a 10% administrative processing fee. 7. The billable units for Adult Nursing Services are addressed in the Adult Nursing Services Chapter. C. Billable Activities: All DSP activities that are: a. Provided face to face with the individual; b. Described in the individual's approved ISP; c. Provided in accordance with the Scope of Services; and d. Activities included in billable services, activities or situations. Purchase of tuition, fees, and/or related materials associated with adult education opportunities as related to the ISP Action Plan and Outcomes, not to exceed $550 including administrative processing fee. Therapy Services, Behavioral Support Consultation (BSC), and Case Management may be provided and billed for the same hours, on the same dates of service as Customized Community Supports **NMAC 8.302.1.17 Effective Date 9-15-08 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. **Detail Required in Records -** Provider Records must be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, eligible recipient name, rendering, attending, ordering or prescribing provider; level and quantity of services, length of a session of			

service billed, diagnosis and medical necessity of any service . . . Treatment plans or other plans of care must be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the level of need, supervision, and direction and service(s) needed by the eligible recipient. **Services Billed by Units of Time -** Services billed on the basis of time units spent with an eligible recipient must be sufficiently detailed to document the actual time spent with the eligible recipient and the services provided during that time unit. **Records Retention -** A provider who receives payment for treatment, services or goods must retain all medical and business records relating to any of the following for a period of at least six years from the payment date: (1) treatment or care of any eligible recipient (2) services or goods provided to any eligible recipient (3) amounts paid by MAD on behalf of any eligible recipient; and (4) any records required by MAD for the administration of Medicaid.			

Tag # LS26 / 6L26 Supported Living Reimbursement	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **CHAPTER 12 (SL) 4. REIMBURSEMENT: A.** Supported Living 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 Supported Living 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. Providers are required to comply with the Human Services Department Billing Regulations. a. The rate for Supported Living is based on categories associated with each individual's NM DDW Group; and b. A non-ambulatory stipend is available for those who meet assessed need requirements. B. Billable Units: 1. The billable unit for Supported Living is based on a daily rate. A day is considered 24 hours from midnight to midnight. If 12 or less hours of service are provided then one half unit shall be billed. A whole unit can be billed if more than 12 hours of service is provided during a 24 hour period. 2. The maximum allowable billable units cannot exceed three hundred forty (340) calendar days per ISP year or one hundred seventy (170) calendar days per six (6) months. C. Billable Activities: 1. Billable activities shall include any activities which DSP provides in accordance with the Scope of Services for Living Supports which are	Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Supported Living Services for 2 of 7 individuals. Individual #1 May 2017 • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U4) on 5/20/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* Individual #14 May 2017 • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 5/5/2017. Documentation received accounted for .5 units. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 5/6/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 5/12/2017. Documentation received accounted for .5 units. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 5/20/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)*	**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?): →*	

not listed in non-billable services, activities, or situations below. **NMAC 8.302.1.17 Effective Date 9-15-08 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. **Detail Required in Records -** Provider Records must be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, eligible recipient name, rendering, attending, ordering or prescribing provider; level and quantity of services, length of a session of service billed, diagnosis and medical necessity of any service . . . Treatment plans or other plans of care must be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the level of need, supervision, and direction and service(s) needed by the eligible recipient. **Services Billed by Units of Time -** Services billed on the basis of time units spent with an eligible recipient must be sufficiently detailed to document the actual time spent with the eligible recipient and the services provided during that time unit. **Records Retention -** A provider who receives payment for treatment, services or goods must retain all medical and business records relating to any of the following for a period of at least six years from the payment date: (1) treatment or care of any eligible recipient (2) services or goods provided to any eligible recipient (3) amounts paid by MAD on behalf of any eligible recipient; and (4) any records required by MAD for the administration of Medicaid. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007	• The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 5/26/2017. Documentation received accounted for .5 units. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 5/27/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* June 2017 • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 6/9/2017. Documentation received accounted for .5 units. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 6/10/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 6/16/2017. Documentation received accounted for .5 units. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 6/17/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 6/23/2017. Documentation received accounted for .5		

CHAPTER 1 III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION **A. General:** All Provider Agencies shall maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality, quantity and clinical necessity furnished to individuals who are currently receiving services. The Provider Agency records shall be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, individual name, servicing Provider Agency, level of services, and length of a session of service billed. **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. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **CHAPTER 6. IX. REIMBURSEMENT for community Living services** A. **Reimbursement** for Supported Living Services (1) Billable Unit. The billable Unit for Supported Living Services is based on a daily rate. The daily rate cannot exceed 340 billable days a year. (2) **Billable Activities** (a) Direct care provided to an individual in the residence any portion of the day. (b) Direct support provided to an individual by community living direct service staff away from the residence, e.g., in the community. (c) Any activities in which direct support staff	units. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 6/24/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 6/30/2017. Documentation received accounted for .5 units. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* July 2017 • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 7/1/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 7/14/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 7/15/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 7/28/2017. Documentation received accounted for .5 units. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living		

provides in accordance with the Scope of Services. (3) Non-Billable Activities (a) The Supported Living Services provider shall not bill DD Waiver for Room and Board. (b) Personal care, respite, nutritional counseling and nursing supports shall not be billed as separate services for an individual receiving Supported Living Services. (c) The provider shall not bill when an individual is hospitalized or in an institutional care setting.	(T2016 HB U5) on 7/29/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)*		

Tag # LS27 / 6L27 Family Living Reimbursement	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 11/1/2012 revised 4/23/2013; 6/15/2015 **CHAPTER 11 (FL) 5. REIMBURSEMENT: A.** Family Living Services 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 Family Living Services 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. Providers are required to comply with the New Mexico Human Services Department Billing Regulations 1. From the payments received for Family Living services, the Family Living Agency must: a. Provide a minimum payment to the contracted primary caregiver of $2,051 per month; and b. Provide or arrange up to seven hundred fifty (750) hours of substitute care as sick leave or relief for the primary caregiver. Under no circumstances can the Family Living Provider agency limit how these hours will be used over the course of the ISP year. It is not allowed to limit the number of substitute care hours used in a given time period, other than an ISP year. A. Billable Units: 1. The billable unit for Family Living is based on a daily rate. A day is considered 24 hours from midnight to midnight. If 12 or less hours of service, are provided then one half unit shall be billed. A whole unit can be billed if more than 12 hours of service is provided during a 24 hour period. 2. The maximum allowable billable units cannot	Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Family Living Services for 1 of 6 individuals. Individual #4 July 2017 • The Agency billed 1 unit of Family Living (2033 HB) on 7/2/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Family Living (2033 HB) on 7/3/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Family Living (2033 HB) on 7/4/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)* • The Agency billed 1 unit of Family Living (2033 HB) on 7/5/2017. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust Claim provided during the on-site survey.)*	**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?): →*	

exceed three hundred forty (340) days per ISP year or one hundred seventy (170) days per six (6) months. **NMAC 8.302.1.17 Effective Date 9-15-08 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.** **Detail Required in Records -** Provider Records must be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, eligible recipient name, rendering, attending, ordering or prescribing provider; level and quantity of services, length of a session of service billed, diagnosis and medical necessity of any service . . . Treatment plans or other plans of care must be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the level of need, supervision, and direction and service(s) needed by the eligible recipient. **Services Billed by Units of Time -** Services billed on the basis of time units spent with an eligible recipient must be sufficiently detailed to document the actual time spent with the eligible recipient and the services provided during that time unit. **Records Retention -** A provider who receives payment for treatment, services or goods must retain all medical and business records relating to any of the following for a period of at least six years from the payment date: (1) treatment or care of any eligible recipient (2) services or goods provided to any eligible recipient (3) amounts paid by MAD on behalf of any eligible recipient; and (4) any records required by MAD for the administration of Medicaid.			

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. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 **CHAPTER 6. IX. REIMBURSEMENT for community Living services:** B. Reimbursement for Family Living Services (1) Billable Unit: The billable unit for Family Living Services is a daily rate for each individual in the residence. A maximum of 340 days (billable units) are allowed per ISP year. (2) Billable Activities shall include: (a) Direct support provided to an individual in the residence any portion of the day; (b) Direct support provided to an individual by the Family Living Services direct support or substitute care provider away from the residence (e.g., in the community); and (c) Any other activities provided in accordance with the Scope of Services. (3) Non-Billable Activities shall include: (a) The Family Living Services Provider Agency may not bill the for room and board; (b) Personal care, nutritional counseling and nursing supports may not be billed as separate			

services for an individual receiving Family Living Services; and (c) Family Living services may not be billed for the same time period as Respite. (d) The Family Living Services Provider Agency may not bill on days when an individual is hospitalized or in an institutional care setting. For this purpose, a day is counted from one midnight to the following midnight. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 - **Chapter 6 - COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES III. REQUIREMENTS UNIQUE TO FAMILY LIVING SERVICES: C. Service Limitations**. Family Living Services cannot be provided in conjunction with any other Community Living Service, Personal Support Service, Private Duty Nursing, or Nutritional Counseling. In addition, Family Living may not be delivered during the same time as respite; therefore, a specified deduction to the daily rate for Family Living shall be made for each unit of respite received. Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007 – **DEFINITIONS: SUBSTITUTE CARE** means the provision of family living services by an agency staff or subcontractor during a planned/scheduled or emergency absence of the direct service provider. **RESPITE** means a support service to allow the primary caregiver to take a break from care giving responsibilities while maintaining adequate supervision and support to the individual during the absence of the primary caregiver.			

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Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed: **2007:** Supported Living, Community Access
2012: Supported Living, Family Living, Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment Services, Customized In-Home Supports
Survey Type: Routine

Dear Laura Veal;

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

The Plan of Correction process is now complete.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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