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Date:	March 1, 2021
To: Provider: Address: State/Zip:	Juanita Watson, Director A.W. Holdings of New Mexico, LLC (AWS) dba Benchmark Human Services 2945 Rodeo Park Drive E, Suite 8A Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
E-mail Address:	jwatson@benchmarkhs.com
Region: Survey Date:	Northeast January 4 - 15, 2021
Program Surveyed:	Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed:	<b>2018:</b> Supported Living, Intensive Medical Living Services, Customized Community Supports, and Community Integrated Employment Services
Survey Type:	Routine
Team Leader:	Caitlin Wall, BA, BSW, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau
Team Members:	Verna Newman-Sikes, AA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Heather Driscoll, AA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Dear Ms. Watson;

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

# **Determination of Compliance:**

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

**Non-Compliance:** This determination is based on noncompliance with 17 or more total Tags with 0 to 5 Condition of Participation Level Tags with 75% to 100% of the survey sample affected in any Condition of Participation Level tag or any amount of Standard Level Tags with 6 or more Condition of Participation Level Tags (*refer to Attachment D for details*). The attached QMB Report of Findings indicates Standard Level and Condition of Participation Level deficiencies identified and requires completion and implementation of a Plan of Correction.

The following tags are identified as Condition of Participation Level:

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- Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency
- Tag # 1A09 Medication Delivery Routine Medication Administration
- Tag # 1A09.1 Medication Delivery PRN Medication Administration
- Tag # 1A09.2 Medication Delivery Nurse Approval for PRN Medication
- Tag # 1A15.2 Administrative Case File: Healthcare Documentation (Therap and Required Plans)
- Tag # 1A31 Client Rights / Human Rights

The following tags are identified as Standard Level:

- Tag # 1A08 Administrative Case File (Other Required Documents)
- Tag # 1A32 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan Implementation
- Tag # 1A32.1 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan Implementation (Not Completed at Frequency)
- Tag # 1A43.1 General Events Reporting: Individual Reporting
- Tag # 1A03 Continuous Quality Improvement System & Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Tag # 1A09.1.0 Medication Delivery PRN Medication Administration
- Tag # LS26 Supported Living Reimbursement

#### Plan of Correction:

The attached Report of Findings identifies the deficiencies found during your agency's on-site compliance review. You are required to complete and implement a Plan of Correction. Your agency has a total of 45 business days (10 business days to submit your POC for approval and 35 days to implement your *approved* Plan of Correction) from the receipt of this letter.

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

# Corrective Action for Current Citation:

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

#### **On-going Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Processes:**

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

# Submission of your Plan of Correction:

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

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

1. Quality Management Bureau, Attention: Monica Valdez, Plan of Correction Coordinator in any of the following ways:

#### a. Electronically at MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us (preferred method)

- b. Fax to 505-222-8661, or
- c. Mail to POC Coordinator, 5301 Central Ave NE Suite 400, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108

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

Upon notification from QMB that your *Plan of Correction has been approved*, you must implement all remedies and corrective actions to come into compliance. If your Plan of Correction is denied, you must resubmit a revised plan as

soon as possible for approval, as your POC approval and all remedies must be completed within 45 business days of the receipt of this letter.

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

#### **Billing Deficiencies:**

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

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

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

Lisa Medina-Lujan (Lisa.medina-lujan@state.nm.us)

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

#### Request for Informal Reconsideration of Findings (IRF):

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

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

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

Please contact the Plan of Correction Coordinator, <u>Monica Valdez at 505-273-1930 or email at:</u> <u>MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us</u> 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,

Caitlin Wall, BA, BSW

Caitlin Wall, BA, BSW Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Division of Health Improvement Quality Management Bureau

#### Survey Process Employed:

Administrative Review Start Date: January 4, 2021 Contact: A.W. Holdings of New Mexico, LLC (AWS) dba Benchmark Human Services Juanita Watson, Director DOH/DHI/QMB Caitlin Wall, BA, BSW, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor On-site Entrance Conference Date: January 5, 2021 Present: A.W. Holdings of New Mexico, LLC (AWS) dba Benchmark Human Services Juanita Watson, Director Joseph Crumbacher, RN / DON Sandra Coons, Service Coordinator / Program Coordinator Sharon Sanchez, HR Generalist Hugo Ochoa Marguez, Service Coordinator / Program Coordinator Brenda Quintana, Service Coordinator / Program Coordinator DOH/DHI/QMB Caitlin Wall, BA, BSW, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Verna Newman Sikes, AA, Healthcare Surveyor Heather Driscoll, AA, Healthcare Surveyor Exit Conference Date: January 15, 2021 Present: A.W. Holdings of New Mexico, LLC (AWS) dba Benchmark Human Services Juanita Watson, Director Rick Adams, Vice President Joseph Crumbacher, RN / DON Sandra Coons, Service Coordinator / Program Coordinator Sharon Sanchez, HR Generalist Hugo Ochoa Marquez, Service Coordinator / Program Coordinator DOH/DHI/QMB Caitlin Wall, BA, BSW, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Wolf Krusemark, BFA, Healthcare Surveyor Supervisor Verna Newman Sikes, AA, Healthcare Surveyor Heather Driscoll, AA, Healthcare Surveyor **DDSD - NE Regional Office** Fabian Lopez, DDSD Social Community Service Coordinator 0 (Note: No administrative locations visited due to COVID- 19 Public Administrative Locations Visited: Health Emergency.) 7 Total Sample Size: 0 - Jackson Class Members 7 - Non-Jackson Class Members 5 - Supported Living 1 - Intensive Medical Living Supports 6 - Customized Community Supports QMB Report of Findings - A.W. Holdings of New Mexico, LLC (AWS) dba Benchmark Human Services - Northeast - January 4 -

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	2 - Community Integrated Employment
Total Homes Observed by Video	5 (Note: No home visits conducted due to COVID- 19 Public Health Emergency, however, Video Observations were conducted)
<ul> <li>Supported Living Observed by Video</li> </ul>	4 Note: The following Individuals share a SL residence: ➤ #5, 7
<ul> <li>Intensive Medical Observed by Video</li> </ul>	1
Persons Served Records Reviewed	7
Persons Served Interviewed	5 (Note: Interviews conducted by video / phone due to COVID- 19 Public Health Emergency)
Persons Served Observed	1
Persons Served Not Seen and/or Not Available	1 (Note: Individual was not available during the on-site survey.)
Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed	41
Direct Support Personnel Interviewed	10 (Note: Interviews conducted by video / phone due to COVID- 19 Public Health Emergency)
Service Coordinator Records Reviewed	4
Nurse Interview	1

Administrative Processes and Records Reviewed:

- Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement Records for all Services Provided
- Accreditation Records
- Individual Medical and Program Case Files, including, but not limited to:
  - °Individual Service Plans
  - °Progress on Identified Outcomes
  - °Healthcare Plans
  - °Medication Administration Records
  - <sup>o</sup>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
- Quality Assurance / Improvement Plan

CC: Distribution List:

DOH - Division of Health Improvement

DOH - Developmental Disabilities Supports Division

DOH - Office of Internal Audit

HSD - Medical Assistance Division

NM Attorney General's Office

# Attachment A

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

# Introduction:

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Instructions for Completing Agency POC:

# Required Content

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

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

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

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

- 1. How the specific and realistic corrective action will be accomplished for individuals found to have been affected by the deficient practice.
- 2. How the agency will identify other individuals who have the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice, and how the agency will act to protect those individuals in similar situations.
- 3. What Quality Assurance measures will be put into place and what systemic changes made to ensure the deficient practice will not recur.
- 4. Indicate how the agency plans to monitor its performance to make certain solutions are sustained. The agency must develop a QA plan for ensuring correction is achieved and sustained. This QA plan must be implemented, and the corrective action is evaluated for its effectiveness. The plan of correction is integrated into the agency quality assurance system; and
- 5. Include dates when corrective actions will be completed. The corrective action completion dates must be acceptable to the State.

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

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

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

# **Completion Dates**

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

# Initial Submission of the Plan of Correction Requirements

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

# **POC Document Submission Requirements**

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

1. Your internal documents are due within a *maximum* of 45-business days of receipt of your Report of Findings.

- 2. It is preferred that you submit your documents via USPS or other carrier (scanned and saved to CD/DVD disc, flash drive, etc.). If documents containing HIPAA Protected Health Information (PHI) documents must be submitted through S-Comm (Therap), Fax or Postal System, do not send PHI directly to NMDOH email accounts. If the documents <u>do not</u> contain protected Health information (PHI) then you may submit your documents electronically scanned and attached to e-mails.
- All submitted documents <u>must be annotated</u>; 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 completion date and are approved on a case-by-case basis. No changes may be made to your POC or the timeframes for implementation without written approval of the POC Coordinator.

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

The Division of Health Improvement, Quality Management Bureau (QMB) surveys compliance of the Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) standards and other state and federal regulations. For the purpose of the LCA / CI survey the CMS waiver assurances have been grouped into four (4) Service Domains: Plan of Care (ISP Implementation); Qualified Providers; Health, Welfare and Safety; and Administrative Oversight (note that Administrative Oversight listed in this document is not the same as the CMS assurance of Administrative Authority. Used in this context it is related to the agency's operational policies and procedures, Quality Assurance system and Medicaid billing and reimbursement processes.)

The QMB Determination of Compliance process is based on provider compliance or non-compliance with standards and regulations identified during the on-site survey process and as reported in the QMB Report of Findings. All areas reviewed by QMB have been agreed to by DDSD and DHI/QMB and are reflective of CMS requirements. All deficiencies (non-compliance with standards and regulations) are identified and cited as either a Standard level deficiency or a Condition of Participation level deficiency in the QMB Reports of Findings. All deficiencies require corrective action when non-compliance is identified.

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

# **Conditions of Participation (CoPs)**

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

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

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

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

- 1A08.3 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan / ISP Components
- 1A32 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan Implementation
- LS14 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)
- IS14 CCS / CIES Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)

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

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

- **1A20 -** Direct Support Personnel Training
- 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency
- 1A37 Individual Specific Training

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

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

<u>Service Domain: Health, Welfare and Safety -</u> The State, on an ongoing basis, identifies, addresses and seeks to prevent occurrences of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Individuals shall be afforded their basic human rights. The provider supports individuals to access needed healthcare services in a timely manner.

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

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

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

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

# Attachment C

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

#### Introduction:

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

#### Instructions:

- The Informal Reconsideration of the Finding (IRF) request must be received in writing to the QMB Bureau Chief <u>within 10 business days</u> of receipt of the final Report of Findings (*Note: No extensions are granted for the IRF*).
- 2. The written request for an IRF *must* be completed on the QMB Request for Informal Reconsideration of Finding form available on the QMB website: <u>https://nmhealth.org/about/dhi/cbp/irf/</u>
- 3. The written request for an IRF must specify in detail the request for reconsideration and why the finding is inaccurate.
- 4. The IRF request must include all supporting documentation or evidence.
- 5. If you have questions about the IRF process, email the IRF Chairperson, Valerie V. Valdez at <u>valerie.valdez@state.nm.us</u> for assistance.

#### The following limitations apply to the IRF process:

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

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

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

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

# **QMB** Determinations of Compliance

# Compliance:

The QMB determination of *Compliance* indicates that a provider has either no deficiencies found during a survey or that no deficiencies at the Condition of Participation Level were found. The agency has obtained a level of compliance such that there is a minimal potential for harm to individuals' health and safety. To qualify for a determination of *Compliance*, the provider must have received no Conditions of Participation Level Deficiencies and have a minimal number of Individuals on the sample affected by the findings indicated in the Standards Level Tags.

# Partial-Compliance with Standard Level Tags:

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

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

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

The QMB determination of *Partial-Compliance with Standard Level Tags and Condition of Participation Level Tags* indicates that a provider is out of compliance with one to five (1 - 5) Condition of Participation Level Tags. This partial-compliance, if not corrected, may result in a serious negative outcome or the potential for more than minimal harm to individuals' health and safety.

#### Non-Compliance:

The QMB determination of *Non-Compliance* indicates a provider is significantly out of compliance with both Standard Level deficiencies and Conditions of Participation level deficiencies. This non-compliance, if not corrected, may result in a serious negative outcome or the potential for more than minimal harm to individuals' health and safety. There are three ways an agency can receive a determination of Non-Compliance:

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

Compliance				Weighting			
Determination	LC	W		MEDIUM		Н	IGH
Total Tags:	up to 16	17 or more	up to 16	17 or more	Any Amount	17 or more	Any Amount
	and	and	and	and	And/or	and	And/or
COP Level Tags:	0 COP	0 COP	0 COP	0 COP	1 to 5 COP	0 to 5 CoPs	6 or more COP
	and	and	and	and		and	
Sample Affected:	0 to 74%	0 to 49%	75 to 100%	50 to 74%		75 to 100%	
"Non-Compliance"						<b>17 or more</b> Total Tags with <b>75 to 100%</b> of the Individuals in the sample cited in any CoP Level tag.	Any Amount of Standard Level Tags and 6 or more Conditions of Participation Level Tags.
"Partial Compliance with Standard Level tags <u>and</u> Condition of Participation Level Tags"					Any Amount Standard Level Tags, plus 1 to 5 Conditions of Participation Level tags.		
"Partial Compliance with Standard Level tags"			up to 16 Standard Level Tags with 75 to 100% of the individuals in the sample cited in any tag.	<b>17 or more</b> Standard Level Tags with <b>50 to</b> <b>74%</b> of the individuals in the sample cited any tag.			
"Compliance"	Up to 16 Standard Level Tags with 0 to 74% of the individuals in the sample cited in any tag.	<b>17 or more</b> Standard Level Tags with <b>0 to</b> <b>49%</b> of the individuals in the sample cited in any tag.					

#### Agency: A.W. Holdings of New Mexico, LLC (AWS) dba Benchmark Human Services – Northeast Region

Program: Developmental Disabilities Waiver 2018: Supported Living, Intensive Medical Living Services, Customized Community Supports, and Community Integrated

Service:

**Employment Services** Routine

Survey Type: Survey Date:

January 4 – 15, 2021

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Completion Date
	ntation – Services are delivered in accordance w	ith the service plan, including type, scope, amount,	duration and
frequency specified in the service plan.			
Tag # 1A08 Administrative Case File (Other	Standard Level Deficiency		
Required Documents)			
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver	Based on record review, the Agency did not	Provider:	
Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue:	maintain a complete and confidential case file	State your Plan of Correction for the	
12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019	at the administrative office for 1 of 7	deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is the	
Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and	individuals.	deficiency going to be corrected? This can be	
Client Records: 20.2 Client Records		specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?): $\rightarrow$	
Requirements: All DD Waiver Provider	Review of the Agency administrative individual	$overall correction?). \rightarrow$	
Agencies are required to create and maintain	case files revealed the following items were not		
individual client records. The contents of client	found, incomplete, and/or not current:		
records vary depending on the unique needs			
of the person receiving services and the	Physical Therapy Plan (Therapy		
resultant information produced. The extent of	Intervention Plan TIP):	1	
documentation required for individual client	Not Found (#1)		
records per service type depends on the		Provider:	
location of the file, the type of service being		Enter your ongoing Quality	
provided, and the information necessary.		Assurance/Quality Improvement	
DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to		processes as it related to this tag number	
adhere to the following:		here (What is going to be done? How many	
1. Client records must contain all documents		individuals is this going to affect? How often will	
essential to the service being provided and		this be completed? Who is responsible? What	
essential to ensuring the health and safety of		steps will be taken if issues are found?): $\rightarrow$	
the person during the provision of the service.			
2. Provider Agencies must have readily			
accessible records in home and community			
settings in paper or electronic form. Secure			
access to electronic records through the			
Therap web-based system using computers or			
mobile devices is acceptable.			
3. Provider Agencies are responsible for			
ensuring that all plans created by nurses, RDs,			

therapists or BSCs are present in all needed		
settings.		
4. Provider Agencies must maintain records		
of all documents produced by agency		
personnel or contractors on behalf of each		
person, including any routine notes or data,		
annual assessments, semi-annual reports,		
evidence of training provided/received,		
progress notes, and any other interactions for		
which billing is generated.		
5. Each Provider Agency is responsible for		
maintaining the daily or other contact notes		
documenting the nature and frequency of		
service delivery, as well as data tracking only		
for the services provided by their agency.		
6. The current Client File Matrix found in		
Appendix A Client File Matrix details the		
minimum requirements for records to be		
stored in agency office files, the delivery site,		
or with DSP while providing services in the		
community.		
7. All records pertaining to JCMs must be		
retained permanently and must be made		
available to DDSD upon request, upon the		
termination or expiration of a provider		
agreement, or upon provider withdrawal from		
services.		
20.5.1 Individual Data Form (IDF): The		
Individual Data Form provides an overview of		
demographic information as well as other key		
personal, programmatic, insurance, and health		
related information. It lists medical information;		
assistive technology or adaptive equipment;		
diagnoses; allergies; information about		
whether a guardian or advance directives are in place; information about behavioral and		
health related needs; contacts of Provider		
Agencies and team members and other critical		
information. The IDF automatically loads		
information into other fields and forms and		
must be complete and kept current. This form		
is initiated by the CM. It must be opened and		
is initiated by the Civil it must be opened and		

continuously updated by Living Supports,		
CCS- Group, ANS, CIHS and case		
management when applicable to the person in		
order for accurate data to auto populate other		
documents like the Health Passport and		
Physician Consultation Form. Although the		
Primary Provider Agency is ultimately		
responsible for keeping this form current, each		
provider collaborates and communicates		
critical information to update this form.		
Chapter 3: Safeguards 3.1.2 Team		
Justification Process: DD Waiver		
participants may receive evaluations or		
reviews conducted by a variety of		
professionals or clinicians. These evaluations		
or reviews typically include recommendations		
or suggestions for the person/guardian or the		
team to consider. The team justification		
process includes:		
1. Discussion and decisions about non-		
health related recommendations are		
documented on the Team Justification form.		
2. The Team Justification form documents		
that the person/guardian or team has		
considered the recommendations and has		
decided:		
a. to implement the recommendation;		
b. to create an action plan and revise the		
ISP, if necessary; or		
c. not to implement the recommendation		
currently.		
3. All DD Waiver Provider Agencies		
participate in information gathering, IDT		
meeting attendance, and accessing		
supplemental resources if needed and desired.		
4. The CM ensures that the Team		
Justification Process is followed and complete.		
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Tag # 1A32 Administrative Case File:	Standard Level Deficiency		
Individual Service Plan Implementation NMAC 7.26.5.16.C and D Development of	Based on administrative record review, the	Provider:	
the ISP. Implementation of the ISP. The ISP	Agency did not implement the ISP according to	State your Plan of Correction for the	ĹĴ
shall be implemented according to the	the timelines determined by the IDT and as	deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is the	
timelines determined by the IDT and as	specified in the ISP for each stated desired	deficiency going to be corrected? This can be	
specified in the ISP for each stated desired	outcomes and action plan for 1 of 7 individuals.	specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an	
outcomes and action plan.		overall correction?): $\rightarrow$	
	As indicated by Individuals ISP the following		
C. The IDT shall review and discuss	was found with regards to the implementation		
information and recommendations with the	of ISP Outcomes:		
individual, with the goal of supporting the			
individual in attaining desired outcomes. The	Intensive Medical Living Data Collection /		
IDT develops an ISP based upon the	Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP		
individual's personal vision statement,	Outcomes:	Provider:	
strengths, needs, interests and preferences.		Enter your ongoing Quality	
The ISP is a dynamic document, revised	Individual #6	Assurance/Quality Improvement	
periodically, as needed, and amended to	None found regarding: Live Outcome/Action	processes as it related to this tag number	
reflect progress towards personal goals and	Step: "Make eight cakes or baked goods, i.e.	here (What is going to be done? How many	
achievements consistent with the individual's	cookies, pie, etc." for 10/2020 - 11/2020.	individuals is this going to affect? How often will	
future vision. This regulation is consistent with standards established for individual plan	Action step is to be completed 8 times.	this be completed? Who is responsible? What	
development as set forth by the commission on	· None found regarding Live Outcome/Action	steps will be taken if issues are found?): $\rightarrow$	
the accreditation of rehabilitation facilities	<ul> <li>None found regarding: Live Outcome/Action Step: "Share baked goods with my friends."</li> </ul>	r	
(CARF) and/or other program accreditation	for 10/2020 - 11/2020. Action step is to be		
approved and adopted by the developmental	completed 8 times.		
disabilities division and the department of	completed o times.		
health. It is the policy of the developmental	Customized Community Supports Data		
disabilities division (DDD), that to the extent	Collection / Data Tracking/Progress with		
permitted by funding, each individual receive	regards to ISP Outcomes:		
supports and services that will assist and	5		
encourage independence and productivity in	Individual #6		
the community and attempt to prevent	<ul> <li>None found regarding: Work/learn</li> </ul>		
regression or loss of current capabilities.	Outcome/Action Step: "Remain focused on		
Services and supports include specialized	task for 20 min" for 10/2020 - 11/2020.		
and/or generic services, training, education	Action step is to be completed 2 times per		
and/or treatment as determined by the IDT and	month.		
documented in the ISP.			
D. The intent is to provide choice and obtain	<ul> <li>None found regarding: Fun Outcome/Action</li> </ul>		
D. The intent is to provide choice and obtain	Step: "Create/take pictures of activities for		
opportunities for individuals to live, work and	board" for 10/2020 - 11/2020. Action step is		
play with full participation in their communities.	to be completed 1 time per week.		
The following principles provide direction and	aldings of New Mevico, LLC (AW/S) dhe Benchmark H		

purpose in planning for individuals with developmental disabilities. [05/03/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01] Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 <b>Chapter 6: Individual Service Plan (ISP)</b> <b>6.8 ISP Implementation and Monitoring:</b> All DD Waiver Provider Agencies with a signed SFOC are required to provide services as detailed in the ISP. The ISP must be readily accessible to Provider Agencies on the approved budget. (See Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and Client Records.) CMs	<ul> <li>None found regarding: Fun Outcome/Action Step: "Place pictures of activities I want to do on my Velcro board" for 10/2020 - 11/2020. Action step is to be completed 1 time per week.</li> </ul>	
facilitate and maintain communication with the person, his/her representative, other IDT members, Provider Agencies, and relevant parties to ensure that the person receives the maximum benefit of his/her services and that revisions to the ISP are made as needed. All DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to cooperate with monitoring activities conducted by the CM and the DOH. Provider Agencies are required to respond to issues at the individual level and agency level as described in Chapter 16: Qualified Provider Agencies.		
Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and Client Records 20.2 Client Records Requirements: All DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to create and maintain individual client records. The contents of client records vary depending on the unique needs of the person receiving services and the resultant information produced. The extent of documentation required for individual client		
<ul> <li>records per service type depends on the location of the file, the type of service being provided, and the information necessary.</li> <li>DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to adhere to the following:</li> <li>1. Client records must contain all documents</li> </ul>		

essential to the service being provided and	
essential to ensuring the health and safety of	
the person during the provision of the service.	
2. Provider Agencies must have readily	
accessible records in home and community	
settings in paper or electronic form. Secure	
access to electronic records through the	
Therap web-based system using computers or	
mobile devices is acceptable.	
3. Provider Agencies are responsible for	
ensuring that all plans created by nurses, RDs,	
therapists or BSCs are present in all needed	
settings.	
4. Provider Agencies must maintain records	
of all documents produced by agency	
personnel or contractors on behalf of each	
person, including any routine notes or data,	
annual assessments, semi-annual reports,	
evidence of training provided/received,	
progress notes, and any other interactions for	
which billing is generated.	
5. Each Provider Agency is responsible for	
maintaining the daily or other contact notes	
documenting the nature and frequency of	
service delivery, as well as data tracking only	
for the services provided by their agency.	
6. The current Client File Matrix found in	
Appendix A Client File Matrix details the	
minimum requirements for records to be	
stored in agency office files, the delivery site,	
or with DSP while providing services in the	
community.	
7. All records pertaining to JCMs must be	
retained permanently and must be made	
available to DDSD upon request, upon the	
termination or expiration of a provider	
agreement, or upon provider withdrawal from	
services.	

Tag # 1A32.1 Administrative Case File:	Standard Level Deficiency		
Individual Service Plan Implementation (Not			
Completed at Frequency)			
NMAC 7.26.5.16.C and D Development of	Based on administrative record review, the	Provider:	
the ISP. Implementation of the ISP. The ISP	Agency did not implement the ISP according to	State your Plan of Correction for the	
shall be implemented according to the	the timelines determined by the IDT and as	deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is the	
timelines determined by the IDT and as	specified in the ISP for each stated desired	deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an	
specified in the ISP for each stated desired	outcomes and action plan for 2 of 7 individuals.	overall correction?): $\rightarrow$	
outcomes and action plan.			
	As indicated by Individuals ISP the following		
C. The IDT shall review and discuss	was found with regards to the implementation		
information and recommendations with the	of ISP Outcomes:		
individual, with the goal of supporting the	Supported Living Data Collection / Data		
individual in attaining desired outcomes. The	Supported Living Data Collection / Data		
IDT develops an ISP based upon the individual's personal vision statement,	Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:	1	
strengths, needs, interests and preferences.	Outcomes.	Provider:	
The ISP is a dynamic document, revised	Individual #3	Enter your ongoing Quality	
periodically, as needed, and amended to	According to the Live Outcome; Action Step	Assurance/Quality Improvement	
reflect progress towards personal goals and	for "Complete 90% of chores on list each	processes as it related to this tag number	
achievements consistent with the individual's	week" is to be completed 3 times per week.	here (What is going to be done? How many	
future vision. This regulation is consistent with	Evidence found indicated it was not being	individuals is this going to affect? How often will	
standards established for individual plan	completed at the required frequency as	this be completed? Who is responsible? What	
development as set forth by the commission on	indicated in the ISP for 11/2020.	steps will be taken if issues are found?): $\rightarrow$	
the accreditation of rehabilitation facilities			
(CARF) and/or other program accreditation	Individual #5		
approved and adopted by the developmental	According to the Live Outcome; Action Step		
disabilities division and the department of	for "Staff will present chores using iPad" is to		
health. It is the policy of the developmental	be completed 2 times per week. Evidence		
disabilities division (DDD), that to the extent	found indicated it was not being completed		
permitted by funding, each individual receive	at the required frequency as indicated in the		
supports and services that will assist and	ISP for 11/2020.		
encourage independence and productivity in			
the community and attempt to prevent	According to the Live Outcome; Action Step		
regression or loss of current capabilities.	for " will choose a chore to participate in"		
Services and supports include specialized	is to be completed 2 times per week.		
and/or generic services, training, education	Evidence found indicated it was not being		
and/or treatment as determined by the IDT and	completed at the required frequency as		
documented in the ISP.	indicated in the ISP for 11/2020.		
D. The intent is to provide choice and obtain			
opportunities for individuals to live, work and			
play with full participation in their communities.			
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The following principles provide direction and		
purpose in planning for individuals with		
developmental disabilities. [05/03/94; 01/15/97;		
Recompiled 10/31/01]		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver		
Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue:		
12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019		
Chapter 6: Individual Service Plan (ISP)		
6.8 ISP Implementation and Monitoring: All		
DD Waiver Provider Agencies with a signed		
SFOC are required to provide services as		
detailed in the ISP. The ISP must be readily		
accessible to Provider Agencies on the		
approved budget. (See Chapter 20: Provider		
Documentation and Client Records.) CMs		
facilitate and maintain communication with the		
person, his/her representative, other IDT		
members, Provider Agencies, and relevant		
parties to ensure that the person receives the		
maximum benefit of his/her services and that		
revisions to the ISP are made as needed. All		
DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to		
cooperate with monitoring activities conducted		
by the CM and the DOH. Provider Agencies		
are required to respond to issues at the		
individual level and agency level as described		
in Chapter 16: Qualified Provider Agencies.		
Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and		
Client Records 20.2 Client Records		
Requirements: All DD Waiver Provider		
Agencies are required to create and maintain		
individual client records. The contents of client		
records vary depending on the unique needs of		
the person receiving services and the resultant		
information produced. The extent of		
documentation required for individual client		
records per service type depends on the		
location of the file, the type of service being		
provided, and the information necessary.		
DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to		
adhere to the following:	and Deminer. North and the leave much of 0004	

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8. Client records must contain all documents		
essential to the service being provided and		
essential to ensuring the health and safety of		
the person during the provision of the service.		
9. Provider Agencies must have readily		
accessible records in home and community		
settings in paper or electronic form. Secure		
access to electronic records through the		
Therap web-based system using computers or		
mobile devices is acceptable.		
10. Provider Agencies are responsible for		
ensuring that all plans created by nurses, RDs,		
therapists or BSCs are present in all needed		
settings.		
11. Provider Agencies must maintain records		
of all documents produced by agency		
personnel or contractors on behalf of each		
person, including any routine notes or data,		
annual assessments, semi-annual reports,		
evidence of training provided/received,		
progress notes, and any other interactions for		
which billing is generated.		
12. Each Provider Agency is responsible for		
maintaining the daily or other contact notes		
documenting the nature and frequency of		
service delivery, as well as data tracking only		
for the services provided by their agency.		
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or with DSP while providing services in the		
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retained permanently and must be made		
available to DDSD upon request, upon the		
termination or expiration of a provider		
agreement, or upon provider withdrawal from		
services.		

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Completion Date
		to assure adherence to waiver requirements. The	
		nce with State requirements and the approved waiv	er.
Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 <b>Chapter 13: Nursing Services 13.2.11</b> <i>Training and Implementation of Plans:</i> 1. RNs and LPNs are required to provide Individual Specific Training (IST) regarding HCPs and MERPs.	After an analysis of the evidence it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur. Based on interview, the Agency did not ensure training competencies were met for 3 of 10 Direct Support Personnel.	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?): →	
2. The agency nurse is required to deliver and document training for DSP/DSS regarding the healthcare interventions/strategies and MERPs that the DSP are responsible to implement, clearly indicating level of competency achieved by each trainee as described in Chapter 17.10 Individual-Specific Training.	<ul> <li>When DSP were asked, if the Individual's had Health Care Plans, where could they be located and if they had been trained, the following was reported:</li> <li>DSP #528 stated, "Yes, constipation, diabetes, nutrition and weight." As indicated</li> </ul>	Provider: Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement	
Chapter 17: Training Requirement 17.10 Individual-Specific Training: The following are elements of IST: defined standards of performance, curriculum tailored to teach skills and knowledge necessary to	by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual also requires Health Care Plans for: Pain (Experiencing pain) and Pain Medication. (Individual #3)	processes as it related to this tag number here (What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): $\rightarrow$	
meet those standards of performance, and formal examination or demonstration to verify standards of performance, using the established DDSD training levels of awareness, knowledge, and skill. Reaching an <b>awareness level</b> may be accomplished by reading plans or other information. The trainee is cognizant of	<ul> <li>DSP #522 stated, "Yes, constipation, skin breakdown, hydration, paralysis, seizure disorder, and impaired mobility." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual also requires a Health Care Plan for: Respiratory (treatment or equipment) (Individual #5)</li> </ul>		
information related to a person's specific condition. Verbal or written recall of basic information or knowing where to access the information can verify awareness. Reaching a <b>knowledge level</b> may take the form of observing a plan in action, reading a	<ul> <li>When DSP were asked, if the Individual's had Medical Emergency Response Plans and where could they be located, the following was reported:</li> <li>DSP #522 stated, "Yes, constipation, skin</li> </ul>		
plan more thoroughly, or having a plan	breakdown, hydration, paralysis, seizure		

described by the author or their designee.	disorder, and impaired mobility." As	
Verbal or written recall or demonstration may	indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive	
verify this level of competence.	Health Assessment Tool, the Individual also	
Reaching a skill level involves being trained	requires a Medical Emergency Response	
by a therapist, nurse, designated or	Plan for Respiratory (treatment or	
experienced designated trainer. The trainer	equipment) (Individual #5)	
shall demonstrate the techniques according to		
the plan. Then they observe and provide	When DSP were asked, if the Individual had	
feedback to the trainee as they implement the	any food and / or medication allergies that	
techniques. This should be repeated until	could be potentially life threatening, the	
competence is demonstrated. Demonstration	following was reported:	
of skill or observed implementation of the		
techniques or strategies verifies skill level	<ul> <li>DSP #510 stated, "No he doesn't have no</li> </ul>	
competence. Trainees should be observed on	allergies neither for any food." As indicated	
more than one occasion to ensure appropriate	by the Electronic Comprehensive Health	
techniques are maintained and to provide	Assessment Tool the individual is allergic to	
additional coaching/feedback.	Cephalosporin and Clindamycin. (Individual	
Individuals shall receive services from	#1)	
competent and qualified Provider Agency		
personnel who must successfully complete IST	When DSP were asked, if the Individual had	
requirements in accordance with the	Diabetes, as well as a series of questions	
specifications described in the ISP of each	specific to the DSP's knowledge of the	
person supported.	Diabetes, the following was reported:	
1. IST must be arranged and conducted at		
least annually. IST includes training on the ISP	• DSP #528 was unable to identify what to do	
Desired Outcomes, Action Plans, strategies,	if there is high blood sugar. As indicated by	
and information about the person's preferences	the Individual Specific Training section of	
regarding privacy, communication style, and	the ISP, DSP are to be trained at an	
routines. More frequent training may be	knowledge level for diabetes. (Individual #3)	
necessary if the annual ISP changes before the		
year ends.		
2. IST for therapy-related WDSI, HCPs,		
MERPs, CARMPs, PBSA, PBSP, and BCIP,		
must occur at least annually and more often if		
plans change, or if monitoring by the plan		
author or agency finds incorrect		
implementation, when new DSP or CM are		
assigned to work with a person, or when an		
existing DSP or CM requires a refresher.		
3. The competency level of the training is		
based on the IST section of the ISP.		
4. The person should be present for and		
involved in IST whenever possible.		

5. Provider Agencies are responsible for		
tracking of IST requirements.		
6. Provider Agencies must arrange and		
ensure that DSP's are trained on the contents		
of the plans in accordance with timelines		
indicated in the Individual-Specific Training		
Requirements: Support Plans section of the		
ISP and notify the plan authors when new DSP		
are hired to arrange for trainings.		
7. If a therapist, BSC, nurse, or other author of		
a plan, healthcare or otherwise, chooses to		
designate a trainer, that person is still		
responsible for providing the curriculum to the		
designated trainer. The author of the plan is		
also responsible for ensuring the designated		
trainer is verifying competency in alignment		
with their curriculum, doing periodic quality		
assurance checks with their designated trainer,		
and re-certifying the designated trainer at least		
annually and/or when there is a change to a		
person's plan.		

	Standard Level Deficiency		
Tag # 1A43.1 General Events Reporting: Individual ReportingDevelopmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019Chapter 19: Provider Reporting Requirements: 19.2 General Events Reporting (GER): The purpose of General Events Reporting (GER) is to report, track and analyze events, which pose a risk to adults in the DD Waiver program, but do not meet criteria for ANE or other reportable incidents as defined by the IMB. Analysis of GER is intended to identify emerging patterns so that preventative action can be taken at the individual, Provider Agency, regional and statewide level. On a quarterly and annual basis, DDSD analyzes GER data at the provider, regional and statewide levels to identify any patterns that warrant intervention. Provider Agency use of GER in Therap is required as follows:1. DD Waiver Provider Agencies approved to provide Customized In- Home Supports, Family Living, IMLS, Supported Living, Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment, Adult Nursing and Case Management must use GER in the Therap system.2. DD Waiver Provider Agencies referenced above are responsible for entering specified information into the GER section of the section	Standard Level DeficiencyBased on record review, the Agency did not follow the General Events Reporting requirements as indicated by the policy for 2 of 7 individuals.The following General Events Reporting records contained evidence that indicated the General Events Report was not entered and / or approved within the 2 business days and / or entered within 30 days for medication errors:Individual #1• General Events Report (GER) indicates on 7/11/2020 the Individual was trying to get out of a moving car and attempted to elope. Nurse approved PRN. (Behavioral Issue). GER was approved 7/16/2020.Individual #5• General Events Report (GER) indicates on 10/20/2020 the Individual was tested for COVID-19, results came back positive. (Communicable disease). GER was approved 10/28/2020.• General Events Report (GER) indicates on 06/24/2020 the staff initialed the MAR stating they had given the medication but did not give the medication. (Medication Error). GER was approved 1/14/2021.	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 affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): →	
<ul> <li>required as follows:</li> <li>1. DD Waiver Provider Agencies approved to provide Customized In- Home Supports, Family Living, IMLS, Supported Living, Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment, Adult Nursing and Case Management must use GER in the Therap system.</li> <li>2. DD Waiver Provider Agencies referenced above are responsible for entering</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>General Events Report (GER) indicates on 10/20/2020 the Individual was tested for COVID-19, results came back positive. (Communicable disease). GER was approved 10/28/2020.</li> <li>General Events Report (GER) indicates on 06/24/2020 the staff initialed the MAR stating they had given the medication but did not give the medication. (Medication</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>the secure website operated under contract by Therap according to the GER Reporting Requirements in Appendix B GER</li> <li>Requirements.</li> <li>3. At the Provider Agency's discretion additional events, which are not required by DDSD, may also be tracked within the GER section of Therap.</li> <li>4. GER does not replace a Provider Agency's obligations to report ANE or other</li> </ul>			

reportable incidents as described in Chapter	
18: Incident Management System.	
5. GER does not replace a Provider	
Agency's obligations related to healthcare	
coordination, modifications to the ISP, or any	
other risk management and QI activities.	
Appendix B GER Requirements: DDSD is	
pleased to introduce the revised General	
Events Reporting (GER), requirements. There	
are two important changes related to	
medication error reporting:	
1. Effective immediately, DDSD requires ALL	
medication errors be entered into Therap	
GER with the exception of those required to	
be reported to Division of Health Improvement-Incident Management Bureau.	
2. No alternative methods for reporting are	
permitted.	
The following events need to be reported in	
the Therap GER:	
<ul> <li>Emergency Room/Urgent Care/Emergency</li> </ul>	
Medical Services	
Falls Without Injury	
<ul> <li>Injury (including Falls, Choking, Skin</li> </ul>	
Breakdown and Infection)	
Law Enforcement Use	
<ul> <li>Medication Errors</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Medication Documentation Errors</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Missing Person/Elopement</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Out of Home Placement- Medical:</li> </ul>	
Hospitalization, Long Term Care, Skilled	
Nursing or Rehabilitation Facility Admission	
<ul> <li>PRN Psychotropic Medication</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Restraint Related to Behavior</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Suicide Attempt or Threat</li> </ul>	
Entry Guidance: Provider Agencies must	
complete the following sections of the GER	
with detailed information: profile information,	
event information, other event information,	

approve GERs within 2 business days with the exception of Medication Errors which must be entered into GER on at least a monthly basis.		

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Completion Date	
	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 man			
Tag # 1A03 Continuous Quality Improvement System & Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Standard Level Deficiency			
<ul> <li>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019</li> <li>Chapter 22: Quality Improvement Strategy (QIS): A QIS at the provider level is directly linked to the organization's service delivery approach or underlying provision of services. To achieve a higher level of performance and improve quality, an organization is required to have an efficient and effective QIS. The QIS is required to follow four key principles:</li> <li>1. quality improvement work in systems and processes;</li> <li>2. focus on participants;</li> <li>3. focus on being part of the team; and</li> <li>4. focus on use of the data. As part of a QIS, Provider Agencies are required to evaluate their performance based on the four key principles outlined above. Provider Agencies are required to identify areas of improvement, issues that impact quality of services, and areas of non- compliance with the DD Waiver Service Standards or any other program requirements. The findings should help inform the agency's QI plan.</li> <li>22.2 QI Plan and Key Performance Indicators (KPI): Findings from a discovery process should result in a QI plan. The QI plan is used by an agency to continually determine whether the agency is performing within program requirements, achieving goals, and identifying opportunities for improvement. The QI plan describes the processes that the</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Based on record review and/or interview, the Agency did not maintain or implement a Quality Improvement System (QIS), as required by standards.</li> <li>Review of information found: <ul> <li>Review of the findings identified during the on-site survey (January 4 – 15, 2021) and as reflected in this report of findings, the Agency had multiple deficiencies noted, including Conditions of Participation out of compliance, which indicates the QIS plan provided by the Agency was not being used to successfully identify and improve systems within the agency.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	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 affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): →		

Provider Agency uses in each phase of the		
QIS: discovery, remediation, and sustained		
improvement. It describes the frequency of		
data collection, the source and types of data		
gathered, as well as the methods used to		
analyze data and measure performance. The		
QI plan must describe how the data collected		
will be used to improve the delivery of services		
and must describe the methods used to		
evaluate whether implementation of		
improvements is working. The QI plan shall		
address, at minimum, three key performance		
indicators (KPI). The KPI are determined by		
DOH-DDSQI) on an annual basis or as		
determined necessary.		
22.3 Implementing a QI Committee:		
A QI committee must convene on at least a		
quarterly basis and more frequently if		
needed. The QI Committee convenes to		
review data; to identify any deficiencies,		
trends, patterns, or concerns; to remedy		
deficiencies; and to identify opportunities for		
QI. QI Committee meetings must be		
documented and include a review of at least		
the following:		
1. Activities or processes related to discovery,		
i.e., monitoring and recording the findings;		
2. The entities or individuals responsible for		
conducting the discovery/monitoring		
process;		
3. The types of information used to measure		
performance;		
4. The frequency with which performance is		
measured; and		
5. The activities implemented to improve		
performance.		
22.4 Preparation of an Annual Report:		
The Provider Agency must complete an		
annual report based on the quality		
assurance (QA) activities and the QI Plan		
that the agency has implemented during the		
year. The annual report shall:		

1. Be submitted to the DDSD PEU by	
February 15th of each calendar year.	
<ol><li>Be kept on file at the agency, and made available to DOH, including DHI upon</li></ol>	
request.	
3. Address the Provider Agency's QA or	
compliance with at least the following:	
a. compliance with DDSD Training	
Requirements;	
b. compliance with reporting requirements,	
including reporting of ANE;	
c. timely submission of documentation for	
budget development and approval;	
<ul> <li>d. presence and completeness of required documentation;</li> </ul>	
e. compliance with CCHS, EAR, and	
Licensing requirements as applicable;	
and	
f. a summary of all corrective plans	
implemented over the last 24	
months, demonstrating closure	
with any deficiencies or findings as	
well as ongoing compliance and sustainability. Corrective plans	
include but are not limited to:	
i. IQR findings;	
ii. CPA Plans related to ANE reporting;	
iii. POCs related to QMB compliance	
surveys; and	
iv. PIPs related to Regional Office	
Contract Management.	
4. Address the Provider Agency QI with at	
least the following:	
<ul> <li>a. data analysis related to the DDSD required KPI; and</li> </ul>	
b. the five elements required to be	
discussed by the QI committee each	
quarter.	

SYSTEM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR	
COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS:	
. Quality assurance/quality improvement	
rogram for community-based service	
roviders: The community-based service	
rovider shall establish and implement a quality	
nprovement program for reviewing alleged	
complaints and incidents of abuse, neglect, or	
xploitation against them as a provider after the	
livision's investigation is complete. The incident	
nanagement program shall include written locumentation of corrective actions taken. The	
community-based service provider shall take all	
easonable steps to prevent further incidents.	
he community-based service provider shall	
rovide the following internal monitoring and	
cilitating quality improvement program:	
) community-based service providers shall	
ave current abuse, neglect, and exploitation	
anagement policy and procedures in place that	
omply with the department's requirements;	
) community-based service providers	
oviding intellectual and developmental	
sabilities services must have a designated	
cident management coordinator in place; and	
3) community-based service providers	
oviding intellectual and developmental	
sabilities services must have an incident	
anagement committee to identify any	
ficiencies, trends, patterns, or concerns as	
ell as opportunities for quality improvement,	
dress internal and external incident reports for	
e purpose of examining internal root causes,	
d to take action on identified issues.	

Tag # 1A09 Medication Delivery Routine	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Medication Administration		Descrition	
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver	After an analysis of the evidence it has been	Provider:	
Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue:	determined there is a significant potential for a	State your Plan of Correction for the	
12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019	negative outcome to occur.	<b>deficiencies cited in this tag here</b> (How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be	
Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and Client Records 20.6 Medication	Madiantian Administration Deserve (MAD)	specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an	
	Medication Administration Records (MAR)	overall correction?): $\rightarrow$	
Administration Record (MAR): A current	were reviewed for the month of December		
Medication Administration Record (MAR) must	2020.		
be maintained in all settings where medications or treatments are delivered.	Based on record review, 2 of 6 individuals had	l	
Family Living Providers may opt not to use	Medication Administration Records (MAR),		
MARs if they are the sole provider who	which contained missing medications entries		
supports the person with medications or	and/or other errors:		
treatments. However, if there are services			
provided by unrelated DSP, ANS for	Individual #1	Provider:	
Medication Oversight must be budgeted, and a	December 2020	Enter your ongoing Quality	
MAR must be created and used by the DSP.	As indicated by the Medication	Assurance/Quality Improvement	
Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies are	Administration Records the individual is to	processes as it related to this tag number	
responsible for:	take Clonazepam 0.5 mg for	here (What is going to be done? How many	
1. Creating and maintaining either an	anxiety/agitation (every morning and	individuals is this going to affect? How often will	
electronic or paper MAR in their service	evening daily). According to the Physician's	this be completed? Who is responsible? What	
setting. Provider Agencies may use the	Orders, Clonazepam 0.5 mg is to be taken	steps will be taken if issues are found?): $\rightarrow$	
MAR in Therap, but are not mandated	(1 time daily and may take 1 additional		
to do so.	tablet for agitation). Medication		
2. Continually communicating any	Administration Record and Physician's		
changes about medications and	Orders do not match.		
treatments between Provider Agencies to			
assure health and safety.	Individual #5		
7. Including the following on the MAR:	December 2020		
a. The name of the person, a	Medication Administration Records		
transcription of the physician's or	contained missing entries. No		
licensed health care provider's orders	documentation found indicating reason for		
including the brand and generic	missing entries:		
names for all ordered routine and PRN	<ul> <li>Mineral Oil, Heavy (1 time weekly) – Blank</li> </ul>		
medications or treatments, and the	12/1 - 30 (7:00 PM)		
diagnoses for which the medications			
or treatments are prescribed;			
b. The prescribed dosage, frequency			
and method or route of administration;			
times and dates of administration for			
all ordered routine or PRN			
prescriptions or treatments; over the			

counter (OTC) or "comfort"	
medications or treatments and all self-	
selected herbal or vitamin therapy;	
c. Documentation of all time limited or	
discontinued medications or treatments;	
d. The initials of the individual	
administering or assisting with the	
medication delivery and a signature	
page or electronic record that	
designates the full name	
corresponding to the initials;	
e. Documentation of refused, missed, or	
held medications or treatments;	
f. Documentation of any allergic	
reaction that occurred due to	
medication or treatments; and	
g. For PRN medications or treatments:	
i. instructions for the use of the PRN	
medication or treatment which must	
include observable signs/symptoms or	
circumstances in which the	
medication or treatment is to be used	
and the number of doses that may be	
used in a 24-hour period;	
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ii. clear documentation that the	
DSP contacted the agency nurse	
prior to assisting with the	
medication or treatment, unless	
the DSP is a Family Living	
Provider related by affinity of	
consanguinity; and	
iii. documentation of the	
effectiveness of the PRN	
medication or treatment.	
Chapter 10 Living Care Arrangements	
10.3.4 Medication Assessment and	
Delivery:	
Living Supports Provider Agencies must	
support and comply with:	
1. the processes identified in the DDSD	
AWMD training;	

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2. the nursing and DSP functions		
identified in the Chapter 13.3 Part 2- Adult		
Nursing Services;		
3. all Board of Pharmacy regulations as noted		
in Chapter 16.5 Board of Pharmacy; and		
4. documentation requirements in a		
Medication Administration Record		
(MAR) as described in Chapter 20.6		
Medication Administration Record		
(MAR).		
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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;		
(v) 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		
complete detail instructions regarding the		

administering of the medication. This shall include:		
<ul> <li>symptoms that indicate the use of the medication,</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>exact dosage to be used, and</li> <li>the exact amount to be used in a 24-</li> </ul>		
hour period.		

Tag # 1A09.1 Medication Delivery PRN	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Medication Administration			
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver	After an analysis of the evidence it has been	Provider:	
Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue:	determined there is a significant potential for a	State your Plan of Correction for the	
12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019	negative outcome to occur.	deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is the	
Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and		deficiency going to be corrected? This can be	
Client Records 20.6 Medication	Medication Administration Records (MAR)	specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?): $\rightarrow$	
Administration Record (MAR): A current	were reviewed for the month of December	$overall correction?). \rightarrow$	
Medication Administration Record (MAR) must	2020.	[	
be maintained in all settings where			
medications or treatments are delivered.	Based on record review, 5 of 6 individuals had		
Family Living Providers may opt not to use	PRN Medication Administration Records		
MARs if they are the sole provider who	(MAR), which contained missing elements as		
supports the person with medications or	required by standard:		
treatments. However, if there are services		Provider:	
provided by unrelated DSP, ANS for	Individual #1		
Medication Oversight must be budgeted, and a	December 2020	Enter your ongoing Quality	
MAR must be created and used by the DSP.	Medication Administration Records contain	Assurance/Quality Improvement	
Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies are	the following medications. No Physician's	processes as it related to this tag number	
responsible for:	Orders were found for the following	here (What is going to be done? How many	
1. Creating and maintaining either an	medications:	individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What	
electronic or paper MAR in their service	<ul> <li>Milk of Magnesia Suspension 30 ml (PRN)</li> </ul>	steps will be taken if issues are found?): $\rightarrow$	
setting. Provider Agencies may use the			
MAR in Therap, but are not mandated	Individual #3		
to do so.	December 2020		
2. Continually communicating any	As indicated by the Medication		
changes about medications and	Administration Records the individual is to		
treatments between Provider Agencies to	take Ibuprofen 800 mg 1 tablet, twice daily		
assure health and safety.	(PRN). According to the Physician's Orders,		
<ol><li>Including the following on the MAR:</li></ol>	Ibuprofen 800 mg 1 tablet is to be taken 3		
a. The name of the person, a	times daily or as needed. Medication		
transcription of the physician's or	Administration Record and Physician's		
licensed health care provider's orders	Orders do not match.		
including the brand and generic			
names for all ordered routine and PRN	As indicated by the Medication		
medications or treatments, and the	Administration Records the individual is to		
diagnoses for which the medications	take Mucinex ER 600 mg 1 tablet (PRN).		
or treatments are prescribed;	According to the Physician's Orders, Med		
b. The prescribed dosage, frequency	Mucinex fast-max cold flu 5-325-200, 1 tablet		
and method or route of administration;	is to be taken every 4-6 hours daily or as		
times and dates of administration for	needed. Medication Administration Record		
all ordered routine or PRN	and Physician's Orders do not match.		
prescriptions or treatments; over the			

counter (OTC) or "comfort"		
medications or treatments and all self-	Medication Administration Records contain	
selected herbal or vitamin therapy;	the following medications. No Physician's	
<ul> <li>c. Documentation of all time limited or</li> </ul>	Orders were found for the following	
discontinued medications or treatments;	medications:	
<ol> <li>The initials of the individual</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>Milk of Magnesia Suspension 400mg/5 ml</li> </ul>	
administering or assisting with the	(PRN)	
medication delivery and a signature		
page or electronic record that	<ul> <li>Robitussin Couch-Chest DM Liquid 5-</li> </ul>	
designates the full name	100mg/5ml (PRN)	
corresponding to the initials;		
e. Documentation of refused, missed, or	<ul> <li>Tinactin 1% cream (PRN)</li> </ul>	
held medications or treatments;		
f. Documentation of any allergic	Individual #4	
reaction that occurred due to	December 2020	
medication or treatments; and	Medication Administration Records contain	
g. For PRN medications or treatments:	the following medications. No Physician's	
i. instructions for the use of the PRN	Orders were found for the following	
medication or treatment which must	medications:	
include observable signs/symptoms or	<ul> <li>Lorazepam 0.5 mg (PRN)</li> </ul>	
circumstances in which the		
medication or treatment is to be used	Individual #6	
and the number of doses that may be	December 2020	
used in a 24-hour period;	No Effectiveness was noted on the	
ii. clear documentation that the	Medication Administration Record for the	
DSP contacted the agency nurse	following PRN medication:	
prior to assisting with the	Milk of Magnesia Oral Suspension	
medication or treatment, unless	400mg/5mL – PRN – 12/10 and 12/19	
the DSP is a Family Living	(given 1 time)	
Provider related by affinity of	(g	
consanguinity; and	Pepto-Bismol Oral Suspension 262/15 mL	
iii. documentation of the	- PRN $-$ 12/5 (given 1 time)	
effectiveness of the PRN		
medication or treatment.	Robitussin Cough-Chest DM Lig 5-	
medication of treatment.	100mg/5 ml – PRN - 12/4 (given 1 time)	
Chapter 10 Living Care Arrangements		
10.3.4 Medication Assessment and	Individual #7	
Delivery:	December 2020	
Living Supports Provider Agencies must	No Effectiveness was noted on the	
support and comply with:	Medication Administration Record for the	
1. the processes identified in the DDSD	following PRN medication:	
AWMD training;		
Awwind training,		

<ol> <li>the nursing and DSP functions identified in the Chapter 13.3 Part 2- Adult Nursing Services;</li> <li>all Board of Pharmacy regulations as noted in Chapter 16.5 Board of Pharmacy; and</li> <li>documentation requirements in a Medication Administration Record (MAR) as described in Chapter 20.6 Medication Administration Record (MAR).</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>Docusate Sodium 100 mg – PRN – 12/5, 12/7, 12/21, and 12/22 (given 1 time)</li> <li>Medication Administration Records contain the following medications. No Physician's Orders were found for the following medications:</li> <li>Pataday 0.2% Eye Drops (PRN)</li> <li>Pepto-Bismol Suspension 30 ml (PRN)</li> </ul>	

Standard Level Deficiency		
2020.		
	$overall correction?). \rightarrow$	
required by standard:		
	Provider:	
• Clonazepam 0.5 mg (PRN)		
	-	
	steps will be taken if issues are found?): $\rightarrow$	
	Medication Administration Records (MAR)         were reviewed for the month of December         2020.         Based on record review, 1 of 6 individuals had         PRN Medication Administration Records         (MAR), which contained missing elements as         required by standard:         Individual #1         December 2020         Medication Administration Records did not         contain the exact amount to be used in a         24-hour period:	Medication Administration Records (MAR)         were reviewed for the month of December         2020.         Based on record review, 1 of 6 individuals had         PRN Medication Administration Records         (MAR), which contained missing elements as required by standard:         Individual #1         December 2020         Medication Administration Records did not contain the exact amount to be used in a 24-hour period:         • Clonazeparn 0.5 mg (PRN)    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 a flee? How many individuals is this going to a flee? How many individuals is this going to a flee? How many individuals is this going to a flee? How then will this be completed? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): →

counter (OTC) or "comfort"	
medications or treatments and all self-	
selected herbal or vitamin therapy;	
c. Documentation of all time limited or	
discontinued medications or treatments:	
d. The initials of the individual	
administering or assisting with the	
medication delivery and a signature	
page or electronic record that	
designates the full name	
corresponding to the initials;	
e. Documentation of refused, missed, or	
held medications or treatments;	
f. Documentation of any allergic	
reaction that occurred due to	
medication or treatments; and	
g. For PRN medications or treatments:	
i. instructions for the use of the PRN	
medication or treatment which must	
include observable signs/symptoms or	
circumstances in which the	
medication or treatment is to be used	
and the number of doses that may be	
used in a 24-hour period;	
-	
ii. clear documentation that the	
DSP contacted the agency nurse	
prior to assisting with the	
medication or treatment, unless	
the DSP is a Family Living	
Provider related by affinity of	
consanguinity; and	
iii. documentation of the	
effectiveness of the PRN	
medication or treatment.	
Chapter 10 Living Care Arrangements	
10.3.4 Medication Assessment and	
Delivery:	
Living Supports Provider Agencies must	
support and comply with:	
1. the processes identified in the DDSD	
AWMD training;	

<ol> <li>the nursing and DSP functions identified in the Chapter 13.3 Part 2- Adult Nursing Services;</li> <li>all Board of Pharmacy regulations as noted in Chapter 16.5 Board of Pharmacy; and</li> <li>documentation requirements in a Medication Administration Record (MAR) as described in Chapter 20.6 Medication Administration Record (MAR).</li> </ol>		

Tag # 1A09.2 Medication Delivery Nurse	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
<ul> <li>Approval for PRN Medication</li> <li>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver</li> <li>Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue:</li> <li>12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019</li> <li>Chapter 13 Nursing Services: 13.2.12</li> <li>Medication Delivery: Nurses are required to: <ol> <li>Be aware of the New Mexico Nurse</li> <li>Practice Act, and Board of Pharmacy</li> <li>standards and regulations.</li> <li>Communicate with the Primary Care</li> <li>Practitioner and relevant specialists regarding</li> <li>medications or side effects.</li> <li>Educate the person, guardian, family, and</li> <li>IDT regarding the use and implications of</li> <li>medications as needed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Administer medications when required, such as intravenous medications; other</li> <li>specific injections; via NG tube; non-premixed</li> <li>nebulizer treatments or new prescriptions that have an ordered assessment.</li> <li>Monitor the MAR or treatment records at least monthly for accuracy, PRN use and errors.</li> <li>Respond to calls requesting delivery of PRNs from AWMD trained DSP and non-related (surrogate or host) Family Living Provider Agencies.</li> <li>Assure that orders for PRN medications or treatments have: <ol> <li>clear instructions for use;</li> <li>observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used or withheld; and</li> <li>documentation of the response to and effectiveness of the PRN medication administered.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	After an analysis of the evidence it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur. Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain documentation of PRN authorization as required by standard for 1 of 6 Individuals. Individual #6 December 2020 No documentation of the verbal authorization from the Agency nurse prior to each administration/assistance of PRN medication was found for the following PRN medication: • Pepto-Bismol Oral Suspension 262/15 ml – PRN – 12/5 (given 1 time)	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 affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): → [	
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medications are used, to include:		
<ul> <li>a. DSP contact with nurse prior to</li> </ul>		
assisting with medication.		
i. The only exception to prior		
consultation with the agency nurse is to		
administer selected emergency		
medications as listed on the		
Publications section of the DOH-DDSD		
-Clinical Services Website		
https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/pgsv/cl		
inical/.		
b. Nursing instructions for use of the		
medication.		
c. Nursing follow-up on the results of the		
PRN use.		
d. When the nurse administers the PRN		
medication, the reasons why the		
medications were given and the		
person's response to the medication.		
person's response to the medication.		

Tag # 1A15.2 Administrative Case File:	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Healthcare Documentation (Therap and			
Required Plans) Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver	After an analysis of the avidance it has been	Provider:	
Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue:	After an analysis of the evidence it has been determined there is a significant potential for a	State your Plan of Correction for the	
12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019	negative outcome to occur.	deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is the	
Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and		deficiency going to be corrected? This can be	
Client Records: 20.2 Client Records	Based on record review, the Agency did not	specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an	
Requirements: All DD Waiver Provider	maintain the required documentation in the	overall correction?): $\rightarrow$	
Agencies are required to create and maintain	Individuals Agency Record as required by		
individual client records. The contents of client	standard for 4 of 7 individuals.		
records vary depending on the unique needs			
of the person receiving services and the	Review of the administrative individual case		
resultant information produced. The extent of	files revealed the following items were not		
documentation required for individual client	found, incomplete, and/or not current:		
records per service type depends on the	•		
location of the file, the type of service being	Comprehensive Aspiration Risk	Provider:	
provided, and the information necessary.	Management Plan:	Enter your ongoing Quality	
DD Waiver Provider Agencies are required to	Not linked/attached in Therap (#1, 4, 5, 6)	Assurance/Quality Improvement	
adhere to the following:	(Note: Linked / attached in Therap during	processes as it related to this tag number	
1. Client records must contain all documents	the on-site survey. Provider please	<b>here</b> (What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will	
essential to the service being provided and	complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)	this be completed? Who is responsible? What	
essential to ensuring the health and safety of		steps will be taken if issues are found?): $\rightarrow$	
the person during the provision of the service.	Health Care Plans:		
2. Provider Agencies must have readily	Skin and Wound:		
accessible records in home and community	Individual #5 - According to Electronic		
settings in paper or electronic form. Secure	Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool		
access to electronic records through the	the individual is required to have a plan. Not		
Therap web-based system using computers or	Linked or Attached in Therap (Note: Linked		
<ul><li>mobile devices is acceptable.</li><li>3. Provider Agencies are responsible for</li></ul>	/ attached in Therap during the on-site		
	survey. Provider please complete POC for $O(A)$		
	Medical Emergency Response Plans		
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which billing is generated.			
5. Each Provider Agency is responsible for			
<ul> <li>ensuring that all plans created by nurses, RDs, therapists or BSCs are present in all needed settings.</li> <li>4. Provider Agencies must maintain records of all documents produced by agency personnel or contractors on behalf of each person, including any routine notes or data, annual assessments, semi-annual reports, evidence of training provided/received, progress notes, and any other interactions for which billing is generated.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Medical Emergency Response Plans: Aspiration Risk:</li> <li>Individual #6 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. Not Linked or Attached in Therap (Note: Linked / attached in Therap during the on-site survey. Provider please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)</li> </ul>		

<ul> <li>maintaining the daily or other contact notes documenting the nature and frequency of service delivery, as well as data tracking only for the services provided by their agency.</li> <li>6. The current Client File Matrix found in Appendix A Client File Matrix details the minimum requirements for records to be stored in agency office files, the delivery site, or with DSP while providing services in the community.</li> <li>7. All records pertaining to JCMs must be retained permanently and must be made available to DDSD upon request, upon the termination or expiration of a provider agreement, or upon provider withdrawal from services.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><i>GERD:</i></li> <li>Individual #1 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. Not Linked or Attached in Therap (<i>Note: Linked / attached in Therap during the on-site survey. Provider please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.</i>)</li> <li>Individual #6 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Chapter 3 Safeguards: 3.1.1 Decision Consultation Process (DCP): Health decisions are the sole domain of waiver participants, their guardians or healthcare decision makers. Participants and their healthcare decision makers can confidently make decisions that are compatible with their personal and cultural values. Provider Agencies are required to support the informed decision making of waiver participants by supporting access to medical consultation, information, and other available resources according to the following:</li> <li>1. The DCP is used when a person or his/her guardian/healthcare decision maker has concerns, needs more information about health-related issues, or has decided not to follow all or part of an order, recommendation, or suggestion. This includes, but is not limited to:</li> <li>a. medical orders or recommendations from the Primary Care Practitioner, Specialists or other licensed medical or healthcare practitioners such as a Nurse Practitioner (NP or CNP), Physician Assistant (PA) or Dentist:</li> </ul>		

b. clinical recommendations made by		
registered/licensed clinicians who are		
either members of the IDT or clinicians		
who have performed an evaluation such		
as a video-fluoroscopy;		
c. health related recommendations or		
suggestions from oversight activities such		
as the Individual Quality Review (IQR) or		
other DOH review or oversight activities;		
and		
d. recommendations made through a		
Healthcare Plan (HCP), including a		
Comprehensive Aspiration Risk		
Management Plan (CARMP), or another		
plan.		
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2. When the person/guardian disagrees with a		
recommendation or does not agree with the		
implementation of that recommendation,		
Provider Agencies follow the DCP and attend		
the meeting coordinated by the CM. During		
this meeting:		
a. Providers inform the person/guardian of		
the rationale for that recommendation,		
so that the benefit is made clear. This		
will be done in layman's terms and will		
include basic sharing of information		
designed to assist the person/guardian		
with understanding the risks and benefits		
of the recommendation.		
b. The information will be focused on the		
specific area of concern by the		
person/guardian. Alternatives should be		
presented, when available, if the		
guardian is interested in considering		
other options for implementation.		
c. Providers support the person/guardian to make an informed decision.		
d. The decision made by the		
person/guardian during the meeting is		
accepted; plans are modified; and the		
IDT honors this health decision in every		
setting.		

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Chapter 13 Nursing Services: 13.2.5		
Electronic Nursing Assessment and		
<i>Planning Process:</i> The nursing assessment		
process includes several DDSD mandated		
tools: the electronic Comprehensive Nursing		
Assessment Tool (e-CHAT), the Aspiration		
Risk Screening Tool (ARST) and the		
Medication Administration Assessment Tool		
(MAAT) . This process includes developing		
and training Health Care Plans and Medical		
Emergency Response Plans.		
The following hierarchy is based on budgeted		
services and is used to identify which Provider		
Agency nurse has primary responsibility for		
completion of the nursing assessment process		
and related subsequent planning and training.		
Additional communication and collaboration for		
planning specific to CCS or CIE services may		
be needed.		
The hierarchy for Nursing Assessment and		
Planning responsibilities is:		
1. Living Supports: Supported Living, IMLS or		
Family Living via ANS;		
2. Customized Community Supports- Group;		
and		
3. Adult Nursing Services (ANS):		
a. for persons in Community Inclusion		
with health-related needs; or		
b. if no residential services are budgeted		
but assessment is desired and health		
needs may exist.		
13.2.6 The Electronic Comprehensive		
Health Assessment Tool (e-CHAT)		
1. The e-CHAT is a nursing assessment. It		
may not be delegated by a licensed nurse to a		
non-licensed person.		
2. The nurse must see the person face-to-face		
to complete the nursing assessment.		
Additional information may be gathered from		
members of the IDT and other sources.		
3. An e-CHAT is required for persons in FL,		

SL, IMLS, or CCS-Group. All other DD Waiver		
recipients may obtain an e-CHAT if needed or		
desired by adding ANS hours for assessment		
and consultation to their budget.		
4. When completing the e-CHAT, the nurse is		
required to review and update the electronic		
record and consider the diagnoses,		
medications, treatments, and overall status of		
the person. Discussion with others may be		
needed to obtain critical information.		
5. The nurse is required to complete all the e-		
CHAT assessment questions and add		
additional pertinent information in all comment		
sections.		
Sections.		
12.2.7 Appiration Dick Management		
13.2.7 Aspiration Risk Management Screening Tool (ARST)		
Screening Tool (ARST)		
13.2.8 Medication Administration		
Assessment Tool (MAAT):		
1. A licensed nurse completes the		
DDSD Medication Administration		
Assessment Tool (MAAT) at least two		
weeks before the annual ISP meeting.		
2. After completion of the MAAT, the nurse		
will present recommendations regarding the		
level of assistance with medication delivery		
(AWMD) to the IDT. A copy of the MAAT will		
be sent to all the team members two weeks		
before the annual ISP meeting and the		
original MAAT will be retained in the Provider		
Agency records.		
3. Decisions about medication delivery		
are made by the IDT to promote a		
person's maximum independence and		
community integration. The IDT will		
reach consensus regarding which		
criteria the person meets, as indicated by the results of the MAAT and the		
nursing recommendations, and the		
decision is documented this in the ISP.		
12.2.0 Healthears Diars (UCD).		
13.2.9 Healthcare Plans (HCP):		

1. At the nurse's discretion, based on prudent		
nursing practice, interim HCPs may be		
developed to address issues that must be		
implemented immediately after admission,		
readmission or change of medical condition to		
provide safe services prior to completion of the		
e-CHAT and formal care planning process.		
This includes interim ARM plans for those		
persons newly identified at moderate or high		
risk for aspiration. All interim plans must be		
removed if the plan is no longer needed or		
when final HCP including CARMPs are in		
place to avoid duplication of plans.		
2. In collaboration with the IDT, the agency		
nurse is required to create HCPs that address		
all the areas identified as required in the most		
current e-CHAT summary report which is		
indicated by "R" in the HCP column. At the		
nurse's sole discretion, based on prudent		
nursing practice, HCPs may be combined		
where clinically appropriate. The nurse should		
use nursing judgment to determine whether to		
also include HCPs for any of the areas		
indicated by "C" on the e-CHAT summary		
report. The nurse may also create other HCPs		
plans that the nurse determines are warranted.		
13.2.10 Medical Emergency Response Plan		
(MERP):		
1. The agency nurse is required to develop a		
Medical Emergency Response Plan (MERP)		
for all conditions marked with an "R" in the e-		
CHAT summary report. The agency nurse		
should use her/his clinical judgment and input		
from the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) to determine whether shown as "C" in the e-		
CHAT summary report or other conditions also		
warrant a MERP.		
2. MERPs are required for persons who have		
one or more conditions or illnesses that		
present a likely potential to become a life-		
threatening situation.		

Chapter 20: Provider Documentation and Client Records: 20.5.3 Health Passport and Physician Consultation Form: All Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies must use the Health Passport and Physician Consultation form from the Therap system. This standardized document contains individual, physician and emergency contact information, a complete list of current medical diagnoses, health and safety risk factors, allergies, and information regarding insurance, guardianship, and advance directives. The Health Passport also includes a standardized form to use at medical appointments called the Physician Consultation form.		

Tag # 1A31 Client Rights / Human Rights	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
NMAC 7.26.3.11 RESTRICTIONS OR	After an analysis of the evidence it has been	Provider:	
LIMITATION OF CLIENT'S RIGHTS:		State your Plan of Correction for the	
A. A service provider shall not restrict or limit	negative outcome to occur.	deficiencies cited in this tag here (How is the	
a client's rights except:		deficiency going to be corrected? This can be	
(1) where the restriction or limitation is	Based on record review, the Agency did not	specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an	
allowed in an emergency and is necessary to	ensure the rights of Individuals was not	overall correction?): $\rightarrow$	
prevent imminent risk of physical harm to the	restricted or limited for 3 of 7 Individuals.	ſ	
client or another person; or			
(2) where the interdisciplinary team has	No current Human Rights Approval was found		
determined that the client's limited capacity	for the following:		
to exercise the right threatens his or her			
physical safety; or	Psychotropic Medications to control		
(3) as provided for in Section 10.1.14 [now	behaviors. Last Review was dated	Provider:	
Subsection N of 7.26.3.10 NMAC].	5/21/2020. (Individual #1)	Enter your ongoing Quality	
D. Any empression intervention to provent	No. 1	Assurance/Quality Improvement	
B. Any emergency intervention to prevent	No documentation was found regarding	processes as it related to this tag number	
physical harm shall be reasonable to prevent harm, shall be the least restrictive	Human Rights Approval for the following:	here (What is going to be done? How many	
intervention necessary to meet the		individuals is this going to affect? How often will	
emergency, shall be allowed no longer than	1:1 Staffing. No evidence found of Human     Diabate Committee commune (Individual III)	this be completed? Who is responsible? What	
necessary and shall be subject to	Rights Committee approval. (Individual #1)	steps will be taken if issues are found?): $\rightarrow$	
interdisciplinary team (IDT) review. The IDT	Restriction of Internet Sites. No evidence		
upon completion of its review may refer its			
findings to the office of quality assurance.	found of Human Rights Committee approval. (Individual #1)		
The emergency intervention may be subject	approval. (Individual #1)		
to review by the service provider's behavioral	<ul> <li>Use of attendant brake for wheelchair. No</li> </ul>		
support committee or human rights	• Ose of attendant brake for wheelchair. No evidence found of Human Rights		
committee in accordance with the behavioral	Committee approval. (Individual #5)		
support policies or other department	Commutee approval. (Individual #5)		
regulation or policy.	<ul> <li>"Lock or disguise hazardous objects or</li> </ul>		
C. The service provider may adopt	areas." No evidence found of Human		
reasonable program policies of general	Rights Committee approval. (Individual #6)		
applicability to clients served by that service			
provider that do not violate client rights.			
[09/12/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01]			
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver			
Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue:			
12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019			

Chapter 2: Human Rights: Civil rights apply		
to everyone, including all waiver participants,		
family members, guardians, natural supports,		
and Provider Agencies. Everyone has a		
responsibility to make sure those rights are not		
violated. All Provider Agencies play a role in		
person-centered planning (PCP) and have an		
obligation to contribute to the planning		
process, always focusing on how to best		
support the person.		
Chapter 3 Safeguards: 3.3.1 HRC		
Procedural Requirements:		
1. An invitation to participate in the HRC		
meeting of a rights restriction review will be		
given to the person (regardless of verbal or		
cognitive ability), his/her guardian, and/or a		
family member (if desired by the person), and the Behavior Support Consultant (BSC) at		
least 10 working days prior to the meeting		
(except for in emergency situations). If the		
person (and/or the guardian) does not wish to		
attend, his/her stated preferences may be		
brought to the meeting by someone whom the		
person chooses as his/her representative.		
2. The Provider Agencies that are seeking to		
temporarily limit the person's right(s) (e.g.,		
Living Supports, Community Inclusion, or BSC)		
are required to support the person's informed		
consent regarding the rights restriction, as well		
as their timely participation in the review.		
3. The plan's author, designated staff (e.g.,		
agency service coordinator) and/or the CM		
makes a written or oral presentation to the		
HRC.		
4. The results of the HRC review are reported		
in writing to the person supported, the		
guardian, the BSC, the mental health or other		
specialized therapy provider, and the CM		
within three working days of the meeting.		
5. HRC committees are required to meet at		
least on a quarterly basis.		
6. A quorum to conduct an HRC meeting is at		

least three voting members eligible to vote in		
each situation and at least one must be a		
community member at large.		
7. HRC members who are directly involved in		
the services provided to the person must		
excuse themselves from voting in that		
situation.		
Each HRC is required to have a provision for		
emergency approval of rights restrictions		
based upon credible threats of harm against		
self or others that may arise between		
scheduled HRC meetings (e.g., locking up		
sharp knives after a serious attempt to injure		
self or others or a disclosure, with a credible		
plan, to seriously injure or kill someone). The		
confidential and HIPAA compliant emergency		
meeting may be via telephone, video or		
conference call, or secure email. Procedures		
may include an initial emergency phone		
meeting, and a subsequent follow-up		
emergency meeting in complex and/or ongoing		
situations.		
8. The HRC with primary responsibility for		
implementation of the rights restriction will		
record all meeting minutes on an individual		
basis, i.e., each meeting discussion for an		
individual will be recorded separately, and		
minutes of all meetings will be retained at the		
agency for at least six years from the final date of continuance of the restriction.		
or continuance of the restriction.		
3.3.3 HRC and Behavioral Support: The		
HRC reviews temporary restrictions of rights		
that are related to medical issues or health and		
safety considerations such as decreased		
mobility (e.g., the use of bed rails due to risk of		
falling during the night while getting out of		
bed). However, other temporary restrictions		
may be implemented because of health and		
safety considerations arising from behavioral		
issues.		
Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS) are		
mandated and used when behavioral support		
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is needed and desired by the person and/or		
the IDT. PBS emphasizes the acquisition and		
maintenance of positive skills (e.g. building		
healthy relationships) to increase the person's		
quality of life understanding that a natural		
reduction in other challenging behaviors will		
follow. At times, aversive interventions may be		
temporarily included as a part of a person's		
behavioral support (usually in the BCIP), and		
therefore, need to be reviewed prior to		
implementation as well as periodically while		
the restrictive intervention is in place. PBSPs		
not containing aversive interventions do not		
require HRC review or approval.		
Plans (e.g., ISPs, PBSPs, BCIPs PPMPs,		
and/or RMPs) that contain any aversive		
interventions are submitted to the HRC in		
advance of a meeting, except in emergency		
situations.		
Situations.		
3.3.4 Interventions Requiring HRC Review		
and Approval: HRCs must review prior to		
implementation, any plans (e.g. ISPs, PBSPs,		
BCIPs and/or PPMPs, RMPs), with strategies,		
including but not limited to:		
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<ol> <li>response cost;</li> <li>restitution;</li> </ol>		
3. emergency physical restraint (EPR);		
4. routine use of law enforcement as part of		
a BCIP;		
5. routine use of emergency hospitalization		
procedures as part of a BCIP;		
6. use of point systems;		
7. use of intense, highly structured, and		
specialized treatment strategies,		
including level systems with response		
cost or failure to earn components;		
8. a 1:1 staff to person ratio for behavioral		
reasons, or, very rarely, a 2:1 staff to		
person ratio for behavioral or medical		
reasons;		
9. use of PRN psychotropic medications;		
10. use of protective devices for behavioral		

<ul> <li>purposes (e.g., helmets for head banging, Posey gloves for biting hand);</li> <li>11. use of bed rails;</li> <li>12. use of a device and/or monitoring system through PST may impact the person's privacy or other rights; or</li> <li>13. use of any alarms to alert staff to a person's whereabouts.</li> </ul>		
<b>3.4 Emergency Physical Restraint (EPR):</b> Every person shall be free from the use of restrictive physical crisis intervention measures that are unnecessary. Provider Agencies who support people who may occasionally need intervention such as Emergency Physical Restraint (EPR) are required to institute procedures to maximize safety.		
<ul> <li>3.4.5 Human Rights Committee: The HRC reviews use of EPR. The BCIP may not be implemented without HRC review and approval whenever EPR or other restrictive measure(s) are included. Provider Agencies with an HRC are required to ensure that the HRCs:</li> <li>1. participate in training regarding required constitution and oversight activities for HRCs;</li> </ul>		
<ol> <li>review any BCIP, that include the use of EPR;</li> </ol>		
<ol> <li>occur at least annually, occur in any quarter where EPR is used, and occur whenever any change to the BCIP is considered;</li> </ol>		
<ol> <li>maintain HRC minutes approving or disallowing the use of EPR as written in a BCIP; and</li> </ol>		
<ol> <li>maintain HRC minutes of meetings reviewing the implementation of the BCIP when EPR is used.</li> </ol>		

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI	Completion
Sorvice Domain: Medicaid Pilling/Poimburse	mont State financial oversight exists to assure	and Responsible Party that claims are coded and paid for in accordance w	Date
reimbursement methodology specified in the app		inal claims are coued and paid for in accordance w	
Tag # LS26 Supported Living	Standard Level Deficiency		
Reimbursement         Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver         Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue:         12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019         Chapter 21: Billing Requirements: 21.4         Recording Keeping and Documentation         Requirements: DD Waiver Provider Agencies         must maintain all records necessary to         demonstrate proper provision of services for         Medicaid billing. At a minimum, Provider         Agencies must adhere to the following:         1. The level and type of service         provided must be supported in the         ISP and have an approved budget         prior to service delivery and billing.         2. Comprehensive documentation of direct         service delivery must include, at a minimum:         a. the agency name;         b. the name of the recipient of the service;         c. the location of the service;         d. the date of the service;         e. the type of service;         f. the start and end times of theservice;         g. the signature and title of each staff         member who documents their time; and         h. the nature of services.         3. A Provider Agency that receives payment         for treatment, services, or goods must retain         all medical and business records for a period     <	<ul> <li>Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Supported Living Services for 1 of 5 individuals.</li> <li>Individual #1 November 2020 <ul> <li>The Agency billed 1 unit of Supported Living (T2016 HB U5) on 11/27/2020. Documentation received accounted for 0.5 units. As indicated by the DDW Standards at least 12 hours in a 24 hour period must be provided in order to bill a complete unit. Documentation received accounted for 11.5 hours, which is less than the required amount.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	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 affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?): →	

of the following for a period of at least six years from the payment date: a. treatment or care of any eligible recipient; b. services or goods provided to any eligible recipient; c. amounts paid by MAD on behalf of any eligible recipient; and d. any records required by MAD for the administration of Medicaid. 21.9 Billable Units: The unit of billing depends on the service type. The unit may be a 15-minute interval, a daily unit, a monthly unit or a dollar amount. The unit of billing is identified in the current DD Waiver Rate Table. Provider Agencies must correctly report service units.
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21.9.1 Requirements for Daily Units: For
services billed in daily units, Provider Agencies
must adhere to the following:
1. A day is considered 24 hours from midnight
to midnight.
2. If 12 or fewer hours of service are
provided, then one-half unit shall be billed.
A whole unit can be billed if more than 12
hours of service is provided during a 24-
hour period.
3. The maximum allowable billable units
cannot exceed 340 calendar days per ISP
year or 170 calendar days per six months.
4. When a person transitions from one
Provider Agency to another during the ISP
year, a standard formula to calculate the
units billed by each Provider Agency must be
applied as follows:
a. The discharging Provider Agency bills
the number of calendar days that
services were provided multiplied by .93
(93%).
b. The receiving Provider Agency bills the
remaining days up to 340 for the ISP year.

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<ul> <li>21.9.2 Requirements for Monthly Units: For services billed in monthly units, a Provider Agency must adhere to the following: <ol> <li>A month is considered a period of 30 calendar days.</li> <li>At least one hour of face-to-face billable services shall be provided during a calendar month where any portion of a monthly unit is billed.</li> <li>Monthly units can be prorated by a half unit.</li> <li>Agency transfers not occurring at the beginning of the 30-day interval are required to be coordinated in the middle of the 30-day interval so that the discharging and receiving agency receive a half unit.</li> </ol> </li> <li>21.9.3 Requirements for 15-minute and hourly units: For services billed in 15-minute or hourly intervals, Provider Agencies must adhere to the following: <ol> <li>When time spent providing the service is not exactly 15 minutes or one hour, Provider Agencies are responsible for reporting time correctly following NMAC 8.302.2.</li> <li>Services that last in their entirety less than eight minutes cannot be billed.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		

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Date:	April 13, 2021
To: Provider: Address: State/Zip:	Juanita Watson, Director A.W. Holdings of New Mexico, LLC (AWS) dba Benchmark Human Services 2945 Rodeo Park Drive E, Suite 8A Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
E-mail Address:	jwatson@benchmarkhs.com
Region: Survey Date:	Northeast January 4 - 15, 2021
Program Surveyed:	Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed:	<b>2018:</b> Supported Living, Intensive Medical Living Services, Customized Community Supports, and Community Integrated Employment Services
Survey Type:	Routine

Dear Ms. Watson:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monica Valdez, BS

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