(Modified by IRF)

Date:	July 19, 2022
To:	Carol Lynn Montoya Herrera, Director
Provider: Address: State/Zip:	Expressions of Life, Inc. 9151 High Assets Way NW Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102
E-mail Address:	carolh@expressionsoflifeinc.com
Region: Survey Date:	Metro, Northeast, Southwest May 2 – 13, 2022
Program Surveyed:	Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed:	Family Living, Customized In-Home Supports, Customized Community Supports
Survey Type:	Routine
Team Leader:	Heather Driscoll, AA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau
Team Members:	Lei Lani Nava, MPH, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Verna Newman-Sikes, AA, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Lora Norby, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Jamie Pond, BS, QMB Staff Manager, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Sally Rel, MS, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau; Alyssa Swisher, RN, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau;

Dear Ms. Carol Lynn Montoya Herrera;

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:

Partial Compliance with Standard Level Tags and Conditions of Participation Level Tags: This determination is based on noncompliance with one to five (1 – 5) 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:

- Tag # LS14 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)
- Tag # 1A25.1 Caregiver Criminal History Screening ***(Modified by IRF)***
- Tag # 1A26.1 Consolidated On-line Registry Employee Abuse Registry ***(Modified by IRF)***
- Tag # 1A37 Individual Specific Training
- Tag # 1A05 General Requirements / Agency Policy and Procedure Requirements ***(Removed by IRF)***
- Tag # 1A15.2 Administrative Case File: Healthcare Documentation (Therap and Required Plans)

The following tags are identified as Standard Level:

- Tag # 1A08.3 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan / ISP Components
- Tag # 1A08.1 Administrative and Residential Case File: Progress Notes ***(Modified by IRF)***
- Tag # 1A32.1 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan Implementation *(Not Completed at Frequency)*
- Tag # LS14.1 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (Other Req. Documentation) ***(Modified by IRF)***
- Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency
- Tag # 1A26 Consolidated On-line Registry Employee Abuse Registry
- Tag # 1A43.1 General Events Reporting: Individual Reporting
- Tag # 1A08.2 Administrative Case File: Healthcare Requirements & Follow-up
- Tag # 1A27.2 Duty to Report IRs Filed During On-Site and/or IRs Not Reported by Provider
- Tag # LS25 Residential Health & Safety (Supported Living / Family Living / Intensive Medical Living)
- Tag # IS30 Customized Community Supports Reimbursement ***(Modified by IRF)***
- Tag # LS27 Family Living Reimbursement ***(Removed by IRF)***

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, Monica Valdez at 505-273-1930 or email at: MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us 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,

Heather L. Driscoll, AA

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

Survey Process Employed:

Administrative Review Start Date:	May 2, 2022
Contact:	**Expressions of Life, Inc.** JoAnn Gonzales, Service Coordinator **DOH/DHI/QMB** Heather Driscoll, AA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
On-site Entrance Conference Date:	*Entrance Conference Waived.*
Exit Conference Date:	May 13, 2022
Present:	**Expressions of Life, Inc.** Elaine Gabaldon, Service Coordinator Anthony Gonzales, Service Coordinator JoAnn Gonzales, Service Coordinator Mary Jean Gonzales, Quality Assurance Clerk Carol Lynn Montoya Herrera, Director James Herrera, Finance Administrator Nimsi Olague, Service Coordinator Ashley Vigil, Administrative Assistant **DOH/DHI/QMB** Heather Driscoll, AA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Lei Lani Nava, MPH, Healthcare Surveyor Verna Newman-Sikes, AA, Healthcare Surveyor Lora Norby, Healthcare Surveyor Jamie Pond, BS, QMB Staff Manager Sally Rel, MS, Healthcare Surveyor Alyssa Swisher, RN, Healthcare Surveyor Wolf Krusemark, BFA, Healthcare Surveyor Supervisor **DDSD – NE & METRO Regional Office** Maura Emerine-Danbury, Social Community Service Coordinator Angela Pacheco, NE Regional Director
Administrative Locations Visited:	0 (*Note: No administrative locations visited due to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency*)
Total Sample Size:	21 0 - *Jackson* Class Members 21 - Non-*Jackson* Class Members 18 - Family Living 3 - Customized In-Home Supports 11 - Customized Community Supports
Total Homes Visited	18
❖ Family Living Homes Visited	18
Persons Served Records Reviewed	21
Persons Served Interviewed	19

Persons Served Not Seen and/or Not Available	2
Direct Support Personnel Records Reviewed	117
Direct Support Personnel Interviewed	26
Substitute Care/Respite Personnel Records Reviewed	78
Service Coordinator Records Reviewed	4
Nurse Interview	1

Administrative Processes and Records Reviewed:

- Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement Records for all Services Provided
- Accreditation Records
- Oversight of Individual Funds
- Individual Medical and Program Case Files, including, but not limited to:
    - °Individual Service Plans
    - °Progress on Identified Outcomes
    - °Healthcare Plans
    - °Medication Administration Records
    - °Medical Emergency Response Plans
    - °Therapy Evaluations and Plans
    - °Healthcare Documentation Regarding Appointments and Required Follow-Up
    - °Other Required Health Information
- Internal Incident Management Reports and System Process / General Events Reports
- Personnel Files, including nursing and subcontracted staff
- Staff Training Records, Including Competency Interviews with Staff
- Agency Policy and Procedure Manual
- Caregiver Criminal History Screening Records
- Consolidated Online Registry/Employee Abuse Registry
- Human Rights Committee Notes and Meeting Minutes
- Evacuation Drills of Residences and Service Locations
- Quality Assurance / Improvement Plan

CC: Distribution List: DOH - Division of Health Improvement
DOH - Developmental Disabilities Supports Division
DOH - Office of Internal Audit
HSD - Medical Assistance Division
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 MonicaE.Valdez@state.nm.us. Requests for technical assistance must be requested through your Regional DDSD Office.

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

Instructions for Completing Agency POC:

Required Content
Your Plan of Correction should provide a step-by-step description of the methods to correct each deficient practice 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: **Instruction or in-service of staff alone may not be a sufficient plan of correction.** This is a good first step toward correction, but additional steps must be taken to ensure the deficiency is corrected and will not recur.

Completion Dates

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

Initial Submission of the Plan of Correction Requirements

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

POC Document Submission Requirements

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

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

2. It is preferred that you submit your documents via USPS or other carrier (scanned and saved to CD/DVD disc, flash drive, etc.). If 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 do not contain protected Health information (PHI) then you may submit your documents electronically scanned and attached to e-mails.
3. All submitted documents *must be annotated*; please be sure the tag numbers and Identification numbers are indicated on each document submitted. Documents which are not annotated with the Tag number and Identification number may not be accepted.
4. Do not submit original documents; Please provide copies or scanned electronic files for evidence. Originals must be maintained in the agency file(s) per DDSD Standards.
5. In lieu of some documents, you may submit copies of file or home audit forms that clearly indicate cited deficiencies have been corrected, other attestations of correction must be approved by the Plan of Correction Coordinator prior to their submission.
6. When billing deficiencies are cited, you must provide documentation to justify billing and/or void and adjust forms submitted to Xerox State Healthcare, LLC for the deficiencies cited in the Report of Findings.

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

Attachment B

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

The Division of Health Improvement, Quality Management Bureau (QMB) surveys compliance of the Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) standards and 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 of 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 <u>Living Care Arrangements and Community Inclusion</u> 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

Service Domain: Health, Welfare and Safety - *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:
1. The Informal Reconsideration of the Finding (IRF) request must be received in writing to the QMB Bureau Chief **within 10 business days** 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: https://nmhealth.org/about/dhi/cbp/irf/
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 valerie.valdez@state.nm.us for assistance.

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

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

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

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

Attachment D

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 Determination	Weighting						
	LOW		MEDIUM			HIGH	
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"						**17 or more** Total Tags with **75 to 100%** 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 and 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.	**17 or more** Standard Level Tags with **50 to 74%** 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.	**17 or more** Standard Level Tags with **0 to 49%** of the individuals in the sample cited in any tag.					

Agency: **Expressions of Life, Inc. - Metro, Northeast, and Southwest Region**
Program: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service: Family Living, Customized In-Home Supports, and Customized Community Supports
Survey Type: Routine
Survey Date: **May 2 – 13, 2022**

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI, and Responsible Party	Completion Date
Service Domain: Service Plans: ISP Implementation – *Services are delivered in accordance with the service plan, including type, scope, amount, duration, and frequency specified in the service plan.*			
Tag # 1A08.3 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan / ISP Components	**Standard Level Deficiency**		
NMAC 7.26.5 SERVICE PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY. **NMAC 7.26.5.12 DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PLAN (ISP) - PARTICIPATION IN AND SCHEDULING OF INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM MEETINGS.** **NMAC 7.26.5.14 DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PLAN (ISP) - CONTENT OF INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PLANS.** Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **Chapter 6 Individual Service Plan:** The CMS requires a person-centered service plan for every person receiving HCBS. The DD Waiver's person-centered service plan is the ISP. ***6.5.2 ISP Revisions:*** The ISP is a dynamic document that changes with the person's desires, circumstances, and need. IDT members must collaborate and request an IDT meeting from the CM when a need to modify the ISP arises. The CM convenes the IDT within ten days of receipt of any reasonable	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file at the administrative office for 1 of 21 individuals. Review of the Agency administrative individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: **Addendum A**: • Not Found (#5)	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible, an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

request to convene the team, either in person or through teleconference. **6.6 DDSD ISP Template:** The ISP must be written according to templates provided by the DDSD. Both children and adults have designated ISP templates. The ISP template includes Vision Statements, Desired Outcomes, a meeting participant signature page, an Addendum A (i.e., an acknowledgement of receipt of specific information) and other elements depending on the age of the individual. The ISP templates may be revised and reissued by DDSD to incorporate initiatives that improve person - centered planning practices. Companion documents may also be issued by DDSD and be required for use in order to better demonstrate required elements of the PCP process and ISP development. The ISP is completed by the CM with the IDT input and must be completed according to the following requirements: 1. DD Waiver Provider Agencies should not recommend service type, frequency, and amount (except for required case management services) on an individual budget prior to the Vision Statement and Desired Outcomes being developed. 2. The person does not require IDT agreement/approval regarding his/her dreams, aspirations, and desired long-term outcomes. 3. When there is disagreement, the IDT is required to plan and resolve conflicts in a manner that promotes health, safety, and quality of life through consensus. Consensus means a state of general agreement that allows members to support the proposal, at least on a trial basis. 4. A signature page and/or documentation of participation by phone must be completed. 5. The CM must review a current Addendum A and DHI ANE letter with the person and			

Court appointed guardian or parents of a minor, if applicable. **6.6.3 Additional Requirements for Adults:** Because children have access to other funding sources, a larger array of services are available to adults than to children through the DD Waiver. (See Chapter 7: Available Services and Individual Budget Development). The ISP Template for adults is also more extensive, including Action Plans, Teaching and Support Strategies (TSS), Written Direct Support Instructions (WDSI), and Individual Specific Training (IST) requirements. **6.6.3.1. Action Plan:** Each Desired Outcome requires an Action Plan. The Action Plan addresses individual strengths and capabilities in reaching Desired Outcomes. Multiple service types may be included in the Action Plan under a single Desired Outcome. Multiple Provider Agencies can and should be contributing to Action Plans toward each Desired Outcome. 1. Action Plans include actions the person will take; not just actions the staff will take. 2. Action Plans delineate which activities will be completed within one year. 3. Action Plans are completed through IDT consensus during the ISP meeting. 4. Action Plans must indicate under "Responsible Party" which DSP or service provider (i.e., Family Living, CCS, etc.) are responsible for carrying out the Action Step. **6.6.3.2 Teaching and Supports Strategies (TSS) and Written Direct Support Instructions (WDSI):** After the ISP meeting, IDT members conduct a task analysis and assessments necessary to create effective TSS and WDSI to support those Action Plans that require this extra detail. All TSS and			

WDSI should support the person in achieving his/her Vision. **6.6.3.3 Individual Specific Training in the ISP:** The CM, with input from each DD Waiver Provider Agency at the annual ISP meeting, completes the IST requirements section of the ISP form listing all training needs specific to the individual. Provider Agencies bring their proposed IST to the annual meeting. The IDT must reach a consensus about who needs to be trained, at what level (awareness, knowledge or skill), and within what timeframe. (See Chapter 17.10 Individual-Specific Training for more information about IST.) **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.			

Tag # 1A08.1 Administrative and Residential Case File: Progress Notes *(Modified By IRF)*	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **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: 1. 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. 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	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain progress notes and other service delivery documentation for 2 of 18 Individuals. Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found: ~~**Administrative Case File:**~~ ~~**Family Living Progress Notes/Daily Contact Logs:**~~ ~~• Individual #5 - None found for 3/25/2022.~~ ~~**Customized Community Services Notes/Daily Contact Logs:**~~ ~~• Individual #7 - None found for 1/23/2022.~~ *(The findings for Individuals # 5 and 7 were removed by IRF.)* **Residential Case File:** **Family Living Progress Notes/Daily Contact Logs:** • Individual #15 - None found for 5/1/2022 – 5/4/2022. *(Date of home visit: 5/5/2022)* • Individual #19 - None found 5/2/2022 – 5/3/2022. *(Date of home visit: 5/4/2022)*	**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?)*: →	

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: Individual Service Plan Implementation *(Not Completed at Frequency)*	Standard Level Deficiency		
NMAC 7.26.5.16.C and D Development of the ISP. Implementation of the ISP. The ISP shall be implemented according to the timelines determined by the IDT and as specified in the ISP for each stated desired outcomes and action plan. C. The IDT shall review and discuss information and recommendations with the individual, with the goal of supporting the individual in attaining desired outcomes. The IDT develops an ISP based upon the individual's personal vision statement, strengths, needs, interests and preferences. The ISP is a dynamic document, revised periodically, as needed, and amended to reflect progress towards personal goals and achievements consistent with the individual's future vision. This regulation is consistent with standards established for individual plan development as set forth by the commission on the accreditation of rehabilitation facilities (CARF) and/or other program accreditation approved and adopted by the developmental disabilities division and the department of health. It is the policy of the developmental disabilities division (DDD), that to the extent permitted by funding, each individual receive supports and services that will assist and encourage independence and productivity in the community and attempt to prevent regression or loss of current capabilities. Services and supports include specialized and/or generic services, training, education and/or treatment as determined by the IDT and documented in the ISP. D. The intent is to provide choice and obtain opportunities for individuals to live, work and play with full participation in their communities.	Based on administrative record review the Agency did not implement the ISP according to the timelines determined by the IDT and as specified in the ISP for each stated desired outcomes and action plan for 2 of 21 individuals. As indicated by Individuals ISP the following was found with regards to the implementation of ISP Outcomes: **Family Living Data Collection / Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes:** Individual #7 • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "…will budget money for personal items and cleaning supplies" is to be completed 1 time per week. Evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 3/2022. Individual #11 • According to the Live Outcome; Action Step for "…will work on writing her story" is to be completed 1 time per week. Evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 1/2022 – 3/2022.	**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?)*: →	

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:			

1. 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. 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 # LS14 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **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: 1. 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. 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	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 a complete and confidential case file in the residence for 6 of 18 Individuals receiving Living Care Arrangements. Review of the residential individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: **ISP Teaching and Support Strategies:** ***Individual #2:*** *TSS not found for the following Live Outcome Statement / Action Steps:* • "…will create an organized list of her day." • "…will follow her list throughout the day." ***Individual #3:*** *TSS not found for the following Live Outcome Statement / Action Steps:* • "…will plan and main dish and side dish." *TSS not found for the following Fun / Relationship Outcome Statement / Action Steps:* • "...will research and choose a community activity." • "…will participate in his chosen activity." ***Individual #13:*** *TSS not found for the following Fun / Relationship Outcome Statement / Action Steps:*	**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?)*: →	

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. **20.5.3 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. The *Physician Consultation* form contains a list of all current medications. Requirements for the *Health Passport* and *Physician Consultation* form are: 2. The Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies must ensure that a current copy of the *Health Passport* and *Physician Consultation* forms are printed and available at all service delivery sites. Both forms must be reprinted and placed at all service delivery sites each time the e-CHAT is updated for any reason and whenever there is a change to contact information contained	• "…will ride his stationary bike." • "…will work on stretching / calves." ***Individual #15:*** *TSS not current for the following Live Outcome Statement / Action Steps:* • "I will keep communication with my father for four sound exchanges." ***Individual #18:*** *TSS not found for the following Live Outcome Statement / Action Steps:* • "…will work on keeping his room neat and orderly." • "…will exercise." *TSS not found for the following Fun / Relationship Outcome Statement / Action Steps:* • "Attending an outing without his parents." **Healthcare Passport:** • Not Found (#18, 20) **Comprehensive Aspiration Risk Management Plan:** • Not Found (#18)		

in the IDF. **Chapter 13: Nursing Services: 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 **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.			

Tag # LS14.1 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (Other Req. Documentation) *(Modified by IRF)*	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **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: 1. 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. 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	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain a complete and confidential case file in the residence for 1 of 18 Individuals receiving Living Care Arrangements. Review of the residential individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: **Positive Behavioral Supports Plan:** • Not Found (#9) ~~Not Current (#11)~~ *(The finding for #11 was removed by IRF).*	**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?)*: →	

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.			

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Completion Date
Service Domain: Qualified Providers – *The State monitors non-licensed/non-certified providers to assure adherence to waiver requirements. The State implements its policies and procedures for verifying that provider training is conducted in accordance with State requirements and the approved waiver.*			
Tag # 1A22 Agency Personnel Competency	**Standard Level Deficiency**		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **Chapter 13: Nursing Services *13.2.11 Training and Implementation of Plans:*** 1. RNs and LPNs are required to provide Individual Specific Training (IST) regarding HCPs and MERPs. 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. **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 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 **awareness level** may be accomplished by reading plans or other information. The trainee is cognizant of 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 **knowledge level** may take the form of observing a plan in action, reading a plan more thoroughly, or having a plan	Based on interview, the Agency did not ensure training competencies were met for 2 of 26 Direct Support Personnel. **When DSP were asked, if the Individual had a Comprehensive Aspiration Risk Management Plan (CARMP) and where was it located, the following was reported:** • DSP #579 stated, "No, not that I am aware of. She doesn't have any issues at all." As indicated by Aspiration Risk Screening Tool the individual has a Comprehensive Aspiration Risk Management Plan (CARMP). (Individual #2) **When DSP were asked, if the Individual's had Medical Emergency Response Plans and where could they be located, the following was reported, the following was reported:** • DSP #579 stated, "No, again to my knowledge she doesn't have anything, and I don't have access to the book right now." As indicated by the Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool, the Individual requires a Medical Emergency Response Plan for Aspiration. (Individual #2) **When DSP were asked, if the Individual had Limited Ambulation / Limited Mobility, and who trained them, the following was reported:**	**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?)*: →	

described by the author or their designee. Verbal or written recall or demonstration may verify this level of competence. Reaching a **skill level** involves being trained by a therapist, nurse, designated or experienced designated trainer. The trainer shall demonstrate the techniques according to the plan. Then they observe and provide feedback to the trainee as they implement the techniques. This should be repeated until competence is demonstrated. Demonstration of skill or observed implementation of the techniques or strategies verifies skill level competence. Trainees should be observed on more than one occasion to ensure appropriate techniques are maintained and to provide additional coaching/feedback. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified Provider Agency personnel who must successfully complete IST requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the ISP of each person supported. 1. IST must be arranged and conducted at least annually. IST includes training on the ISP Desired Outcomes, Action Plans, strategies, and information about the person's preferences regarding privacy, communication style, and routines. More frequent training may be 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.	• DSP #521 stated, "No one." As indicated by the Individual Specific Training section of the ISP Direct Support Staff are required to receive training on Limited Mobility / Limited Ambulation. Per the IST Physical Therapist is responsible for training DSP. (Individual #8)		

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.			

Tag # 1A25.1 Caregiver Criminal History Screening *(Modified by IRF)*	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
NMAC 7.1.9.8 CAREGIVER AND HOSPITAL CAREGIVER EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS: **A. General:** The responsibility for compliance with the requirements of the act applies to both the care provider and to all applicants, caregivers and hospital caregivers. All applicants for employment to whom an offer of employment is made or caregivers and hospital caregivers employed by or contracted to a care provider must consent to a nationwide and statewide criminal history screening, as described in Subsections D, E and F of this section, upon offer of employment or at the time of entering into a contractual relationship with the care provider. Care providers shall submit all fees and pertinent application information for all applicants, caregivers or hospital caregivers as described in Subsections D, E and F of this section. Pursuant to Section 29-17-5 NMSA 1978 (Amended) of the act, a care provider's failure to comply is grounds for the state agency having enforcement authority with respect to the care provider] to impose appropriate administrative sanctions and penalties. **B. Exception:** A caregiver or hospital caregiver applying for employment or contracting services with a care provider within twelve (12) months of the caregiver's or hospital caregiver's most recent nationwide criminal history screening which list no disqualifying convictions shall only apply for a statewide criminal history screening upon offer of employment or at the time of entering into a contractual relationship with the care provider. At the discretion of the care provider a nationwide criminal history screening, additional to the required statewide criminal history screening, may be requested.	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 indicating Caregiver Criminal History Screening was completed as required for 6 of 199 Agency Personnel. **The following Agency Personnel Files contained no evidence of Caregiver Criminal History Screenings:** **Direct Support Personnel (DSP):** ~~• #508 – Date of hire 9/18/2006.~~ ~~• #513 – Date of hire 9/6/2006.~~ ~~• #515 – Date of hire 9/28/2006.~~ ~~• #519 – Date of hire 7/1/2019.~~ • #520 – Date of hire 4/8/2022. • #528 – Date of hire 8/29/2021. ~~• #529 – Date of hire 4/29/2008.~~ ~~• #530 – Date of hire 8/25/2007~~ ~~• #532 – Date of hire 6/1/2005.~~ ~~• #533 – Date of hire 8/17/2004.~~ ~~• #534 – Date of hire 8/1/2018.~~ ~~• #536 – Date of hire 8/9/2004.~~ • #537 – Date of hire 10/1/2020.	**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?)*: →	

C. Conditional Employment: Applicants, caregivers, and hospital caregivers who have submitted all completed documents and paid all applicable fees for a nationwide and statewide criminal history screening may be deemed to have conditional supervised employment pending receipt of written notice given by the department as to whether the applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver has a disqualifying conviction. **F. Timely Submission:** Care providers shall submit all fees and pertinent application information for all individuals who meet the definition of an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver as described in Subsections B, D and K of 7.1.9.7 NMAC, no later than twenty (20) calendar days from the first day of employment or effective date of a contractual relationship with the care provider. **G. Maintenance of Records:** Care providers shall maintain documentation relating to all employees and contractors evidencing compliance with the act and these rules. (1) During the term of employment, care providers shall maintain evidence of each applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver's clearance, pending reconsideration, or disqualification. (2) Care providers shall maintain documented evidence showing the basis for any determination by the care provider that an employee or contractor performs job functions that do not fall within the scope of the requirement for nationwide or statewide criminal history screening. A memorandum in an employee's file stating "This employee does not provide direct care or have routine unsupervised physical or financial access to care recipients served by [name of care provider]," together with the employee's job description, shall suffice for record keeping purposes.	~~• #539 – Date of hire 11/1/2016.~~ ~~• #547 – Date of hire 4/1/2010.~~ ~~• #549 – Date of hire 9/13/2012.~~ ~~• #553 – Date of hire 9/1/2007.~~ ~~• #554 – Date of hire 12/5/2018.~~ ~~• #555 – Date of hire 7/11/2015.~~ • #558 – Date of hire 4/30/2020. ~~• #560 – Date of hire 6/15/2007.~~ ~~• #564 – Date of hire 1/24/2012.~~ • #570 – Date of hire 10/1/2020. ~~• #575 – Date of hire 2/15/2005.~~ ~~• #580 – Date of hire 6/27/2010.~~ ~~• #584 – Date of hire 4/1/2005.~~ ~~• #598 – Date of hire 7/29/2008.~~ • #600 – Date of hire 2/8/2020. ~~• #602 – Date of hire 8/1/2005.~~ ~~• #604 – Date of hire 9/14/2006.~~ ~~• #606 – Date of hire 8/16/2004.~~ ~~• #607 – Date of hire 12/20/2017.~~ ~~• #609 – Date of hire 11/1/2012.~~ ~~• #610 – Date of hire 11/4/2013.~~		

NMAC 7.1.9.9 CAREGIVERS OR HOSPITAL CAREGIVERS AND APPLICANTS WITH DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS: **A. Prohibition on Employment:** A care provider shall not hire or continue the employment or contractual services of any applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver for whom the care provider has received notice of a disqualifying conviction, except as provided in Subsection B of this section. **NMAC 7.1.9.11 DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS.** The following felony convictions disqualify an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver from employment or contractual services with a care provider: **A.** homicide; **B.** trafficking, or trafficking in controlled substances; **C.** kidnapping, false imprisonment, aggravated assault or aggravated battery; **D.** rape, criminal sexual penetration, criminal sexual contact, incest, indecent exposure, or other related felony sexual offenses; **E.** crimes involving adult abuse, neglect or financial exploitation; **F.** crimes involving child abuse or neglect; **G.** crimes involving robbery, larceny, extortion, burglary, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, credit card fraud, or receiving stolen property; or **H**. an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy involving any of the felonies in this subsection.	~~• #611 – Date of hire 6/22/2007.~~ ~~• #615 – Date of hire 8/20/2005.~~ ~~• #616 – Date of hire 8/1/2014.~~ ~~**Substitute Care/Respite Personnel:**~~ ~~• #632 – Date of hire 4/27/2010.~~ ~~• #645 – Date of hire 2/9/2014.~~ ~~*(Note: Last routine survey in August 23 – 29, 2019 had no deficiencies for Agency Personnel hired prior to August 2019. The agency did not provide evidence of CCHS Letters during this routine survey and did not indicate why they were not provided).*~~ *(Per evidence received the following Agency Personnel were removed by IRF* #508, 513, 515, 519, 529, 530, 532, 533, 534, 536, 539, 547, 549, 553, 554, 555, 560, 564, 575, 580, 584, 598, 602, 604, 606, 607, 609, 610, 611, 615, 616, 632, 645).		

Tag # 1A26 Consolidated On-line Registry Employee Abuse Registry	Standard Level Deficiency		
NMAC 7.1.12.8 - REGISTRY ESTABLISHED; PROVIDER INQUIRY REQUIRED: Upon the effective date of this rule, the department has established and maintains an accurate and complete electronic registry that contains the name, date of birth, address, social security number, and other appropriate identifying information of all persons who, while employed by a provider, have been determined by the department, as a result of an investigation of a complaint, to have engaged in a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person receiving care or services from a provider. Additions and updates to the registry shall be posted no later than two (2) business days following receipt. Only department staff designated by the custodian may access, maintain, and update the data in the registry. A. **Provider requirement to inquire of registry**. A provider, prior to employing or contracting with an employee, shall inquire of the registry whether the individual under consideration for employment or contracting is listed on the registry. B. **Prohibited employment.** A provider may not employ or contract with an individual to be an employee if the individual is listed on the registry as having a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person receiving care or services from a provider. C. **Applicant's identifying information required**. In making the inquiry to the registry prior to employing or contracting with an employee, the provider shall use identifying information concerning the individual under consideration for employment or contracting sufficient to reasonably and completely search the registry, including the name, address, date of birth, social security number, and other	Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain documentation in the employee's personnel records that evidenced inquiry into the Employee Abuse Registry prior to employment for 3 of 199 Agency Personnel. **The following Agency Personnel records contained evidence that indicated the Employee Abuse Registry check was completed after hire:** **Direct Support Personnel (DSP):** • #557 – Date of hire 6/1/2011, completed 1/23/2020. • #567 – Date of hire 10/1/2020, completed 11/9/2020. **Substitute Care/Respite Personnel:** • #655 – Date of hire 7/28/2011, completed 4/29/2021.	**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?)*: →	

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

Tag # 1A26.1 Consolidated On-line Registry Employee Abuse Registry *(Modified by IRF)*	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
NMAC 7.1.12.8 - REGISTRY ESTABLISHED; PROVIDER INQUIRY REQUIRED: Upon the effective date of this rule, the department has established and maintains an accurate and complete electronic registry that contains the name, date of birth, address, social security number, and other appropriate identifying information of all persons who, while employed by a provider, have been determined by the department, as a result of an investigation of a complaint, to have engaged in a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person receiving care or services from a provider. Additions and updates to the registry shall be posted no later than two (2) business days following receipt. Only department staff designated by the custodian may access, maintain and update the data in the registry. A. **Provider requirement to inquire of registry**. A provider, prior to employing or contracting with an employee, shall inquire of the registry whether the individual under consideration for employment or contracting is listed on the registry. B. **Prohibited employment.** A provider may not employ or contract with an individual to be an employee if the individual is listed on the registry as having a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person receiving care or services from a provider. C. **Applicant's identifying information required**. In making the inquiry to the registry prior to employing or contracting with an employee, the provider shall use identifying information concerning the individual under consideration for employment or contracting sufficient to reasonably and completely search the registry, including the name, address, date	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 in the employee's personnel records that evidenced inquiry into the Employee Abuse Registry prior to employment for 13 of 199 Agency Personnel. **The following Agency personnel records contained no evidence of the Employee Abuse Registry check being completed:** **Direct Support Personnel (DSP):** ~~• #506 – Date of hire 4/1/2008.~~ • #509 – Date of hire 7/23/2021. • #511 – Date of hire 10/28/2020. • #512 – Date of hire 1/16/2019. ~~• #513 – Date of hire 9/6/2016.~~ ~~• #517 – Date of hire 10/1/2016.~~ ~~• #518 – Date of hire 6/13/2014.~~ • #520 – Date of hire 4/8/2022. ~~• #524 – Date of hire 1/22/2012.~~ • #528 – Date of hire 8/29/2021. ~~• #529 – Date of hire 4/29/2008.~~ ~~• #530 – Date of hire 8/25/2007.~~	**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 birth, social security number, and other appropriate identifying information required by the registry. D. **Documentation of inquiry to registry**. The provider shall maintain documentation in the employee's personnel or employment records that evidences the fact that the provider made an inquiry to the registry concerning that employee prior to employment. Such documentation must include evidence, based on the response to such inquiry received from the custodian by the provider, that the employee was not listed on the registry as having a substantiated registry-referred incident of abuse, neglect or exploitation. E. **Documentation for other staff**. With respect to all employed or contracted individuals providing direct care who are licensed health care professionals or certified nurse aides, the provider shall maintain documentation reflecting the individual's current licensure as a health care professional or current certification as a nurse aide. F. **Consequences of noncompliance**. The department or other governmental agency having regulatory enforcement authority over a provider may sanction a provider in accordance with applicable law if the provider fails to make an appropriate and timely inquiry of the registry, or fails to maintain evidence of such inquiry, in connection with the hiring or contracting of an employee; or for employing or contracting any person to work as an employee who is listed on the registry. Such sanctions may include a directed plan of correction, civil monetary penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars ($5000) per instance, or termination or non-renewal of any contract with the department or other governmental agency.	~~• #532 – Date of hire 6/1/2005.~~ ~~• #533 – Date of hire 8/17/2004.~~ ~~• #536 – Date of hire 8/9/2004.~~ • #537 – Date of hire 10/1/2020. ~~• #539 – Date of hire 11/1/2016.~~ ~~• #546 – Date of hire 9/15/2007.~~ • #552 – Date of hire 4/25/2022. ~~• #553 – Date of hire 9/1/2007.~~ ~~• #555 – Date of hire 7/11/2015.~~ ~~• #563 – Date of hire 1/1/2010.~~ • #566 – Date of hire 10/1/2019. • #568 – Date of hire 9/1/2020. • #570 – Date of hire 10/1/2020. • #573 – Date of hire 2/16/2021. ~~• #575 – Date of hire 2/15/2005.~~ ~~• #577 – Date of hire 8/4/2015.~~ • #583 – Date of hire 1/18/2022. ~~• #586 – Date of hire 11/26/2012.~~ ~~• #587 – Date of hire 3/1/2016.~~ ~~• #595 – Date of hire 8/9/2013.~~ ~~• #603 – Date of hire 2/7/2014.~~		

	~~• #605 – Date of hire 6/14/2014.~~ ~~• #606 – Date of hire 8/16/2004.~~ ~~• #609 – Date of hire 11/1/2012.~~ • #612 – Date of hire 10/20/2020. ~~• #615 – Date of hire 8/20/2005.~~ ~~**Substitute Care/Respite Personnel:**~~ ~~• #631 – Date of hire 4/6/2008.~~ ~~• #632 – Date of hire 4/27/2010.~~ ~~• #645 – Date of hire 2/9/2014.~~ ~~• #659 – Date of hire 7/21/2009.~~ ~~*(Note: Last routine survey in August 23 – 29, 2019 had no deficiencies for Agency Personnel related to the Employee Abuse Registry (EAR). The agency did not provide evidence of EAR checks during this routine survey and did not indicate why they were not provided).*~~ *(Per evidence received the following Agency Personnel were removed by IRF #506, 513, 517, 518, 524, 529, 530, 532, 533, 536, 539, 546, 553, 555, 563, 575, 577, 586, 587, 595, 603, 605, 606, 609, 615, 631, 632, 645, 659)*		

Tag # 1A37 Individual Specific Training	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **Chapter 17: Training Requirements:** The purpose of this chapter is to outline requirements for completing, reporting and documenting DDSD training requirements for DD Waiver Provider Agencies as well as requirements for certified trainers or mentors of DDSD Core curriculum training. **17.1 Training Requirements for Direct Support Personnel and Direct Support Supervisors:** Direct Support Personnel (DSP) and Direct Support Supervisors (DSS) include staff and contractors from agencies providing the following services: Supported Living, Family Living, CIHS, IMLS, CCS, CIE and Crisis Supports. 1. DSP/DSS must successfully: a. Complete IST requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the ISP of each person supported and as outlined in 17.10 Individual-Specific Training below. b. Complete training on DOH-approved ANE reporting procedures in accordance with NMAC 7.1.14 c. Complete training in universal precautions. The training materials shall meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements d. Complete and maintain certification in First Aid and CPR. The training materials shall meet OSHA requirements/guidelines. e. Complete relevant training in accordance with OSHA requirements (if job involves exposure to hazardous chemicals). f. Become certified in a DDSD-approved system of crisis prevention and intervention (e.g., MANDT, Handle with Care, CPI) before using EPR. Agency DSP and DSS shall maintain certification in a DDSD-approved system if any person they	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 ensure that Individual Specific Training requirements were met for 34 of 121 Agency Personnel. Review of personnel records found no evidence of the following: **Direct Support Personnel (DSP):** • Individual Specific Training (#501, 504, 506, 508, 511, 512, 517, 518, 520, 521, 526, 527, 533, 536, 539, 546, 547, 548, 550, 552, 554, 555, 558, 560, 564, 567, 573, 580, 585, 588, 603, 605, 606, 612)	**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?)*: →	

support has a BCIP that includes the use of EPR. g. Complete and maintain certification in a DDSD-approved medication course if required to assist with medication delivery. h. Complete training regarding the HIPAA. 2. Any staff being used in an emergency to fill in or cover a shift must have at a minimum the DDSD required core trainings and be on shift with a DSP who has completed the relevant IST. **17.10 Individual-Specific Training:** The following are elements of IST: defined standards of performance, curriculum tailored to teach skills and knowledge necessary to 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 **awareness level** may be accomplished by reading plans or other information. The trainee is cognizant of 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 **knowledge level** may take the form of observing a plan in action, reading a plan more thoroughly, or having a plan described by the author or their designee. Verbal or written recall or demonstration may verify this level of competence. Reaching a **skill level** involves being trained by a therapist, nurse, designated or experienced designated trainer. The trainer shall demonstrate the techniques according to the plan. Then they observe and provide feedback to the trainee as they implement the techniques. This should be repeated until competence is demonstrated. Demonstration of skill or observed implementation of the			

techniques or strategies verifies skill level competence. Trainees should be observed on more than one occasion to ensure appropriate techniques are maintained and to provide additional coaching/feedback. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified Provider Agency personnel who must successfully complete IST requirements in accordance with the specifications described in the ISP of each person supported. 1. IST must be arranged and conducted at least annually. IST includes training on the ISP Desired Outcomes, Action Plans, strategies, and information about the person's preferences regarding privacy, communication style, and routines. More frequent training may be 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. **17.10.1 IST Training Rosters:** IST Training Rosters are required for all IST trainings: 1. IST Training Rosters must include: a. the name of the person receiving DD Waiver services; b. the date of the training; c. IST topic for the training; d. the signature of each trainee; e. the role of each trainee (e.g., CIHS staff, CIE staff, family, etc.); and f. the signature and title or role of the trainer. 2. A competency-based training roster (required for CARMPs) includes all information above but also includes the level of training (awareness, knowledge, or skilled) the trainee has attained. (See Chapter 5.5 Aspiration Risk Management for more details about CARMPs.) 3. A copy of the training roster is submitted to the agency employing the staff trained within seven calendar days of the training date. The original is retained by the trainer.			

Tag # 1A43.1 General Events Reporting: Individual Reporting	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **Chapter 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 secure website operated under contract by Therap according to the GER Reporting Requirements in Appendix B GER Requirements. 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. 4. GER does not replace a Provider Agency's obligations to report ANE or other	Based on record review, the Agency did not follow the General Events Reporting requirements as indicated by the policy for 2 of 21 individuals. **The following General Events Reporting records contained evidence that indicated the General Events Report was not entered and / or approved within the required timeframe:** **Individual #3** • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 11/11/2021 the Individual received a COVID Vaccine (COVID – 19). GER was approved 11/22/2021. **Individual #21** • General Events Report (GER) indicates on 12/23/2021 the Individual received a COVID booster (COVID – 19). GER was approved 1/3/2022.	**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?)*: →	

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:** • Emergency Room/Urgent Care/Emergency Medical Services • Falls Without Injury • Injury (including Falls, Choking, Skin Breakdown and Infection) • Law Enforcement Use • Medication Errors • Medication Documentation Errors • Missing Person/Elopement • Out of Home Placement- Medical: Hospitalization, Long Term Care, Skilled Nursing or Rehabilitation Facility Admission • PRN Psychotropic Medication • Restraint Related to Behavior • Suicide Attempt or Threat **Entry Guidance:** Provider Agencies must complete the following sections of the GER with detailed information: profile information, event information, other event information,			

general information, notification, actions taken or planned, and the review follow up comments section. Please attach any pertinent external documents such as discharge summary, medical consultation form, etc. Provider Agencies must enter and 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 manner.*			
Tag # 1A08.2 Administrative Case File: Healthcare Requirements & Follow-up	**Standard Level Deficiency**		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **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: 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: 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; 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	Based on record review, the Agency did not provide documentation of annual physical examinations and/or other examinations as specified by a licensed physician for 1 of 21 individuals receiving Living Care Arrangements and Community Inclusion. Review of the administrative individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: ***Living Care Arrangements and Community Inclusion:*** **Annual Physical:** • Not Found (#17) *(Note: Exam was scheduled for 7/25/2022 during the on-site survey.)*	**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?)*: →	

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. 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. **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: 1. 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. 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. **20.5.3 *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. The *Physician Consultation* form contains a list of all current medications. **Chapter 10: Living Care Arrangements (LCA) Living Supports-Supported Living: 10.3.9.6.1 Monitoring and Supervision** 4. Ensure and document the following: a. The person has a Primary Care Practitioner. b. The person receives an annual physical examination and other examinations as recommended by a Primary Care Practitioner or specialist. c. The person receives annual dental check-ups and other check-ups as recommended by a licensed dentist. d. The person receives a hearing test as recommended by a licensed audiologist. e. The person receives eye examinations as			

recommended by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist. 5. Agency activities occur as required for follow-up activities to medical appointments (e.g., treatment, visits to specialists, and changes in medication or daily routine). **10.3.10.1 Living Care Arrangements (LCA) Living Supports-IMLS: 10.3.10.2 General Requirements:** 9 . Medical services must be ensured (i.e., ensure each person has a licensed Primary Care Practitioner and receives an annual physical examination, specialty medical care as needed, and annual dental checkup by a licensed dentist). **Chapter 13 Nursing Services: 13.2.3 General Requirements:** 1. Each person has a licensed primary care practitioner and receives an annual physical examination and specialty medical/dental care as needed. Nurses communicate with these providers to share current health information.			

Tag # 1A05 General Requirements / Agency Policy and Procedure Requirements *(Removed by IRF)*	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **Chapter 16: Qualified Provider Agencies** Qualified DD Waiver Provider Agencies must deliver DD Waiver services. DD Waiver Provider Agencies must have a current Provider Agreement and continually meet required screening, licensure, accreditation, and training requirements as well as continually adhere to the DD Waiver Service Standards. All Provider Agencies must comply with contract management activities to include any type of quality assurance review and/or compliance review completed by DDSD, the Division of Health Improvement (DHI) or other state agencies. **NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION: Provider Application** • Emergency and on-call procedures; • On-call nursing services that specifically state the nurse must be available to DSP during periods when a nurse is not present. The on-call nurse must be available to make an on-site visit when information provided by the DSP over the phone indicate, in the nurse's professional judgment, a need for a face-to-face assessment to determine appropriate action; • Incident Management Procedures that comply with the current NM Department of Health Improvement Incident Management Guide • Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedure; • Policy and procedures regarding delegation	~~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 develop, implement and / or comply with written policies and procedures to protect the physical/mental health of individuals that complies with all DDSD requirements.~~ ~~**Review of Agency policies & procedures found no evidence of the following:**~~ ~~• Emergency and on-call procedures~~ *(Per evidence received Tag # 1A05 is removed by IRF, therefore the tag is no longer valid.)*		

of specific nursing functions • Policies and procedures regarding the safe transportation of individuals in the community and how you will comply with the New Mexico regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles **STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION PROVIDER AGREEMENT: ARTICLE 39. POLICIES AND REGULATIONS** Provider Agreements and amendments reference and incorporate laws, regulations, policies, procedures, directives, and contract provisions not only of DOH, but of HSD. Additionally, the PROVIDER agrees to abide by all the following, whenever relevant to the delivery of services specified under this Provider Agreement: a. DD Waiver Service Standards and MF Waiver Service Standards. b. DEPARTMENT/DDSD Accreditation Mandate Policies. c. Policies and Procedures for Centralized Admission and Discharge Process for New Mexicans with Disabilities. d. Policies for Behavior Support Service Provisions. e. Rights of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities living in the Community, 7.26.3 NMAC. f. Service Plans for Individuals with Developmental Disability Community Programs, 7.26.5 NMAC. g. Requirement for Developmental Disability Community Programs, 7.26.6 NMAC. h. DEPARTMENT Client Complaint Procedures, 7.26.4 NMAC. i. Individual Transition Planning Process, 7.26.7 NMAC. j. Dispute Resolution Process, 7.26.8 NMAC.			

k. DEPARTMENT/DDSD Training Policies and Procedures. l. Fair Labor Standards Act. m. New Mexico Nursing Practice Act and New Mexico Board of Nursing requirements governing certified medication aides and administration of medications, 16.12.5 NMAC. n. Incident Reporting and Investigation Requirements for Providers of Community Based Services, 7.14.3 NMAC, and DHI/DEPARTMENT Incident Management System Policies and Procedures. o. DHI/DEPARTMENT Statewide Mortality Review Policy and Procedures. p. Caregivers Criminal History Screening Requirements, 7.1.9 NMAC. q. Quality Management System and Review Requirements for Providers of Community Based Services, 7.1.13 NMAC. r. All Medicaid Regulations of the Medical Assistance Division of the HS D. s. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). t. DEPARTMENT Sanctions Policy. u. All other regulations, standards, policies and procedures, guidelines and interpretive memoranda of the DDSD and the DHI of the DEPARTMENT. **Chapter 18 Incident Management: 18.1 Training on Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation (ANE) Recognition and Reporting:** All employees, contractors, and volunteers shall be trained on the in-person ANE training curriculum approved by DOH. Employees or volunteers can work with a DD Waiver participant prior to receiving the training only if directly supervised, at all times, by a trained staff. Provider Agencies are responsible for ensuring the training requirements outlined below are met. 1. DDSD ANE On-line Refresher trainings shall be renewed annually,			

within one year of successful completion of the DDSD ANE classroom training. 2. Training shall be conducted in a language that is understood by the employee, subcontractor, or volunteer. 3. Training must be conducted by a DOH certified trainer and in accordance with the Train the Trainer curriculum provided by the DOH. 4. Documentation of an employee, subcontractor or volunteer's training must be maintained for a period of at least three years, or six months after termination of an employee's employment or the volunteer's work. **NMAC 7.1.14.9 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:** **A. General:** All community-based service providers shall establish and maintain an incident management system, which emphasizes the principles of prevention and staff involvement. The community-based service provider shall ensure that the incident management system policies and procedures requires all employees and volunteers to be competently trained to respond to, report, and preserve evidence related to incidents in a timely and accurate manner. **B. Training curriculum:** Prior to an employee or volunteer's initial work with the community-based service provider, all employees and volunteers shall be trained on an applicable written training curriculum including incident policies and procedures for identification, and timely reporting of abuse, neglect, exploitation, suspicious injury, and all deaths as required in Subsection A of 7.1.14.8 NMAC. The trainings shall be reviewed at annual, not to exceed 12-month intervals. The training curriculum as set forth in Subsection C of 7.1.14.9 NMAC may include computer-based training. Periodic			

reviews shall include, at a minimum, review of the written training curriculum and site-specific issues pertaining to the community-based service provider's facility. Training shall be conducted in a language that is understood by the employee or volunteer. **D. Training documentation:** All community-based service providers shall prepare training documentation for each employee and volunteer to include a signed statement indicating the date, time, and place they received their incident management reporting instruction. The community-based service provider shall maintain documentation of an employee or volunteer's training for a period of at least three years, or six months after termination of an employee's employment or the volunteer's work. Training curricula shall be kept on the provider premises and made available upon request by the department. Training documentation shall be made available immediately upon a division representative's request. Failure to provide employee and volunteer training documentation shall subject the community-based service provider to the penalties provided for in this rule. **NMAC 7.1.14.8 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS:** **F. Quality assurance/quality improvement program for community-based service providers:** The community-based service provider shall establish and implement a quality improvement program for reviewing alleged complaints and incidents of abuse, neglect, or exploitation against them as a provider after the division's investigation is complete. The incident management program shall include written documentation of corrective actions taken. The community-based service provider shall take all reasonable steps to prevent further incidents. The community-based			

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

Tag # 1A15.2 Administrative Case File: Healthcare Documentation (Therap and Required Plans)	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **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: 1. 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. 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	After an analysis of the evidence, it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur. Based on record review, the Agency did not maintain the required documentation in the Individuals Agency Record as required by standard for 12 of 21 individuals. Review of the administrative individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current: **Healthcare Passport:** ➢ Did not contain Name of Physicians (#1, 2, 7, 12) *(Note: #1, 2, 7 & 12 updated during the on-site survey. Provider please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)* ➢ Did not contain Emergency Contact Information (#1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 17) *(Note: #1, 2, 4, 7, 9 & 17 updated during the on-site survey. Provider please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)* ➢ Did not contain Medical Diagnosis (#7) *(Note: Updated during the on-site survey. Provider please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)* ➢ Did not contain Health and Safety risk factors (#7) *(Note: Updated during the on-site survey. Provider please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)* ➢ Did not contain Allergies (#7) *(Note: Updated during the on-site survey. Provider please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)*	**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?)*: →	

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. **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: 2. 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: 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;	➢ Did not contain Information Regarding Insurance (#2, 7, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19) *(Note: #2, 7, 11,16, 17, 18 &19 updated during the on-site survey. Provider please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)* ➢ Did not contain Guardianship / Healthcare Decision Maker (#1, 2, 3, 4, 7) *(Note: #1, 2, 3, 4 &7 updated during the on-site survey. Provider please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)* ➢ Did not contain Advanced Directives (#7) *(Note: Updated during the on-site survey. Provider please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)* **Medical Emergency Response Plans:** ***Neurological Shunt:*** • Individual #16 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found. *(Note: Linked / attached in Therap during the on-site survey. Provider please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)* ***Seizure Disorder:*** • Individual #16 - According to Electronic Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.		

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. 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.			

Chapter 13 Nursing Services: ***13.2.5 Electronic Nursing Assessment and Planning Process:*** 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. ***13.2.7 Aspiration Risk Management 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. **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 # 1A27.2 Duty to Report IRs Filed During On-Site and/or IRs Not Reported by Provider	Standard Level Deficiency		
NMAC 7.1.14.8 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS: **A. Duty to report:** **(1)** All community-based providers shall immediately report alleged crimes to law enforcement or call for emergency medical services as appropriate to ensure the safety of consumers. **(2)** All community-based service providers, their employees and volunteers shall immediately call the department of health improvement (DHI) hotline at 1-800-445-6242 to report abuse, neglect, exploitation, suspicious injuries or any death and also to report an environmentally hazardous condition which creates an immediate threat to health or safety. **B. Reporter requirement.** All community-based service providers shall ensure that the employee or volunteer with knowledge of the alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, suspicious injury, or death calls the division's hotline to report the incident. **C. Initial reports, form of report, immediate action and safety planning, evidence preservation, required initial notifications:** **(1) Abuse, neglect, and exploitation, suspicious injury or death reporting:** Any person may report an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, suspicious injury or a death by calling the division's toll-free hotline number 1-800-445-6242. Any consumer, family member, or legal guardian may call the division's hotline to report an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, suspicious injury or death directly, or may report through the community-based service provider who, in addition to calling the hotline, must also utilize the division's abuse,	Based on observation, the Agency did not report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation**,** unexpected and natural/expected deaths; or other reportable incidents as required to the Division of Health Improvement. **As a result of what was observed the following incident(s) was reported:** **Individual #6** • A State ANE Report was filed as a result of the following: On 5/5/2022 at 11:30am during the residential visit to Individual #6 it was observed the water temperature in the home was 150 degrees in the kitchen area. An incident report was reported to DHI. The temperature was rechecked on 5/11/2022 at 12:00 pm and was 120 degrees.	**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?)*: →	

neglect, and exploitation or report of death form. The abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form and instructions for its completion and filing are available at the division's website, http://dhi.health.state.nm.us, or may be obtained from the department by calling the division's toll-free hotline number, 1-800-445-6242. **(2) Use of abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form and notification by community-based service providers:** In addition to calling the division's hotline as required in Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 7.1.14.8 NMAC, the community-based service provider shall also report the incident of abuse, neglect, exploitation, suspicious injury, or death utilizing the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form consistent with the requirements of the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation reporting guide. The community-based service provider shall ensure all abuse, neglect, exploitation or death reports describing the alleged incident are completed on the division's abuse, neglect, and exploitation or report of death form and received by the division within 24 hours of the verbal report. If the provider has internet access, the report form shall be submitted via the division's website at http://dhi.health.state.nm.us; otherwise, it may be submitted via fax to 1-800-584-6057. The community-based service provider shall ensure that the reporter with the most direct knowledge of the incident participates in the preparation of the report form. **(3) Limited provider investigation:** No investigation beyond that necessary in order to be able to report the abuse, neglect, or exploitation and ensure the safety of consumers is permitted until the division has completed its investigation. **(4) Immediate action and safety planning:** Upon discovery of any alleged incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, the community-based service provider shall:			

(a) develop and implement an immediate action and safety plan for any potentially endangered consumers, if applicable; **(b)** be immediately prepared to report that immediate action and safety plan verbally, and revise the plan according to the division's direction, if necessary; and **(c)** provide the accepted immediate action and safety plan in writing on the immediate action and safety plan form within 24 hours of the verbal report. If the provider has internet access, the report form shall be submitted via the division's website at http://dhi.health.state.nm.us; otherwise, it may be submitted by faxing it to the division at 1-800-584-6057. **(5) Evidence preservation:** The community-based service provider shall preserve evidence related to an alleged incident of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, including records, and do nothing to disturb the evidence. If physical evidence must be removed or affected, the provider shall take photographs or do whatever is reasonable to document the location and type of evidence found which appears related to the incident. **(6) Legal guardian or parental notification:** The responsible community-based service provider shall ensure that the consumer's legal guardian or parent is notified of the alleged incident of abuse, neglect and exploitation within 24 hours of notice of the alleged incident unless the parent or legal guardian is suspected of committing the alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation, in which case the community-based service provider shall leave notification to the division's investigative representative. **(7) Case manager or consultant notification by community-based service providers:** The responsible community-based service provider shall notify the consumer's case manager or consultant within 24 hours that an alleged incident involving abuse, neglect, or			

exploitation has been reported to the division. Names of other consumers and employees may be redacted before any documentation is forwarded to a case manager or consultant. **(8) Non-responsible reporter:** Providers who are reporting an incident in which they are not the responsible community-based service provider shall notify the responsible community-based service provider within 24 hours of an incident or allegation of an incident of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.			

Tag # LS25 Residential Health & Safety (Supported Living / Family Living / Intensive Medical Living)	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards 2/26/2018; Re-Issue: 12/28/2018; Eff 1/1/2019 **Chapter 10: Living Care Arrangements (LCA) 10.3.6 Requirements for Each Residence:** Provider Agencies must assure that each residence is clean, safe, and comfortable, and each residence accommodates individual daily living, social and leisure activities. In addition, the Provider Agency must ensure the residence: 1. has basic utilities, i.e., gas, power, water, and telephone; 2. has a battery operated or electric smoke detectors or a sprinkler system, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguisher; 3. has a general-purpose first aid kit; 4. has accessible written documentation of evacuation drills occurring at least three times a year overall, one time a year for each shift; 5. has water temperature that does not exceed a safe temperature (110^0 F); 6. has safe storage of all medications with dispensing instructions for each person that are consistent with the Assistance with Medication (AWMD) training or each person's ISP; 7. has an emergency placement plan for relocation of people in the event of an emergency evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable for occupancy; 8. has emergency evacuation procedures that address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding; 9. supports environmental modifications and assistive technology devices, including modifications to the bathroom (i.e., shower chairs, grab bars, walk in shower, raised	Based on record review and / or observation, the Agency did not ensure that each individuals' residence met all requirements within the standard for 5 of 18 Living Care Arrangement residences. Review of the residential records and observation of the residence revealed the following items were not found, not functioning or incomplete: **Family Living Requirements:** • Carbon monoxide detectors (#13) • Water temperature in home does not exceed safe temperature (110^0 F) ➢ Water temperature in home measured 123^0 F (#1) ➢ Water temperature in home measured 122^0 F (#2) ➢ Water temperature in home measured 150^0 F (#6) ➢ Water temperature in home measured 130^0 F (#12) • Emergency placement plan for relocation of people in the event of an emergency evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable for occupancy (#6)	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible, an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

toilets, etc.) based on the unique needs of the individual in consultation with the IDT; 10. has or arranges for necessary equipment for bathing and transfers to support health and safety with consultation from therapists as needed; 11. has the phone number for poison control within line of site of the telephone; 12. has general household appliances, and kitchen and dining utensils; 13. has proper food storage and cleaning supplies; 14. has adequate food for three meals a day and individual preferences; and 15. has at least two bathrooms for residences with more than two residents.			

Standard of Care	Deficiencies	Agency Plan of Correction, On-going QA/QI and Responsible Party	Completion Date
Service Domain: Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement – *State financial oversight exists to assure that claims are coded and paid for in accordance with the reimbursement methodology specified in the approved waiver.*			
Tag # IS30 Customized Community Supports Reimbursement *(Modified by IRF)*	**Standard Level Deficiency**		
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 the service; 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 of at least six years from the last payment date, until ongoing audits are settled, or until involvement of the state Attorney General is completed regarding settlement of any claim, whichever is longer. 4. A Provider Agency that receives payment for treatment, services or goods must retain all	Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Customized Community Supports for 1 of 11 individuals. Individual #7 ~~January 2022~~ • ~~The Agency billed 20 units of Customized Community Supports Individual (H2021 HB U1) on 1/23/2022. No documentation was found on 1/23/2022 to justify the 20 units billed.~~ March 2022 • The Agency billed 20 units of Customized Community Supports Individual (H2021 HB U1) on 3/17/2022. Documentation received accounted for 14 units. *(The finding for Jan 2022 for Individual #7 is removed by IRF.)*	**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?)*: →	

medical and business records relating to any 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. **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. **21.9.2 Requirements for Monthly Units:** For services billed in monthly units, a Provider Agency must adhere to the following: 1. A month is considered a period of 30 calendar days. 2. 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. 3. Monthly units can be prorated by a half unit. 4. 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. **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: 1. 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. 2. Services that last in their entirety less than eight minutes cannot be billed.			

Tag # LS27 Family Living Reimbursement *(Removed by IRF)*	Standard Level Deficiency		
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 the service; 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 of at least six years from the last payment date, until ongoing audits are settled, or until involvement of the state Attorney General is completed regarding settlement of any claim, whichever is longer. 4. A Provider Agency that receives payment for treatment, services or goods must retain all medical and business records relating to any of the following for a period of at least six years from the payment date: a. treatment or care of any eligible recipient; b. services or goods provided to any eligible recipient;	~~Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Family Living Services for 1 of 18 individuals.~~ ~~Individual #5~~ ~~March 2022~~ • ~~The Agency billed 1 units of Family Living (T2033 HB) on 3/25/2022. No documentation was found to justify the 1 unit billed. *(Note: Void/Adjust provided on-site during survey. Provider please complete POC for ongoing QA/QI.)*~~ *(Finding for Individual #5 is removed by IRF, therefore tag # LS27 is no longer valid.)*		

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. **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. **21.9.2 Requirements for Monthly Units:** For services billed in monthly units, a Provider Agency must adhere to the following: 1. A month is considered a period of 30 calendar days.			

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Program Surveyed:	Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed:	Family Living, Customized In-Home Supports, Customized Community Supports
Survey Type:	Routine

Dear Ms. Montoya Herrera:

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

The Plan of Correction process is now complete.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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