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Region: Northeast
Survey Date: October 11 - 25, 2024

Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Service Surveyed: Family Living, Customized In-Home Supports, and Customized Community Supports

Survey Type: Routine

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Dear Ms. Garcia;

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 # 1A32 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan Implementation
- Tag # LS14 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)
- Tag # 1A20 Direct Support Professional Training
- Tag # 1A08.2 Administrative Case File: Healthcare Requirements & Follow-up

The following tags are identified as Standard Level:

- Tag # 1A32.1 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan Implementation *(Not Completed at Frequency)*
- Tag # 1A38 Living Care Arrangement / Community Inclusion Reporting Requirements
- Tag # 1A37 Individual Specific Training
- Tag # 1A31.2 Human Right Committee Composition
- Tag # LS25 Residential Health & Safety (Supported Living / Family Living / Intensive Medical Living)
- Tag # IS30 Customized Community Supports Reimbursement
- Tag # LS27 Family Living Reimbursement

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

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

Corrective Action for Current Citation:

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

On-going Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Processes:

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

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

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

1. **Quality Management Bureau, Monica Valdez, Plan of Correction Coordinator** at MonicaE.Valdez@hca.nm.gov

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 HCA/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*
HCA/OIG/Program Integrity Unit
PO Box 2348
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@hca.nm.gov)

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
5300 Homestead Rd NE, Suite 200-211
Albuquerque, NM 87110
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@hca.nm.gov 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,

William J. Easom, MPA

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Division of Health Improvement
Quality Management Bureau

Survey Process Employed:

Administrative Review Start Date:	October 11, 2024
Contact:	**Santa Lucia, LLC** Karen Garcia, Area Director **HCA/DHI/QMB** William J. Easom, MPA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Entrance Conference Date:	October 11, 2024
Present:	**Santa Lucia, LLC** Karen Garcia, Area Director Laurie Buys, Integration Specialist Steven Wrigley, Vice President of Family Based Services **HCA/DHI/QMB** William J. Easom, MPA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Lundy Tvedt, BA, JD, Healthcare Surveyor Supervisor Kaydee Conticelli, Healthcare Surveyor Marie Passaglia, BA, Advanced Healthcare Surveyor/Plan of Correction Coordinator
Exit Conference Date:	October 25, 2024
Present:	**Santa Lucia, LLC** Karen Garcia, Area Director Laurie Buys, Integration Specialist Steve Wrigley, Vice President of Family Based Services **HCA/DHI/QMB** William J. Easom, MPA, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor Lundy Tvedt, BA, JD, Healthcare Surveyor Supervisor Kaydee Conticelli, Healthcare Surveyor Marie Passaglia, BA, Advanced Healthcare Surveyor/Plan of Correction Coordinator **DDSD - NE Regional Office** Kim Hamstra, Northwest Regional Office Director
Total Wellness Visits Completed (Individuals Seen):	6
Total Compliance Survey Sample Size:	6 4 - Family Living 2 - Customized In-Home Supports 5 - Customized Community Supports
Total Compliance Survey Homes Visits	5
❖ Family Living Homes Visited	3 *Note: The following Individuals share a FL residence:* • #3, 4
❖ Customized In-Home Support Home Visited	2

Persons Served Records Reviewed	6
Persons Served Interviewed	6
Direct Support Professional Records Reviewed	28
Direct Support Professional Interviewed	8
Substitute Care/Respite Personnel Records Reviewed	2
Service Coordinator Records Reviewed	4
Nurse Interview	1

Administrative Processes and Records Reviewed:

- Medicaid Billing/Reimbursement Records for all Services Provided
- Oversight of Individual Funds
- Individual Agency / Residential / Site Case Files, including, but not limited to:
    - Individual Service Plans
    - Progress on Identified Outcomes
    - Healthcare Plans
    - Medication Administration Records
    - Physician Orders
    - Therapy Plans
    - Healthcare Documentation Regarding Appointments and Required Follow-Up
    - Other Required Health Information / Therap Required Documents
- Internal Incident Management Reports and System Process / General Events Reports
- Personnel Files:
    - Training Records
    - Caregiver Criminal History Screening Records
    - Employee Abuse Registry
- Interviews with the Individuals and Agency Personnel
- Human Rights Committee Notes and Meeting Minutes
- Quality Assurance / Improvement Plan
- Agency Policy and Procedure Manual

CC: Distribution List: HCA - Division of Health Improvement
HCA - Developmental Disabilities Supports Division
HCA - Medical Assistance Division

Attachment A

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

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

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

Agencies must submit their Plan of Correction within ten (10) business days from the date you receive the QMB Report of Findings. (Providers who do not submit a POC within 10 business days may be referred to the 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.

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@hca.nm.gov for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your respective Regional DDSD Office.
4. Submit your POC to via email to MonicaE.valdez@hca.nm.gov. Please also submit your POC to your Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Regional Office for region of service surveyed.
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. You must also submit evidence of the ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes.

1. Your internal documents are due within a *maximum* of 45-business days of receipt of your Report of Findings.
2. Please submit your documents electronically according to the following: If documents do not contain protected Health information (PHI) then you may submit your documents electronically scanned and attached to the State email account. If documents contain PHI **do not** submit PHI directly to the State email account. *You may submit PHI **only** when **replying** to a **secure** email received from the State email account*. When possible, please submit requested documentation using a "zipped/compressed" file to reduce file size. You may also submit documents via S-Comm (Therap), or another electronic format, i.e., flash drive.
3. All submitted documents *must be annotated*; please be sure the tag numbers and Identification numbers are indicated on each document submitted. Documents which are not annotated with the Tag number and Identification number may not be accepted.
4. Do not submit original documents; Please provide copies or scanned electronic files for evidence. Originals must be maintained in the agency file(s) per DDSD Standards.
5. In lieu of some documents, you may submit copies of file or home audit forms that clearly indicate cited deficiencies have been corrected, other attestations of correction must be approved by the Plan of Correction Coordinator prior to their submission.
6. When billing deficiencies are cited, you must provide documentation to justify billing and/or void and adjust forms submitted to Xerox State Healthcare, LLC for the deficiencies cited in the Report of Findings.

Revisions, Modifications or Extensions to your Plan of Correction (post QMB approval) must be made in writing and submitted to the Plan of Correction Coordinator, prior to the due date and are approved on a case-by-case basis. No changes may be made to your POC or the timeframes for implementation without written approval of the POC Coordinator.

Attachment B

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

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

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

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

Conditions of Participation (CoPs)

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

Service Domains and CoPs for <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 Professional 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)
- **1A09.2 –** Medication Delivery Nurse Approval for PRN Medication

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
- **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://www.nmhealth.org/publication/view/form/2249/ The written request for an IRF must specify in detail the request for reconsideration and why the finding is inaccurate.
3. 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@hca.nm.gov 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 two 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.					

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 # 1A32 Administrative Case File: Individual Service Plan Implementation	**Condition of Participation Level Deficiency**		
NMAC 7.26.5.16.C and D Development of the ISP. Implementation of the ISP. The ISP shall be implemented according to the timelines determined by the IDT and as specified in the ISP for each stated desired outcomes and action plan. C. The IDT shall review and discuss information and recommendations with the individual, with the goal of supporting the individual in attaining desired outcomes. The IDT develops an ISP based upon the individual's personal vision statement, strengths, needs, interests and preferences. The ISP is a dynamic document, revised periodically, as needed, and amended to reflect progress towards personal goals and achievements consistent with the individual's future vision. This regulation is consistent with standards established for individual plan development as set forth by the commission on the accreditation of rehabilitation facilities (CARF) and/or other program accreditation approved and adopted by the developmental disabilities division and the department of health. It is the policy of the developmental disabilities division (DDD), that to the extent permitted by funding, each individual receive supports and services that will assist and encourage independence and productivity in the community and attempt to prevent	After an analysis of the evidence, it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur. 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 1 of 6 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 #2 • None found regarding: Live Outcome/Action Step: "… will use her iPad to look up a new recipe" for 7/2024 - 9/2024. Action step is to be completed 1 time per month. • None found regarding: Live Outcome/Action Step: "… will cook a new recipe" for 9/2024. Action step is to be completed 1 time per month.	**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?)***:** →	

regression or loss of current capabilities. Services and supports include specialized and/or generic services, training, education and/or treatment as determined by the IDT and documented in the ISP. D. The intent is to provide choice and obtain opportunities for individuals to live, work and play with full participation in their communities. The following principles provide direction and purpose in planning for individuals with developmental disabilities. [05/03/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01] Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2023 rev. 12/2023 **Chapter 6: 6.10 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) … 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: … 6. 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. 7. 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.			

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. The following principles provide direction and purpose in planning for individuals with	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 3 of 6 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 #2 • According to the Live Outcome; Action Step for "… will cook a meal with assistance" is to be completed 2 times per week. Evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 7/2024. **Customized In-Home Supports Data Collection / Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes**: Individual #5 • According to the Live Outcome; Action Step for "I will shop or make items to decorate" is to be completed 1 time per month. Evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 7/2024 - 9/2024. • According to the Live Outcome; Action Step for "I will decorate my home" is to be completed 1 time per month. Evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 7/2024.	**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?)*: →	

developmental disabilities. [05/03/94; 01/15/97; Recompiled 10/31/01] Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2023 rev. 12/2023 **Chapter 6: 6.10 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) … 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: … 6. 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. 7. 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.	• According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "I will reach out to peers about ideas for the newsletter" is to be completed 1 time per month. Evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 7/2024 - 9/2024. Individual #6 • According to the Live Outcome; Action Step for "When … wakes up and takes out trash, makes his bed, keeps his room and personal items clean" is to be completed 4 times per week. Evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 7/2024 - 9/2024. **Customized Community Supports Data Collection/Data Tracking/Progress with regards to ISP Outcomes**: Individual #2 • According to the Work/Learn Outcome; Action Step for "… will participate in a new activity of her choice" is to be completed 2 times per month. Evidence found indicated it was not being completed at the required frequency as indicated in the ISP for 8/2024 - 9/2024.		

Tag # 1A38 Living Care Arrangement / Community Inclusion Reporting Requirements	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2023 rev. 12/2023 **Chapter 19 Provider Reporting Requirements: 19.5 Semi-Annual Reporting:** The semi-annual report provides status updates to life circumstances, health, and progress toward ISP goals and/or goals related to professional and clinical services provided through the DD Waiver. This report is submitted to the CM for review and may guide actions taken by the person's IDT if necessary. Semi-annual reports may be requested by DDSD for QA activities. Semi-annual reports are required as follows: 1. DD Waiver Provider Agencies, except AT, EMSP, PRSC, SSE and Crisis Supports, must complete semi-annual. 2. A Respite Provider Agency must submit a semi-annual progress report to the CM that describes progress on the Action Plan(s) and Desired Outcome(s) when Respite is the only service included in the ISP other than Case Management, for an adult age 21 or older. 3. The first semi-annual report will cover the time from the start of the person's ISP year until the end of the subsequent six-month period (180 calendar days) and is due ten calendar days after the period ends (190 calendar days). 4. The second semi-annual report is integrated into the annual report or professional assessment/annual re-evaluation when applicable and is due 14 calendar days prior to the annual ISP meeting. 5. Semi-annual reports must contain at a minimum written documentation of: a. the name of the person and date on each page; b. the timeframe that the report covers; c. timely completion of relevant activities from ISP Action Plans or clinical service	Based on record review, the Agency did not complete semi-annual reports as required for 1 of 6 individuals receiving Living Care Arrangements and Community Inclusion. **Customized In-Home Supports Semi-Annual Reports:** • Individual #6 - None found for 10/2023 - 4/2024. *(Term of ISP 10/25/2023 – 10/24/2024).*	**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?)*: →	

goals during timeframe the report is covering; d. a description of progress towards Desired Outcomes in the ISP related to the service provided; e. a description of progress toward any service specific or treatment goals when applicable (e.g., health related goals for nursing); f. significant changes in routine or staffing if applicable; g. unusual or significant life events, including significant change of health or behavioral health condition; h. the signature of the agency staff responsible for preparing the report; and i. any other required elements by service type that are detailed in these standards. 6. Semi-annual reports must be distributed to the IDT members when due by SComm. 7. Semi-annual reports can be stored in individual document storage. **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.			

5. 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. 7. 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.			

Tag # LS14 Residential Service Delivery Site Case File (ISP and Healthcare Requirements)	Condition of Participation Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2023 rev. 12/2023 **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. Records must contain information of concerns related to abuse, neglect or exploitation. 3. 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 are acceptable. 4. Provider Agencies are responsible for ensuring that all plans created by nurses, RDs, therapists or BSCs are present in all settings. 5. 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,	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 2 of 4 Individuals receiving Living Care Arrangements. Review of the residential individual case files revealed the following items were not found, not current and/or did not meet the requirement: **ISP Teaching and Support Strategies:** ***Individual #1:*** *TSS not found for the following Live Outcome Statement / Action Steps:* • "… will choose a communication word." **Healthcare Passport:** • Not Found (#4)	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

progress notes, and any other interactions for which billing is generated. 6. 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. 7. 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. **20.3 Record Access for Direct Support Professionals (DSP) during Service Delivery:** DSP must have access to records, plans, and forms needed to adequately provide and document the type of service and specific scope of service being provided at the time. **20.5 Communication and Documentation in Therap:** Therap is a secure online documentation system required to be used by specific New Mexico DD Waiver Provider Agencies. Use of the required elements of Therap are intended to improve agency monitoring, health care coordination for individuals, and overall quality of services. **20.5.3 *Health Passport and Consultation Form*** **20.5.4 *Health Tracking*** **20.5.5 *Nursing Assessment Tracking*** **Chapter 13 Nursing Services: 13.2.9.1 Health Care Plans (HCP):** Health Care Plans are created to provide guidance for the Direct Support Professionals (DSP) to support health related issues. Approaches that are specific to nurses may also be incorporated into the HCP.			

Healthcare Plans are based upon the eCHAT and the nursing assessment of the individual's needs. 1. The Primary Provider Agency nurse (PPN) 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 that the nurse determines are warranted.			

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 # 1A20 Direct Support Professional Training	**Condition of Participation Level Deficiency**		
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2023 rev. 12/2023 **Chapter 17 Training Requirements: 17.1 Training Requirements for Direct Support Professional and Direct Support Supervisors:** Direct Support Professional (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… The training shall address at least the following: • Individual Specific Training • First Aid • CPR • Assisting With Medication Delivery (AWMD) Part 1 Session 1 & 2 **…** **17.1.13 Training Requirements for Service Coordinators (SC):** Service Coordinators (SCs) refer to staff at agencies providing the following services: Supported Living, Family Living, Customized In-home Supports, Intensive Medical Living, Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment, and Crisis Supports…The training shall address at least the following: • Individual Specific Training • First Aid • CPR • Assisting With Medication Delivery (AWMD) Part 1 Session 1 & 2 … ***(see DDW Standards Chapter 17 Training Requirements for all training specifics)***	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 Orientation and Training requirements were met for 8 of 32 Direct Support Professional, Direct Support Supervisory Personnel and / or Service Coordinators. Review of Agency training records found no evidence of the following required DOH/DDSD trainings being completed: **First Aid:** • Not Found (#500, 501, 502, 503, 511, 513, 521) • Expired (#527) **CPR:** • Not Found (#500, 501, 502, 503, 511, 513) • Expired (#527)	**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?)***:** →	

Tag # 1A37 Individual Specific Training	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2023 rev. 12/2023 **Chapter 17 Training Requirements: 17.1 Training Requirements for Direct Support Professional and Direct Support Supervisors:** Direct Support Professional (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… The training shall address at least the following: • Individual Specific Training **17.1.13 Training Requirements for Service Coordinators (SC):** Service Coordinators (SCs) refer to staff at agencies providing the following services: Supported Living, Family Living, Customized In-home Supports, Intensive Medical Living, Customized Community Supports, Community Integrated Employment, and Crisis Supports…The training shall address at least the following: • Individual Specific Training **17.9 Individual-Specific Training Requirements:** 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… 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…	Based on record review and / or interview, the Agency did not ensure that Individual Specific Training requirements were met for 1 of 32 Agency Personnel. Review of personnel records found no evidence of the following: **Direct Support Professional (DSP):** • Individual Specific Training (#508)	**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?)*: →	

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	**Condition of Participation Level Deficiency**		
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2023 rev. 12/2023 **Chapter 3 Safeguards: 3.1 Decisions about Health Care or Other Treatment: Decision Consultation Process:** There are a variety of approaches and available resources to support decision making when desired by the person. The decision consultation process assists participants and their health care decision makers to document their decisions. It is important for provider agencies to communicate with guardians to share with the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) Members any medical, behavioral, or psychiatric information as part of an individual's routine medical or psychiatric care. **3.1.1 Decision about Health Care or Other Treatment Decision Consultation:** Decisions are the sole domain of waiver participants; their guardians or healthcare decision makers and decisions can be made that are compatible with their personal and cultural values. Provider Agencies and Interdisciplinary Teams (IDTs) are required to support the informed decisions made by supporting access to medical consultation, information, and other available resources according to the following: The Decision Consultation Process (DCP) is documented on the Decision Consultation Form (DCF) and is used for recommendations when a person or his/her guardian/healthcare decision maker has concerns, needs more information, or has decided not to follow all or part of a recommendation from a professional or clinician…	After an analysis of the evidence, it has been determined there is a significant potential for a negative outcome to occur. Based on record review, the Agency did not provide documentation of annual physical examinations and/or other examinations as specified by a licensed physician for 2 of 6 individuals receiving Living Care Arrangements and Community Inclusion. Review of the Agency administrative individual case files revealed the following items were not found, not current and/or did not meet the requirement: **Annual Dental Exam:** • Individual #3 - As indicated by collateral documentation reviewed, the exam was not found. Per the Appendix A Client File matrix, Dental Exams are to be conducted annually. • Individual #4 - As indicated by collateral documentation reviewed, the exam was not found. Per the Appendix A Client File matrix, Dental Exams are to be conducted annually.	**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?)***:** →	

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. Records must contain information of concerns related to abuse, neglect or exploitation. 3. 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 are acceptable. 4. Provider Agencies are responsible for ensuring that all plans created by nurses, RDs, therapists or BSCs are present in all settings. 5. 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. 6. 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. 7. 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. 8. All records must be retained for six (6) years 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 Communication and Documentation in Therap:** Therap is a secure online documentation system required to be used by specific New Mexico DD Waiver Provider Agencies. Use of the required elements of Therap are intended to improve agency monitoring, health care coordination for individuals, and overall quality of services. **20.5.3 *Health Passport and Consultation Form:*** The Health Passport and Consultation form are generated within Therap. The standardized combination of documents includes all information that are required for medical consultation during an appointment and other health coordination activities: 1. The Primary Provider must keep the Health Passport and Consultation form updated in concert with critical information and changes from the IDT, including secondary provider agencies, medical providers for the individual. The Health Passport pulls from Individual Demographics, Health Tracking and eCHAT. a. The primary provider must notify secondary providers when a new eCHAT is completed or contact information is updated. 2. The Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies must ensure that a current copy of the *Health Passport* and *Consultation* forms			

are printed and available at all service delivery sites. a. Updated forms must be sent to each site after eCHAT and/or Contact Updates. b. Outdated version of both unused forms must be removed from all sites. 3. Primary and Secondary Provider Agencies must assure that the current *Health Passport* and *Consultation* form accompany each person when taken by the provider to a medical appointment, urgent care/emergency room visits, emergency service encounter, or are admitted to a hospital or nursing home for details see Health Tracking: Appointments **20.5.4 *Health Tracking*** **20.5.5 *Nursing Assessment Tracking*** **Chapter 13 Nursing Services: 13.2.3 General Requirements Related to Orders, Implementation, and Oversight:** 1. Each person has a licensed primary care practitioner and receives an annual physical examination, dental care and specialized medical/behavioral care as needed. PPN communicate with providers regarding the person as needed. 2. Orders from licensed healthcare providers are implemented promptly and carried out until discontinued. a. The nurse will contact the ordering or on call practitioner as soon as possible if the order cannot be implemented due to the person's or guardian's refusal or due to other issues delaying implementation of the order. The nurse must clearly document the issues and all attempts to resolve the problems with all involved parties. b. Not implementing orders by a licensed healthcare provider is considered neglect, unless a Decision Consultation Form is filled out by participant or guardian, or a healthcare decision maker making this decision.			

c. Based on prudent nursing practice, if a nurse determines to hold a practitioner's order, they are required to immediately document the circumstances and rationale for this decision and to notify the ordering or on call practitioner as soon as possible, but no later than the next business day. d. If the person resides with their biological family, and there are no nursing services budgeted, the family is responsible for implementation or follow up on all orders from all providers.			

Tag # 1A31.2 Human Right Committee Composition	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2023 rev. 12/2023 **Chapter 3 Safeguards: 3.4 *Human Rights Committee:*** Human Rights Committees (HRC) exist to protect the rights and freedoms of all waiver participants through the review of proposed restrictions to a person's rights based on a documented health and safety concern of a severe nature (e.g., a serious, significant, credible threat or act of harm against self, others, or property). HRCs monitor the implementation of certain time-limited restrictive interventions designed to protect a waiver participant and/or the community from harm. An HRC may also serve other functions as appropriate, such as the review of agency policies on the use of emergency physical restraint or sexuality if desired. HRCs are required for all Living Supports (Supported Living, Family Living, Intensive Medical Living Services), Customized Community Supports (CCS) and Community Integrated Employment (CIE) Provider Agencies. 1. HRC membership must include: a. at least one member with a diagnosis of I/DD; b. a parent or guardian of a person with I/DD; c. a health care services professional (e.g., a physician or nurse); and d. a member from the community at large that is not directly associated (currently or within the past three (3) years) with DD Waiver services.	Based on record review, the Agency did not ensure human rights committee consisted of all the required members. **Review of Agency's HRC committee found there was no evidence of the following HRC members:** • *a member from the community at large that is not associated (past or present) with DD Waiver services.*	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

Tag # LS25 Residential Health & Safety (Supported Living / Family Living / Intensive Medical Living)	Standard Level Deficiency		
Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2023 rev. 12/2023 **Chapter 10 Living Care Arrangement (LCA): 10.3.7 Requirements for Each Residence (SL, FL, IMLS):** 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, telephone, and internet access; 2. promotes a safe environment free of any abuse, neglect, and exploitation; 3. supports telehealth, and/ or family/friend contact on various platforms or using various devices; 4. has a battery operated or electric smoke detectors or a sprinkler system, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguisher; 5. has a general-purpose first aid kit; 6. has accessible written documentation of evacuation drills occurring at least three times a year overall, one time a year for each shift; 7. has water temperature that does not exceed a safe temperature (110° F). Anyone with a history of being unsafe in or around water while bathing, grooming, etc. or with a history of at least one scalding incident will have a regulated temperature control valve or device installed in the home; 8. 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; 9. has an emergency placement plan for relocation of people in the event of an emergency evacuation that makes the residence unsuitable for occupancy;	Based on observation, the Agency did not ensure that each individuals' residence met all requirements within the standard for 2 of 3 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:** • Poison Control Phone Number (#3, 4) *Note: The following Individuals share a residence:* • #3, 4	**Provider:** **State your Plan of Correction for the deficiencies cited in this tag here** *(How is the deficiency going to be corrected? This can be specific to each deficiency cited or if possible an overall correction?)*: → **Provider:** **Enter your ongoing Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement processes as it related to this tag number here** *(What is going to be done? How many individuals is this going to affect? How often will this be completed? Who is responsible? What steps will be taken if issues are found?)*: →	

10. has emergency evacuation procedures that address, but are not limited to, fire, chemical and/or hazardous waste spills, and flooding; 11. supports environmental modifications, remote personal support technology (RPST), and assistive technology devices, including modifications to the bathroom (i.e., shower chairs, grab bars, walk in shower, raised toilets, etc.) based on the unique needs of the individual in consultation with the IDT; 12. has or arranges for necessary equipment for bathing and transfers to support health and safety with consultation from therapists as needed; 13. has the phone number for poison control within line of site of the telephone; 14. has general household appliances, and kitchen and dining utensils; 15. has proper food storage and cleaning supplies; 16. has adequate food for three meals a day and individual preferences; 17. has at least two bathrooms for residences with more than two residents; 18. training in and assistance with community integration that include access to and participation in preferred activities to include providing or arranging for transportation needs or training to access public transportation; and 19. has Personal Protective Equipment available, when needed. **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. 3. 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 are acceptable.			

20.3 Record Access for Direct Support Professional (DSP) during Service Delivery: DSP must have access to records, plans, and forms needed to adequately provide and document the type of service and specific scope of service being provided at the time.			

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	**Standard Level Deficiency**		
NMAC 8.302.2 Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2023 rev. 12/2023 **Chapter 21: Billing Requirements; 23.1 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 3. Details of the services provided. 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… **21.7 Billable Activities**: Specific billable activities are defined in the scope of work and service requirements for each DD Waiver service. In addition, any	Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Customized Community Supports services for 2 of 5 individuals. Individual #3 June 2024 • The Agency billed 748 units of Customized Community Supports (H2021 HB U1) from 6/1/2024 through 6/29/2024. Documentation received accounted for 0 units as services were provided concurrently with another service on 6/1 – 29, 2024. Individual #5 June 2024 • The Agency billed 160 units of Customized Community Supports (H2021 HB U1) from 6/1/2024 through 6/30/2024. Documentation received accounted for 158 units. August 2024 • The Agency billed 202 units of Customized Community Supports (H2021 HB U1) from 8/1/2024 through 8/31/2024. Documentation received accounted for 196 units.	**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?)***:** →	

billable activity must also be consistent with the person's approved ISP. **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. **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. Face-to-face billable services shall be provided during a month where any portion of a monthly unit is billed. 3. Monthly units can be prorated by a half unit. **21.9.4 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	Standard Level Deficiency		
NMAC 8.302.2 Developmental Disabilities Waiver Service Standards Eff 11/1/2023 rev. 12/2023 **Chapter 21: Billing Requirements; 23.1 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 3. Details of the services provided. 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… **21.7 Billable Activities**: Specific billable activities are defined in the scope of work and service requirements for each DD Waiver service. In addition, any billable activity must also be consistent with the person's approved ISP.	Based on record review, the Agency did not provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Family Living Services for 2 of 4 individuals. Individual #2 June 2024 • The Agency billed 30 units of Family Living (T2033 HB) from 6/1/2024 through 6/30/2024. Documentation received accounted for 29.5 units. As indicated by the DDW Standards at least 12 hours in a 24-hour period must be provided in order to bill a complete unit. Documentation received accounted for 7 hours on 6/1, which is less than the required amount. Individual #3 July 2024 • The Agency billed 31 units of Family Living (T2033 HB) from 7/1/2024 through 7/31/2024. Documentation received accounted for 27.5 units. As indicated by the DDW Standards at least 12 hours in a 24-hour period must be provided in order to bill a complete unit. Documentation received accounted for 8.5 hours on 7/15, 8.5 hours on 7/16, 8.5 hours on 7/17, 8.5 hours on 7/18, and 8.5 hours on 7/19, which is less than the required amount. August 2024 • The Agency billed 20 units of Family Living (T2033 HB) from 8/1/2024 through 8/20/2024. Documentation received accounted for 17.5 units. As indicated by the DDW Standards at least 12 hours in a 24-hour period must be provided in order to bill a complete unit. Documentation received accounted for 11 hours on 8/7, 10.5 hours on 8/8, 10 hours on 8/9, 10.5		

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. **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. Face-to-face billable services shall be provided during a month where any portion of a monthly unit is billed. 3. Monthly units can be prorated by a half unit. **21.9.4 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.	hours on 8/14, and 10.5 hours on 8/15, which is less than the required amount.		

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Dear Ms. Garcia:

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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