

Date: June 10, 2010

To: Dr. Jim Alarid, Executive Director  
Provider: Vistas Sin Limites  
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Region: Northeast  
Survey Date: May 10 – 13, 2010  
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver  
Service Surveyed: Community Inclusion (Supported Employment)  
Survey Type: Routine  
Team Leader: Marti Madrid, LBSW, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau  
Team Members: Crystal Lopez - Beck, BS, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau & Heather Yaryan, Community Inclusion Coordinator, Developmental Disabilities Supports Division

Dear Dr. Alarid,

The Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau has completed a quality review 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.

**Quality Management Approval Rating:**

The Division of Health Improvement is issuing your agency a finding of “NON-COMPLIANCE” for basic compliance with DDSD Standards and regulations.

**Plan of Correction:**

The attached Report of Findings identifies deficiencies found during your agency’s survey. You are required to complete and implement a Plan of Correction (POC). Please submit your agency’s Plan of Correction (POC) in the space on the two right columns of the Report of Findings. See attachment A for additional guidance in completing the POC. The response is due to the parties below within 10 working days of the receipt of this letter:

1. Quality Management Bureau, Attention: Plan of Correction Coordinator  
5301 Central Ave. NE Suite 400 Albuquerque, NM 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 within 45 working days. If your plan of correction is denied, you must resubmit a revised plan ASAP for approval. All remedies must still be completed within 45 working days of the original submission.



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Failure to submit, complete or implement your POC within the required time frames will result in the imposition of a \$200 per day Civil Monetary Penalty until it is received, completed and/or implemented.

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

If you disagree with a determination of noncompliance (finding) you have 10 working days upon receipt of this notice to request an IRF. Submit your request for an IRF in writing to:

QMB Deputy Bureau Chief  
5301 Central Ave NE., Suite #400  
Albuquerque, NM 87108  
Attention: IRF request

A request for an IRF will not delay the implementation of your Plan of Correction which must be completed within 45 working days. Providers may not appeal the nature or interpretation of the standard or regulation, the team composition, sampling methodology or the Scope and Severity of the finding.

If the IRF approves the change or removal of a finding, you will be advised of any changes.

This IRF process is separate and apart from the Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR) and Fair Hearing Process for Sanctions from DOH.

Please call the Team Leader at 505-231-0088, if you have questions about the survey or the report. Thank you for your cooperation and for the work you perform.

Sincerely,

*Marti Madrid, LBSW*

Marti Madrid, LBSW  
Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor  
Division of Health Improvement  
Quality Management Bureau

## Survey Process Employed:

Entrance Conference Date: May 10, 2010

Present: **Vistas Sin Limites**  
Dr. James Alarid, Director

**DOH/DHI/QMB**  
Marti Madrid, LBSW, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor  
Crystal Lopez - Beck, BS, Healthcare Surveyor

**DDSD - Northeast Regional Office**  
Heather Yaryan, Community Inclusion Coordinator

Exit Conference Date: May 13, 2010

Present: **Vistas Sin Limites**  
Dr. Jim Alarid, Director  
Jessica Flores, Employment Specialist  
Pete Gogue, Employment Specialist  
Ranee Solano, Employment Specialist  
Bernadette Montoya, Employment Specialist  
Lisa Hayes, Peer Mentor, Employment Specialist  
Victor Martinez, Job Coach  
Bonnet Gurule, Program Manager  
Marie Burguete, Job Coach, Trainer

**DOH/DHI/QMB**  
Marti Madrid, LBSW, Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor

**DDSD - Northeast Regional Office**  
Heather Yaryan, Community Inclusion Coordinator (via phone)

Administrative Locations Visited Number: 1

Total Sample Size Number: 7  
0 - Jackson Class Members  
7 - Non-Jackson Class Members  
7 - Supported Employment

Persons Served Interviewed Number: 1

Records Reviewed (Persons Served) Number: 7

Administrative Files Reviewed

- Billing Records
- Incident Management Records
- Personnel Files
- Training Records
- Agency Policy and Procedure
- Caregiver Criminal History Screening Records
- Employee Abuse Registry
- Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance Plan

CC: Distribution List: DOH - Division of Health Improvement  
DOH - Developmental Disabilities Supports Division  
DOH - Office of Internal Audit  
HSD - Medical Assistance Division

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

- After a QMB Quality Review, your Survey Report will be sent to you via certified mail. You may request that it also be sent to you electronically by calling George Perrault, Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-222-8647.
- Within 10 business days of the date you received your survey report, you must develop and send your Plan of Correction response to the QMB office. (Providers who do not pick up their mail will be referred to the Internal Review Committee [IRC]).
- For each Deficiency in your Survey Report, include specific information about HOW you will correct each Deficiency, WHO will fix each Deficiency (“Responsible Party”), and by WHEN (“Date Due”).
- Your POC must not only address HOW, WHO and WHEN each Deficiency will be corrected, but must also address overall systemic issues to prevent the Deficiency from reoccurring, i.e., Quality Assurance (QA). Your description of your QA must include specifics about your self-auditing processes, such as HOW OFTEN you will self-audit, WHO will do it, and WHAT FORMS will be used.
- Corrective actions should be incorporated into your agency’s Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement policies and procedures.
- You may send your POC response electronically to [George.Perrault@state.nm.us](mailto:George.Perrault@state.nm.us), by fax (505-222-8661), or by postal mail.
- Do not send supporting documentation to QMB until after your POC has been approved by QMB.
- QMB will notify you if your POC has been “Approved” or “Denied”.
- Whether your POC is “Approved” or “Denied”, you have a maximum of 45 business days to correct all survey Deficiencies from the date of receipt of your Survey Report. If your POC is “Denied” it must be revised and resubmitted ASAP, as the 45 working day limit is in effect. Providers whose revised POC is denied will be referred to the IRC.
- The POC must be completed on the official QMB Survey Report and Plan of Correction Form, unless approved in advance by the POC Coordinator.
- If you have questions about the POC process, call the QMB POC Coordinator, George Perrault at 505-222-8647 for assistance.
- For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your local DDSD Regional Office.
- Once your POC has been approved by QMB, the POC may not be altered or the dates changed.
- Requests for an extension or modification of your POC (post approval) must be made in writing and submitted to the POC Coordinator at QMB, and are approved on a case-by-case basis.
- When submitting supporting documentation, organize your documents by Tag #s, and annotate or label each document using Individual numbers.
- Do not submit original documents, hard copies or scanned and electronically submitted copies are fine. Originals must be maintained in the agency/client file(s) as per DDSD Standards.
- Failure to submit, complete or implement your POC within the required timeframes will result in a referral to the IRC and the possible imposition of a \$200 per day Civil Monetary Penalty until it is received, completed and/or implemented.

## QMB Scope and Severity Matrix of survey results

Each deficiency in your Report of Findings is scored on a Scope and Severity Scale. The culmination of each deficiency's Scope and Severity is used to determine degree of compliance to standards and regulations and level of QMB Certification.

			SCOPE		
			Isolated 01% - 15%	Pattern 16% - 79%	Widespread 80% - 100%
SEVERITY	High Impact	Immediate Jeopardy to individual health and or safety	J.	K.	L.
		Actual harm	G.	H.	I.
	Medium Impact	No Actual Harm Potential for more than minimal harm	D.	E.	F. (3 or more)
		D. (2 or less)	F. (no conditions of participation)		
	Low Impact	No Actual Harm Minimal potential for harm.	A.	B.	C.

### Scope and Severity Definitions:

#### Key to Scope scale:

Isolated:

A deficiency that is limited to 1% to 15% of the sample, usually impacting no more than one or two individuals in the sample.

Pattern:

A deficiency that impacts a number or group of individuals from 16% to 79% of the sample is defined as a pattern finding. Pattern findings suggest the need for system wide corrective actions.

Widespread:

A deficiency that impacts most or all (80% to 100%) of the individuals in the sample is defined as widespread or pervasive. Widespread findings suggest the need for system wide corrective actions as well as the need to implement a Continuous Quality Improvement process to improve or build infrastructure. Widespread findings must be referred to the Internal Review Committee for review and possible actions or sanctions.

#### Key to Findings:

##### “Compliance”

“Compliance” indicates that a provider is in compliance with all ‘Conditions of Participation’ and substantial compliance with other standards and regulations. The agency has obtained a level of compliance such that there is a minimal potential for harm to individuals’ health and safety. To be in “Compliance” the provider must not have any findings that are a Condition of Participation.

##### “Partial Compliance”

“Substantial Compliance” also know as, “Partial Compliance” indicates a provider has obtained a minimum level of compliance, but still has isolated Conditions of Participation out of compliance. This isolated non-compliance if not corrected is a potential for more than minimal harm (scope/severity level “D”) to individuals’ health and safety. A provider in Substantial Compliance may have any number of “D” level Conditions of Participation out of compliance, but no Conditions higher than “D” level.

“Non-Compliance”

“Non-Compliance” indicates that a provider is out of compliance with one or more Conditions of Participation and/or other additional standards and regulations. This non-compliance if not corrected is a potential for more than minimal harm (scope/severity level “E” or “F”) to individuals’ health and safety.

Providers having repeat Non-compliance findings may be referred by QMB to the Internal Review Committee (IRC) for potential actions and sanctions, including but not limited to:

- Repeat findings of Conditions of Participation
- A pattern of repeat findings

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

### **Introduction:**

Throughout the process, surveyors are openly communicating with providers. Open communication means that surveyors have clarified issues and/or requested missing information before completing the review. Regardless, there may still be instances where the provider disagrees with a specific finding.

To informally dispute a finding the provider must request in writing an Informal Reconsideration of the Finding (IRF) to the QMB Deputy Bureau Chief **within 10 working days** of receipt of the final report.

The written request for an IRF **must be completed on the QMB Request for Informal Reconsideration of Finding Form** (available on the QMB website: <http://dhi.health.state.nm.us/qmb>) and must specify in detail the request for reconsideration and why the finding is inaccurate. The **IRF request must include all supporting documentation or evidence that was not previously reviewed during the survey process.**

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

- The request for an IRF and all supporting evidence must be received in 10 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 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 Scope and Severity of a finding.
- 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 QMB Quality Approval Rating and the length of their DDSD provider contract.

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

QMB has 30 working days to complete the review and notify the provider of the decision. The request will be reviewed by the IRF committee. 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 successfully reconsidered, it will be noted and will be removed or modified from the report. 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.

### **Administrative Review Process:**

If a Provider desires to challenge the decision of the IRF committee they may request an Administrative Review by the DHI and DDSD Director. The Request must be made in writing to the QMB Bureau Chief and received within 5 days of notification from the IRF decision.

### **Regarding IRC Sanctions:**

The Informal Reconsideration of the Finding process is a separate process specific to QMB Survey Findings and should not be confused with any process associated with IRC Sanctions.

If a Provider desires to Dispute or Appeal an IRC Sanction that is a separate and different process. Providers may choose the Informal Dispute Resolution Process or the Formal Medicaid Fair Hearing Process to dispute or appeal IRC sanctions, please refer to the DOH Sanction policy and section 39 of the provider contract agreement.

**Agency:** Vistas sin Limites – Northeast Region  
**Program:** Developmental Disabilities Waiver  
**Service:** Community Inclusion (Supported Employment)  
**Monitoring Type:** Routine Survey  
**Date of Survey:** May 10 – 13, 2010

Statute	Deficiency	Agency Plan of Correction and Responsible Party	Date Due
<b>Tag # 1A08 Agency Case File</b>	<b>Scope and Severity Rating: B</b>		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS:</b> The objective of these standards is to establish Provider Agency policy, procedure and reporting requirements for DD Medicaid Waiver program. These requirements apply to all such Provider Agency staff, whether directly employed or subcontracting with the Provider Agency. Additional Provider Agency requirements and personnel qualifications may be applicable for specific service standards.</p> <p><b>D. Provider Agency Case File for the Individual:</b> All Provider Agencies shall maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for each individual. Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the receiving agency whenever an individual changes providers. The record must also be made available for review when requested by DOH, HSD or federal government representatives for oversight purposes. The individual's case file shall include the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) Emergency contact information, including the individual's address, telephone number, names and telephone numbers of relatives, or guardian or conservator, physician's name(s) and telephone number(s), pharmacy name, address and telephone number, and health plan if appropriate;</p> <p>(2) The individual's complete and current ISP, with all supplemental plans specific to the individual,</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain at the administrative office a confidential case file for 6 of 7 individuals.</p> <p>Review of the Agency individual case files revealed the following items were not found, incomplete, and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISP Signature Page (#7)</li> <li>• Positive Behavioral Plan (#1, 2, 3 &amp; 4)</li> <li>• Speech Therapy Plan (#2, 3 &amp; 6)</li> <li>• Occupational Therapy Plan (#1, 2 &amp; 3)</li> <li>• Physical Therapy Plan (#2 &amp; 3)</li> <li>• Annual Physical (# 2, 4, 6 &amp; 7)</li> </ul>		

<p>and the most current completed Health Assessment Tool (HAT);</p> <p>(3) Progress notes and other service delivery documentation;</p> <p>(4) Crisis Prevention/Intervention Plans, if there are any for the individual;</p> <p>(5) A medical history, which shall include at least demographic data, current and past medical diagnoses including the cause (if known) of the developmental disability, psychiatric diagnoses, allergies (food, environmental, medications), immunizations, and most recent physical exam;</p> <p>(6) When applicable, transition plans completed for individuals at the time of discharge from Fort Stanton Hospital or Los Lunas Hospital and Training School; and</p> <p>(7) Case records belong to the individual receiving services and copies shall be provided to the individual upon request.</p> <p>(8) The receiving Provider Agency shall be provided at a minimum the following records whenever an individual changes provider agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Complete file for the past 12 months;</li> <li>(b) ISP and quarterly reports from the current and prior ISP year;</li> <li>(c) Intake information from original admission to services; and</li> <li>(d) When applicable, the Individual Transition Plan at the time of discharge from Los Lunas Hospital and Training School or Ft. Stanton Hospital.</li> </ul>			
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Tag # 1A15 Healthcare Documentation	Scope and Severity Rating: E	
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1. III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION - Healthcare Documentation by Nurses For Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services:</b> Nursing services must be available as needed and documented for Provider Agencies delivering Community Living Services, Community Inclusion Services and Private Duty Nursing Services.</p> <p><b>Chapter 1. III. E. (1 - 4) (1) Documentation of nursing assessment activities</b></p> <p>(a) The following hierarchy shall be used to determine which provider agency is responsible for completion of the HAT and MAAT and related subsequent planning and training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Community living services provider agency;</li> <li>(ii) Private duty nursing provider agency;</li> <li>(iii) Adult habilitation provider agency;</li> <li>(iv) Community access provider agency; and</li> <li>(v) Supported employment provider agency.</li> </ul> <p>(b) The provider agency must arrange for their nurse to complete the Health Assessment Tool (HAT) and the Medication Administration Assessment Tool (MAAT) on at least an annual basis for each individual receiving community living, community inclusion or private duty nursing services, unless the provider agency arranges for the individual's Primary Care Practitioner (PCP) to voluntarily complete these assessments in lieu of the agency nurse. Agency nurses may also complete these assessments in collaboration with the Primary Care Practitioner if they believe such consultation is necessary for an accurate assessment. Family Living Provider Agencies have the option of having the subcontracted caregiver complete the HAT instead of the nurse or PCP, if the caregiver is comfortable doing so. However, the agency nurse must be available to assist the</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain the required documentation in the Individuals Agency Record as required per standard for 5 of 7 individual</p> <p>The following were not found, incomplete and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Assessment Tool (# 2, 3, 4 &amp; 6)</li> <li>• <b>Quarterly Nursing Review of HCP/Crisis Plans:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ None found for 10/2009 - 5/2010 (#4)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Special Health Care Needs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutritional Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #7 - According to the ISP, the individual was recommended to have a nutritional evaluation completed. No evidence of evaluation found.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Meal Time Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #6 - According to the ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nutritional Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #6 - According to the ISP the individual is required to have a plan. No evidence of a plan found.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Health Care Plans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Falls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #2 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Seizures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #3 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<p>caregiver upon request.</p> <p>(c) For newly allocated individuals, the HAT and the MAAT must be completed within seventy-two (72) hours of admission into direct services or two weeks following the initial ISP, whichever comes first.</p> <p>(d) For individuals already in services, the HAT and the MAAT must be completed at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual ISP meeting and submitted to all members of the interdisciplinary team. The HAT must also be completed at the time of any significant change in clinical condition and upon return from any hospitalizations. In addition to annually, the MAAT must be completed at the time of any significant change in clinical condition, when a medication regime or route change requires delivery by licensed or certified staff, or when an individual has completed additional training designed to improve their skills to support self-administration (see DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy).</p> <p>(e) Nursing assessments conducted to determine current health status or to evaluate a change in clinical condition must be documented in a signed progress note that includes time and date as well as <i>subjective</i> information including the individual complaints, signs and symptoms noted by staff, family members or other team members; <i>objective</i> information including vital signs, physical examination, weight, and other pertinent data for the given situation (e.g., seizure frequency, method in which temperature taken); <i>assessment</i> of the clinical status, and <i>plan</i> of action addressing relevant aspects of all active health problems and follow up on any recommendations of medical consultants.</p> <p><b>(2) Health related plans</b></p> <p>(a) For individuals with chronic conditions that have the potential to exacerbate into a life-threatening situation, a medical crisis prevention and intervention plan must be written by the nurse or other appropriately designated healthcare professional.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Individual #6 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan. The most current plan was dated 10/28/08.</li> <li>• Health Care Plan</li> <li>◦ Individual #4 - As indicated by the Health Assessment Tool the individual is required to have a plan, as they are a Level 5. No evidence of a Health Care Plan was found.</li> </ul> <p><b>Crisis Plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Falls</li> <li>◦ Individual #2 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan.</li> <li>• Seizures</li> <li>◦ Individual #3 - As indicated by the IST section of ISP the individual is required to have a plan.</li> </ul>		
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<p>(b) Crisis prevention and intervention plans must be written in user-friendly language that is easily understood by those implementing the plan.</p> <p>(c) The nurse shall also document training regarding the crisis prevention and intervention plan delivered to agency staff and other team members, clearly indicating competency determination for each trainee.</p> <p>(d) If the individual receives services from separate agencies for community living and community inclusion services, nurses from each agency shall collaborate in the development of and training delivery for crisis prevention and intervention plans to assure maximum consistency across settings.</p> <p>(3) For all individuals with a HAT score of 4, 5 or 6, the nurse shall develop a comprehensive healthcare plan that includes health related supports identified in the ISP (The healthcare plan is the equivalent of a nursing care plan; two separate documents are not required nor recommended):</p> <p>(a) Each healthcare plan must include a statement of the person's healthcare needs and list measurable goals to be achieved through implementation of the healthcare plan. Needs statements may be based upon supports needed for the individual to maintain a current strength, ability or skill related to their health, prevention measures, and/or supports needed to remediate, minimize or manage an existing health condition.</p> <p>(b) Goals must be measurable and shall be revised when an individual has met the goal and has the potential to attain additional goals or no longer requires supports in order to maintain the goal.</p> <p>(c) Approaches described in the plan shall be individualized to reflect the individual's unique needs, provide guidance to the caregiver(s) and designed to support successful interactions. Some interventions may be carried out by staff, family members or other team members, and other interventions may be carried out directly by the nurse – persons responsible for each intervention shall be specified in the plan.</p>			
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<p>(d) Healthcare plans shall be written in language that will be easily understood by the person(s) identified as implementing the interventions.</p> <p>(e) The nurse shall also document training on the healthcare plan delivered to agency staff and other team members, clearly indicating competency determination for each trainee. If the individual receives services from separate agencies for community living and community inclusion services, nurses from each agency shall collaborate in the development of and training delivery for healthcare plans to assure maximum consistency across settings.</p> <p>(f) Healthcare plans must be updated to reflect relevant discharge orders whenever an individual returns to services following a hospitalization.</p> <p>(g) All crisis prevention and intervention plans and healthcare plans shall include the individual's name and date on each page and shall be signed by the author.</p> <p>(h) Crisis prevention and intervention plans as well as healthcare plans shall be reviewed by the nurse at least quarterly, and updated as needed.</p> <p><b>(4) General Nursing Documentation</b></p> <p>(a) The nurse shall complete legible and signed progress notes with date and time indicated that describe all interventions or interactions conducted with individuals served as well as all interactions with other healthcare providers serving the individual. All interactions shall be documented whether they occur by phone or in person.</p> <p>(b) For individuals with a HAT score of 4, 5 or 6, or who have identified health concerns in their ISP, the nurse shall provide the interdisciplinary team with a quarterly report that indicates current health status and progress to date on health related ISP desired outcomes and action plans as well as progress toward goals in the healthcare plan.</p>			
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Tag # 1A22 Staff Competence	Scope and Severity Rating: E		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1 IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDER AGENCY SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>PERSONNEL:</b> The objective of this section is to establish personnel standards for DD Medicaid Waiver Provider Agencies for the following services: Community Living Supports, Community Inclusion Services, Respite, Substitute Care and Personal Support Companion Services. These standards apply to all personnel who provide services, whether directly employed or subcontracting with the Provider Agency. Additional personnel requirements and qualifications may be applicable for specific service standards.</p> <p><b>F. Qualifications for Direct Service Personnel:</b> The following employment qualifications and competency requirements are applicable to all Direct Service Personnel employed by a Provider Agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Direct service personnel shall be eighteen (18) years or older. Exception: Adult Habilitation can employ direct care personnel under the age of eighteen 18 years, but the employee shall work directly under a supervisor, who is physically present at all times;</li> <li>(2) Direct service personnel shall have the ability to read and carry out the requirements in an ISP;</li> <li>(3) Direct service personnel shall be available to communicate in the language that is functionally required by the individual or in the use of any specific augmentative communication system utilized by the individual;</li> <li>(4) Direct service personnel shall meet the qualifications specified by DDSD in the Policy</li> </ol>	<p>Based on interview, the Agency failed to ensure that training competencies were met for 4 of 7 Direct Service Personnel.</p> <p><b>When DSP were asked if they received training on the Individual's Positive Behavioral Supports Plan and what the plan covered, the following was reported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSP #24 stated, "I have never been trained." According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP the Individual requires a Positive Behavioral Supports Plan. (Individual #4)</li> <li>• DSP #27 stated, "No." According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP the Individual requires a Positive Behavioral Supports Plan. (Individual #1)</li> </ul> <p><b>When DSP were asked if they received training on the Individual's Physical Therapy Plan and what the plan covered, the following was reported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DSP #28 stated "No." According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP the Individual requires a Physical Therapy Plan. (Individual #2)</li> <li>• DSP #23 state "No." According to the Individual Specific Training Section of the ISP the Individual requires a Physical Therapy Plan. (Individual #5)</li> </ul>		

<p>Governing the Training Requirements for Direct Support Staff and Internal Service Coordinators, Serving Individuals with Developmental Disabilities; and</p> <p>(5) Direct service Provider Agencies of Respite Services, Substitute Care, Personal Support Services, Nutritional Counseling, Therapists and Nursing shall demonstrate basic knowledge of developmental disabilities and have training or demonstrable qualifications related to the role he or she is performing and complete individual specific training as required in the ISP for each individual he or she support.</p> <p>(6) Report required personnel training status to the DDSD Statewide Training Database as specified in DDSD policies as related to training requirements as follows:</p> <p>(a) Initial comprehensive personnel status report (name, date of hire, Social Security number category) on all required personnel to be submitted to DDSD Statewide Training Database within the first ninety (90) calendar days of providing services;</p> <p>(b) Staff who do not wish to use his or her Social Security Number may request an alternative tracking number; and</p> <p>(c) Quarterly personnel update reports sent to DDSD Statewide Training Database to reflect new hires, terminations, inter-provider Agency position changes, and name changes.</p> <p><b>Department of Health (DOH) Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) Policy - Policy Title: Training Requirements for Direct Service Agency Staff Policy - Eff. March 1, 2007 - II. POLICY STATEMENTS:</b></p> <p>A. Individuals shall receive services from competent and qualified staff.</p>			
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Tag # 1A25 (CoP) CCHS	Scope and Severity Rating: E		
<p><b>NMAC 7.1.9.8 CAREGIVER AND HOSPITAL CAREGIVER EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:</b>  <b>F. Timely Submission:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>NMAC 7.1.9.9 CAREGIVERS OR HOSPITAL CAREGIVERS AND APPLICANTS WITH DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS:</b>  <b>A. Prohibition on Employment:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>NMAC 7.1.9.11 DISQUALIFYING CONVICTIONS.</b>  The following felony convictions disqualify an applicant, caregiver or hospital caregiver from employment or contractual services with a care provider:  <b>A.</b> homicide;  <b>B.</b> trafficking, or trafficking in controlled substances;  <b>C.</b> kidnapping, false imprisonment, aggravated assault or aggravated battery;  <b>D.</b> rape, criminal sexual penetration, criminal sexual contact, incest, indecent exposure, or other related felony sexual offenses;  <b>E.</b> crimes involving adult abuse, neglect or financial exploitation;  <b>F.</b> crimes involving child abuse or neglect;  <b>G.</b> crimes involving robbery, larceny, extortion, burglary, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, credit card fraud, or receiving stolen property; or  <b>H.</b> an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy involving any of the felonies in this subsection.</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain documentation indicating no “disqualifying convictions” or documentation of the timely submission of pertinent application information to the Caregiver Criminal History Screening Program was on file for 8 of 10 Agency Personnel.</p> <p><b>The following Agency Personnel Files contained no evidence of Caregiver Criminal History Screenings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #23 – Date of hire 1/5/09</li> <li>• #25 – Date of hire 6/10/09</li> <li>• #26 – Date of hire 9/12/07</li> <li>• #27 – Date of hire 9/27/07</li> <li>• #28 – Date of hire 9/28/09</li> <li>• #29 – Date of hire 4/23/07</li> <li>• #30 – Date of hire 7/25/09</li> <li>• #31 – Date of hire 9/28/09</li> </ul>		

Tag # 1A26 (CoP) COR / EAR	Scope and Severity Rating: F		
<p><b>NMAC 7.1.12.8 REGISTRY ESTABLISHED; PROVIDER INQUIRY REQUIRED:</b> 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.</p> <p>A. <b>Provider requirement to inquire of registry.</b> 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.</p> <p>B. <b>Prohibited employment.</b> 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.</p> <p>D. <b>Documentation of inquiry to registry.</b> 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.</p> <p>E. <b>Documentation for other staff.</b> With</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain documentation in the employee's personnel records that evidenced inquiry to the Employee Abuse Registry prior to employment for 9 of 10 Agency Personnel.</p> <p><b>The following Agency personnel records contained no evidence of the Employee Abuse Registry being completed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #23 – Date of hire 1/5/09</li> <li>• #24 – Date of hire 8/16/06</li> <li>• #25 – Date of hire 6/10/09</li> <li>• #26 – Date of hire 9/12/07</li> <li>• #27 – Date of hire 9/27/07</li> <li>• #28 – Date of hire 9/28/09</li> <li>• #29 – Date of hire 4/23/07</li> <li>• #30 – Date of hire 7/25/09</li> <li>• #31 – Date of hire 9/28/09</li> </ul>		

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.

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**D. Criminal History Screening:** All personnel shall be screened by the Provider Agency in regard to the employee's qualifications, references, and employment history, prior to employment. All Provider Agencies shall comply with the Criminal Records Screening for Caregivers 7.1.12 NMAC and Employee Abuse Registry 7.1.12 NMAC as required by the Department of Health, Division of Health Improvement.

Tag # 5I22 SE Agency Case File	Scope and Severity Rating: B		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 5 VII. SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p><b>D. Provider Agency Requirements</b></p> <p>(1) Provider Agency Records: The provider adheres to the Department of Labor (DOL) wage laws and maintains required certificates and documentation. These documents are subject to review by the DDSD. Each individual's earnings and benefits shall be monitored by the Provider Agency in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act. Each individual's earnings and benefits shall be reviewed at least semi-annually by the Supported Employment Provider to ensure the appropriateness of pay rates and benefits.</p> <p>(2) The Provider Agency shall maintain a confidential case file for each individual that includes all items listed in section IV.D. above and the following additional items:</p> <p>(a) Quarterly progress reports;</p> <p>(b) Vocational assessments (A vocational assessment or profile is an objective analysis of a person's interests, skills, needs, career goals, preferences, concerns, in areas that can pertain to an employment outcome and can ultimately be compared to the requirements and attributes of a potential job in order to determine the degree of compatibility as well as identification of training needs). A vocational assessment must be of a quality and content to be acceptable to DVR or DDSD;</p> <p>(c) Career development plan as incorporated in the ISP; a career development plan consists of the vocational assessment and the ISP Work/Learn Action Plan that specifies steps necessary towards a successful employment outcome and identifies the people who will complete specific tasks</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain a confidential case file for each individual for 2 of 7 individuals receiving Supported Employment Services.</p> <p>The following were not found, incomplete and/or not current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of decisions concerning the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (Individuals # 1 &amp; 7)</li> </ul>		

including the individual, as well and a review and reporting mechanism for mutual accountability; and

(d) Documentation of decisions concerning the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation that services provided under the Waiver are not otherwise available under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

New Mexico Department of Health (DOH)  
Developmental Disabilities Supports Division  
(DDSD) Policy

**Policy Title: Vocational Assessment Profile**

**Policy Eff July 16, 2008**

**I. PURPOSE**

The intent of the policy is to ensure that individuals are identified who could benefit from Vocational Assessment Profiles (VAPs) and are supported to access this support.

**II. POLICY STATEMENT**

Individuals served under the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver (DDW) who express an interest in obtaining employment or exploring employment opportunities, or individuals who desire a VAP and those whose teams identify that they could benefit from a VAP, will have access to a VAP in accordance to the DDW Service Standards and related procedures.

Tag # 5I25 SE Reimbursement	Scope and Severity Rating: A		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 1 III. PROVIDER AGENCY DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND LOCATION</b></p> <p><b>A. General:</b> All Provider Agencies shall maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the service, quality, quantity and clinical necessity furnished to individuals who are currently receiving services. The Provider Agency records shall be sufficiently detailed to substantiate the date, time, individual name, servicing Provider Agency, level of services, and length of a session of service billed.</p> <p><b>B. Billable Units:</b> The documentation of the billable time spent with an individual shall be kept on the written or electronic record that is prepared prior to a request for reimbursement from the HSD. For each unit billed, the record shall contain the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Date, start and end time of each service encounter or other billable service interval;</li> <li>(2) A description of what occurred during the encounter or service interval; and</li> <li>(3) The signature or authenticated name of staff providing the service.</li> </ol> <p><b>MAD-MR: 03-59 Eff 1/1/2004</b></p> <p><b>8.314.1 BI RECORD KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:</b></p> <p>Providers must maintain all records necessary to fully disclose the extent of the services provided to the Medicaid recipient. Services that have been billed to Medicaid, but are not substantiated in a treatment plan and/or patient records for the recipient are subject to recoupment.</p> <p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p><b>CHAPTER 5 VII. SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES REQUIREMENTS</b></p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to provide written or electronic documentation as evidence for each unit billed for Supported Employment Services for 1 of 7 individuals</p> <p>Individual #7 January 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agency billed 35 units of Supported Employment from 1/5/2010 through 1/29/2010 Documentation did not contain start and end times on dates to justify billing.</li> </ul>		

**E. Reimbursement**

(1) Billable Unit:

(a) Job Development is a single flat fee unit per ISP year payable once an individual is placed in a job.

(b) The **billable unit for Individual Supported Employment** is one hour with a maximum of four hours a month. The Individual Supported Employment hourly rate is for face-to-face time which is supported by non face-to-face activities as specified in the ISP and the performance based contract as negotiated annually with the provider agency. Individual Supported Employment is a minimum of one unit per month. If an individual needs less than one hour of face-to-face service per month the IDT Members shall consider whether Supported Employment Services need to be continued. Examples of non face-to-face services include:

- (i) Researching potential employers via telephone, Internet, or visits;
- (ii) Writing, printing, mailing, copying, emailing applications, resume, references and corresponding documents;
- (iii) Arranging appointments for job tours, interviews, and job trials;
- (iv) Documenting job search and acquisition progress;
- (v) Contacting employer, supervisor, co-workers and other IDT team members to assess individual's progress, needs and satisfaction; and
- (vi) Meetings with individual surrounding job development or retention not at the employer's site.

(c) Intensive Supported Employment services are intended for individuals who need one-to-one, face-to-face support for 32 or more hours per month. The billable unit is one hour.

(d) Group Supported Employment is a fifteen-

<p>minute unit.</p> <p>(e) Self-employment is a fifteen minute unit.</p> <p>(4) Billable Activities include:</p> <p>(a) Activities conducted within the scope of services;</p> <p>(b) Job development and related activities for up to ninety (90) calendar days) that result in employment of the individual for at least thirty (30) calendar days; and</p> <p>(c) Job development services shall not exceed ninety (90) calendar days, without written approval from the DDSD Regional Office.</p>			
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