

Date: March 4, 2011

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Region: Metro
Survey Date: January 31, 2011 – February 16, 2011
Program Surveyed: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service Surveyed: Community Living (Supported Living)
Survey Type: Focused
Team Leader: Cynthia Nielsen MSN RN ONC CCM, Healthcare Surveyor, Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau

Dear Ms. Rishel-Brakey;

The Division of Health Improvement/Quality Management Bureau has completed a focused compliance survey of the services identified above. The purpose of the focused 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 contracts. Upon receipt of this letter and Report of Findings your agency must immediately correct all deficiencies which place Individuals served at risk of harm.

The specific focus of the survey was to determine compliance with health care oversight and to ensure staff were contacting the Agency nurse before administering PRN medications.

Plan of Correction:

The attached Report of Findings identifies deficiencies found during your agency's compliance review. You are required to complete and implement a Plan of Correction. Please submit your agency's Plan of Correction in the space on the two right columns of the Report of Findings. See attachment "A" for additional guidance in completing the Plan of Correction. 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**

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QMB Report of Findings – Mandy's Special Farm-Metro Region – January 31, 2011 - February 16, 2011

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 as soon as possible for approval, as all remedies must still be completed within 45 working days of the receipt of this letter.

Failure to submit, complete or implement your Plan of Correction within the 45 day required time frames may 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 finding of deficient practice, 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

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 working days. Providers may not appeal the nature or interpretation of the standard or regulation, the team composition or sampling methodology. If the IRF approves the modification or removal of a finding, you will be advised of any changes.

Please call the Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-222-8647 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,

Cynthia Nielsen, RN

Cynthia Nielsen, MSN, RN, ONC, CCM
Team Lead/Healthcare Surveyor
Division of Health Improvement
Quality Management Bureau

Survey Process Employed:

Entrance Letter Sent:		January 31, 2011
Final Documentation Request Reconciled:		February 16, 2010
Total Sample Size	Number:	2 0 – <i>Jackson</i> Class Members 2- Non- <i>Jackson</i> Class Members 2 - Supported Living
Records Reviewed (Persons Served)	Number:	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nursing Notes for October - January 2011• Nursing Call Log for October - January 2011• Medication Administration Records for October - January 2011• Nursing Timesheets for October - January 2011• Health Assessment Tool for #1

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

Introduction:

After a QMB Compliance Review, your QMB Report of Findings will be sent to you via US 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 non compliance.

Agencies must submit their Plan of Correction within 10 business days from the date you receive the QMB Report of Findings. (Providers who do not submit a POC within 10 days will be referred to the Internal Review Committee [IRC] for sanctions).

If you have questions about the Plan of Correction process, call the QMB Plan of Correction Coordinator at 505-222-8647 or email at George.Perrault@state.nm.us. Requests for technical assistance must be requested through your DDS Regional Office.

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. The POC process cannot resolve disputes regarding findings. Please note that you must still submit a POC for findings that are in question (see Attachment "C").

Instructions for Completing Agency POC:

Required Content

Your Plan of Correction should provide a step-by-step description of the methods to correct each deficient practice to prevent recurrence and information that ensures the regulation cited is in compliance. The remedies noted in your POC are expected to be added to your Agency's required, annual Quality Assurance Plan. (see page 3, DDW standards, effective; April 1, 2007, Chapter 1, Section I Continuous Quality Management System)

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

The Plan of Correction you submit needs to address **each deficiency** in the two right hand columns with:

1. How the corrective action will be accomplished for all cited deficiencies in the report of findings;
2. How your Agency will identify all other individuals having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice;
3. What measures will be put into place or what systemic changes will be made to ensure that the deficient practice will not reoccur and corrective action is sustained;
4. How your Agency plans to monitor corrective actions utilizing its continuous Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Plan to assure solutions in the plan of correction are achieved and sustained, including (if appropriate):
 - Details about how and when Consumer, Personnel and Residential files are audited by Agency personnel to ensure they contain required documents;
 - Information about how Medication Administration Records are reviewed to verify they contain all required information before they are distributed, as they are being used, and after they are completed;
 - Your processes for ensuring that all staff are trained in Core Competencies, Incident Reporting, and Individual-Specific service requirements, etc;
 - How accuracy in Billing documentation is assured;

- How health, safety is assured;
 - For Case Management Providers, how ISPs are reviewed to verify they meet requirements, how the timeliness of LOC packet submissions and consumer visits are tracked;
 - Your process for gathering, analyzing and responding to Quality data, and
 - Details about Quality Targets in various areas, current status, Root Cause Analyses about why Targets were not met, and remedies implemented.
5. The individual's title responsible for the Plan of Correction and completion date.

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 should 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). Be sure the date is **realistic** in the amount of time your Agency will need to correct the deficiency; not to exceed 45 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.

Plan of Correction Submission Requirements

1. Your 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. If you have questions about the POC process, call the POC Coordinator, George Perrault at 505-222-8647 for assistance.
3. For Technical Assistance (TA) in developing or implementing your POC, contact your local DDSD Regional Office.
4. Submit your POC to George Perrault, POC Coordinator in any of the following ways:
 - a. Electronically at George.Perrault@state.nm.us
 - b. Faxed to 505-222-8661, or
 - c. Mailed to QMB, 5301 Central Avenue SW, Suite 400, Albuquerque, NM 87108
5. Do not send supporting documentation to QMB until after your POC has been approved by QMB.
6. QMB will notify you when your POC has been "approve" or "denied."
 - a. 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 working 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 that your POC has been approved by QMB and a final deadline for completion of your POC.
7. Failure to submit your POC within 10 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.
8. 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 at QMB, 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.

POC Document Submission Requirements

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

1. Your internal documents are due within a maximum of 45 business days of receipt of your Report of Findings.
2. You may submit your documents by postal mail, fax, or electronically on disc or scanned and attached to e-mails.
3. All submitted documents must be annotated: please be sure the tag numbers and Identification numbers are indicated on each document submitted. Documents which are not annotated with the Tag number and Identification number may not be accepted.
4. Do not submit original documents; hard copies or scanned and electronically submitted copies are fine. 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. For billing deficiencies, you must submit:
 - a. Evidence of an internal audit of billing documentation for a sample of individuals and timeframes;
 - b. Copies of “void and adjust” forms submitted to correct all over-billed or unjustified units billed identified during your internal audit.

QMB Scope and Severity Matrix

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 Compliance Determination.

		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:

- **Isolated:**
A deficiency that is limited to 1% to 15% of the sample, usually impacting few 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 could be referred to the Internal Review Committee for review and possible actions or sanctions.

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 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. Providers may use the following process to informally dispute a finding.

Instructions:

1. The Informal Reconsideration of the Finding (IRF) request must be in writing to the QMB Deputy Bureau Chief **within 10 working days** of receipt of the final report.
2. The written request for an IRF must be completed on the QMB Request for Informal Reconsideration of Finding Form available on the QMB website: <http://dhi.health.state.nm.us/qmb>
3. The written request for an IRF must specify in detail the request for reconsideration and why the finding is inaccurate.
4. The IRF request must include all supporting documentation or evidence.

The following limitations apply to the IRF process:

- The request for an IRF and all supporting evidence must be received within 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 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 QMB compliance determination or the length of their DDS 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/or 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 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.

Agency: Mandy's Special Farm - Metro Region
Program: Developmental Disabilities Waiver
Service: Community Living (Supported Living)
Monitoring Type: Focused Survey
Date of Survey: January 31 - February 16, 2011

Standard of Care	Deficiency	Agency Plan of Correction and Responsible Party	Date Due
Tag # 1A09.1 Medication Delivery - PRN Medication	Scope and Severity Rating: F		
<p>Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Service Standards effective 4/1/2007</p> <p>CHAPTER 1 II. PROVIDER AGENCY REQUIREMENTS: 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>E. Medication Delivery: Provider Agencies that provide Community Living, Community Inclusion or Private Duty Nursing services shall have written policies and procedures regarding medication(s) delivery and tracking and reporting of medication errors in accordance with DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy and Procedures, the Board of Nursing Rules and Board of Pharmacy standards and regulations.</p> <p>(2) When required by the DDSD Medication Assessment and Delivery Policy, Medication Administration Records (MAR) shall be maintained and include:</p> <p>(a) The name of the individual, a transcription of the physician's written or licensed health care provider's prescription including the brand</p>	<p>Based on record review, the Agency failed to maintain PRN Medication Administration Records which contained all elements required by standard for 2 of 2 Individuals.</p> <p>Individual #1 October 2010</p> <p>No Time of Administration was noted on the Medication Administration Record for the following PRN medication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acetaminophen 500mg – PRN – 10/28 (given 1 time) <p>No Effectiveness was noted on the Medication Administration Record for the following PRN medication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diphenhydramine 25mg – PRN – 10/26 (given 1 time) • Acetaminophen 500mg – PRN – 10/28 (given 1 time) <p>November 2010</p> <p>Medication Administration Records did not contain the dose given for the following medications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diphenhydramine 25mg 1 or 2 capsules – PRN -11/15 		

<p>and generic name of the medication, diagnosis for which the medication is prescribed;</p> <p>(b) Prescribed dosage, frequency and method/route of administration, times and dates of administration;</p> <p>(c) Initials of the individual administering or assisting with the medication;</p> <p>(d) Explanation of any medication irregularity;</p> <p>(e) Documentation of any allergic reaction or adverse medication effect; and</p> <p>(f) For PRN medication, an explanation for the use of the PRN medication shall include observable signs/symptoms or circumstances in which the medication is to be used, and documentation of effectiveness of PRN medication administered.</p> <p>(3) The Provider Agency shall also maintain a signature page that designates the full name that corresponds to each initial used to document administered or assisted delivery of each dose;</p> <p>(4) MARs are not required for individuals participating in Independent Living who self-administer their own medications;</p> <p>(5) Information from the prescribing pharmacy regarding medications shall be kept in the home and community inclusion service locations and shall include the expected desired outcomes of administering the medication, signs and symptoms of adverse events and interactions with other medications;</p> <p>NMAC 16.19.11.8 MINIMUM STANDARDS: A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, HANDLING AND RECORD KEEPING OF DRUGS:</p> <p>(d) The facility shall have a Medication Administration Record (MAR) documenting</p>	<p>December 2010</p> <p>No Effectiveness was noted on the Medication Administration Record for the following PRN medication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acetaminophen 500mg – PRN – 12/1 (given 1 time) • Chloroseptic spray – PRN – 12/7 & 12/12 (given 1 time) <p>Medication Administration Record document did not contain an area for the following information: the symptoms that indicate the use of the medication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chloroseptic spray – PRN <p>Medication Administration Record document did not contain an area for the following information: the effectiveness that indicates the results of the medication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chloroseptic spray – PRN <p>Medication Administration Record document did not contain an area for the following information: the exact amount to be used in a 24-hour period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chloroseptic spray – PRN <p>Individual #2 October 2010</p> <p>No Effectiveness was noted on the Medication Administration Record for the following PRN medication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acetaminophen (Pain Reliever) – PRN –10/25 (given 1 time) <p>Medication Administration Record document did not contain the following information: the symptoms that indicate the use of the medication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acetaminophen (Pain Reliever) 500mg (PRN) • Motrin IB 200mg (PRN) 		
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medication administered to residents, **including over-the-counter medications**. This documentation shall include:

- (i) Name of resident;
- (ii) Date given;
- (iii) Drug product name;
- (iv) Dosage and form;
- (v) Strength of drug;
- (vi) Route of administration;
- (vii) How often medication is to be taken;
- (viii) Time taken and staff initials;
- (ix) Dates when the medication is discontinued or changed;
- (x) The name and initials of all staff administering medications.

**Model Custodial Procedure Manual
D. Administration of Drugs**

Unless otherwise stated by practitioner, patients will not be allowed to administer their own medications. Document the practitioner's order authorizing the self-administration of medications.

All PRN (As needed) medications shall have complete detail instructions regarding the administering of the medication. This shall include:

- symptoms that indicate the use of the medication,
- exact dosage to be used, and
- the exact amount to be used in a 24 hour period.

**Department of Health
Developmental Disabilities Supports Division
(DDSD) Medication Assessment and Delivery
Policy - Eff. November 1, 2006
F. PRN Medication**

3. Prior to self-administration, self-administration with physical assist or assisting with delivery of PRN medications, the direct support staff must contact the agency nurse to describe observed symptoms

Medication Administration Record document did not contain the following information: the exact amount to be used in a 24-hour period.

- Acetaminophen (Pain Reliever) 500mg (PRN)
- Motrin IB 200mg (PRN)

November 2010

No Signs/Symptoms were noted on the Medication Administration Record for the following PRN medication:

- Zyrtec – PRN – 11/2 (given 1 time)
- Acetaminophen 500mg – PRN – 11/2 (given 1 time)

Medication Administration Record document did not contain the following information: the symptoms that indicate the use of the medication.

- Acetaminophen 500 mg (PRN)

Medication Administration Record document did not contain the following information: the strength of the medication to be given.

- Acetaminophen 500mg (PRN)

Medication Administration Record document did not contain the following information: the exact amount to be used in a 24-hour period.

- Acetaminophen 500mg (PRN)

December 2010

Medication Administration Record document did not contain the following information: the symptoms that indicate the use of the medication.

- Acetaminophen 500mg (PRN)
- Motrin IB 200mg (PRN)

and thus assure that the PRN medication is being used according to instructions given by the ordering PCP. In cases of fever, respiratory distress (including coughing), severe pain, vomiting, diarrhea, change in responsiveness/level of consciousness, the nurse must strongly consider the need to conduct a face-to-face assessment to assure that the PRN does not mask a condition better treated by seeking medical attention. This does not apply to home based/family living settings where the provider is related by affinity or by consanguinity to the individual.

4. The agency nurse shall review the utilization of PRN medications routinely. Frequent or escalating use of PRN medications must be reported to the PCP and discussed by the Interdisciplinary for changes to the overall support plan (see Section H of this policy).

H. Agency Nurse Monitoring

1. Regardless of the level of assistance with medication delivery that is required by the individual or the route through which the medication is delivered, the agency nurses must monitor the individual's response to the effects of their routine and PRN medications. The frequency and type of monitoring must be based on the nurse's assessment of the individual and consideration of the individual's diagnoses, health status, stability, utilization of PRN medications and level of support required by the individual's condition and the skill level and needs of the direct care staff. Nursing monitoring should be based on prudent nursing practice and should support the safety and independence of the individual in the community setting. The health care plan shall reflect the planned monitoring of the individual's response to medication.

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Medication Administration Record document did not contain the following information: the exact amount to be used in a 24-hour period.

- Acetaminophen 500mg (PRN)
- Motrin IB 200mg (PRN)

**Supports Division (DDSD) - Procedure Title:
Medication Assessment and Delivery Procedure
Eff Date: November 1, 2006**

C. 3. Prior to delivery of the PRN, direct support staff must contact the agency nurse to describe observed symptoms and thus assure that the PRN is being used according to instructions given by the ordering PCP. In cases of fever, respiratory distress (including coughing), severe pain, vomiting, diarrhea, change in responsiveness/level of consciousness, the nurse must strongly consider the need to conduct a face-to-face assessment to assure that the PRN does not mask a condition better treated by seeking medical attention. (References: Psychotropic Medication Use Policy, Section D, page 5 Use of PRN Psychotropic Medications; and, Human Rights Committee Requirements Policy, Section B, page 4 Interventions Requiring Review and Approval – Use of PRN Medications).

a. Document conversation with nurse including all reported signs and symptoms, advice given and action taken by staff.

4. Document on the MAR each time a PRN medication is used and describe its effect on the individual (e.g., temperature down, vomiting lessened, anxiety increased, the condition is the same, improved, or worsened, etc.).

Tag # 1A09.2 Medication Delivery - PRN Nurse Approval	Scope and Severity Rating: E		
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Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) - Procedure Title: Medication Assessment and Delivery Procedure Eff Date: November 1, 2006

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NMAC 16.19.11.8 MINIMUM STANDARDS:

A. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, HANDLING AND RECORD KEEPING OF DRUGS:

- (d) The facility shall have a Medication Administration Record (MAR) documenting medication administered to residents, **including over-the-counter medications**. This documentation shall include:
- (i) Name of resident;
 - (ii) Date given;
 - (iii) Drug product name;
 - (iv) Dosage and form;
 - (v) Strength of drug;
 - (vi) Route of administration;
 - (vii) How often medication is to be taken;
 - (viii) Time taken and staff initials;
 - (ix) Dates when the medication is discontinued or changed;
 - (x) The name and initials of all staff administering medications.

