

## Introduction to Liberty Healthcare Corporation

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Nebraska's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) secured a Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)-like entity, Liberty Healthcare, to: (a) help collect, aggregate, and measure performance data and provide recommendations to improve the overall quality of services, (b) use valid quality data to transform that information into practical recommendations for performance improvement, and (c) configure a Quality Improvement Data System (QIDS) to meet the needs of HCBS waivers and provide a reliable mechanism for capturing relevant information.

What is a QIO-Like entity? The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) explains the goal of a QIO-Like Entity is to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of services delivered, while increasing the overall satisfaction of the individuals served. In addition, the QIO-Like Entity develops a work plan that will help the state deliver services and supports with a high degree of integrity, accuracy, and reliability. We partnered with Liberty because for more than 30 years, Liberty has helped many state agencies design, improve, and implement policies and procedures that govern the delivery of Medicaid waiver services and development of tools to track their effectiveness and drive continuous improvement. For more information, please visit: [www.libertyhealthcare.com](http://www.libertyhealthcare.com)

Liberty will be assuming all Mortality Review activities and functions including: (a) Intake, (b) Investigations, (c) Mortality Review Committee, (d) Follow-up and Closure, and (e) Data Collection and Reporting. DDD Policy (7.1 Core Requirements for all Providers) will be updated to reflect the following changes:

- Updated Death Notification Form to be used for all HCBS waived programs and BSDC.
- Mail and physical fax will no longer be used to submit the Death Notification Form.
- Liberty will request additional documents for its mortality review within three (3) days of the Death of Person incident date.
- Additional documents are to be submitted within 20 calendar days of the request.
- A closure letter will be sent to providers as a result of the mortality review process, which may include recommendations that align with best practices.

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