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DATE:	September 3, 2024
TO:	Medicaid HCBS DD Waiver Service Providers
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RE:	Employee Background Checks and Specific Crimes

**PROVIDER BULLETIN** 

This bulletin is being issued to supplement Title 404 NAC 4-003.02 regulations regarding Employee Background Checks and Specific Crimes. This regulation requires DD waiver service providers to prohibit employees or independent contractors from working with participants served by the provider when charged, pending disposition, or convicted of certain crimes. This bulletin incorporates a list of specific crimes published on the Medicaid Program Integrity website at <a href="https://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/Provider%20Screening%20Guidelines.pdf">https://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/Provider%20Screening%20Guidelines.pdf</a>.

DD waiver service providers must prohibit employees or independent contractors from working with participants served by the provider when charged, pending disposition, or convicted of these specific crimes for the timeframes specified.

Other pending charges and convictions similar to those listed on the Medicaid Program Integrity guideline will be considered and weighted to similar offenses included in this list. In general, this includes charges and/or convictions which, if repeated, could injure or harm a participant or provider program.

If you have any questions about this provider bulletin, please contact the Program Integrity Unit at (402) 471-9147 or <u>DHHS.MedicaidProgramIntegrity@nebraska.gov</u>.