

Minutes: NHWSB Waivers and Variances Workgroup

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024

Minutes prepared by: Linnea Becerra

Location: Hybrid – Washington Room, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), and Webex

Members present

Kim Brenne (remotely)

Jamie Gulley

Maria King

Katie Lundmark (remotely)

Visitors present

Todd Bergstrom

Jeff Bostic

Brian Elliott

DLI staff members present

Ali Afsharjavan

Linnea Becerra

Paul Enger

Leah Solo

Agenda items

- 1. Call to order** – the meeting was called to order by Executive Director Leah Solo at 10:06 a.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was declared.
- 2. Approval of agenda** – a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Jamie Gulley and seconded by Maria King. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Approval of drafted meeting minutes** – a motion to approve the Aug. 8, 2024, drafted meeting minutes as presented was made by Gulley and seconded by King. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Board updates** –
 - Advocates spoke about the mix case transition, federally effective Oct. 1, 2025. They discussed the transition from resource utilization groups (RUGS) VI to the patient driven payment model (PDPM) and its impacts on rates and revenues for facilities.
 - The group discussed how to grant short-term waivers versus waivers that last a longer period of time. There was discussion about the time needed to receive rate information, prepare applications,

review applications and make final decisions. The group created a Word document to layout the proposed timeline and then decided it needed more information outside of rate data.

- The group brainstormed ideas for a process (see below).

Oct-Nov.	Apply for a short term <u>waiver</u>
Jan 1	Get new <u>rates</u>
Feb-March	First sets of data
Beginning of March	Able to look through and determine if you need waiver or <u>not</u>
March 15	Submit information for long term <u>waiver</u>
April	Optional month
	- Applying to extend, apply by the end of the <u>month</u>
	- If you can meet the standard, waiver expires first of the <u>month</u>

- Executive Director Solo was directed to write a procedure for the proposed waiver process.
- The workgroup will meet before the next regularly scheduled full board meeting in October.

5. New business –

6. Next meeting – the next meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 2, at 9 a.m. in the Washington Room.

Adjournment

A motion was made by King to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. and was seconded by Gulley. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.