

From: Kester, Tony  
To: 'Sarah Smith' <ssmith@wrcog.org>  
Date: 6/5/2013 7:55:23 AM  
Subject: RE: Waiver

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Sarah,

The AIM data had errors in scoring because of input errors. If you are having problems, I will be glad to have someone instruct your staff how to correctly enter the data.

Thanks.

Tony

**From:** Sarah Smith [mailto:ssmith@wrcog.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 03, 2013 5:10 PM  
**To:** Kester, Tony  
**Cc:** Kimberly Harmon  
**Subject:** Re: Waiver

Tony,

While I am well aware of the discussions you mentioned, I still believe there are serious outstanding issues as it relates to the implementation of the PI on a two-day turn around time.

We will comply with the June 1 start date, but will be calling you and your staff with questions related to notice requirements and errors in the AIM data base. In addition, I am sure there will other issues that may arise during implementation.

Again, let me state that the AIM system does not match the individual client files. Therefore, we may be disallowing meal costs for those who are truly needy.

Please be advised that our policies require a 30-day notice to drop someone from the meal program. That policy was adopted in response to the State's Policies and Procedures. I do have concerns that this procedure cannot be followed given the timeframe imposed upon us.

Thank you for considering our request,

Sarah

On Mon, Jun 3, 2013 at 3:36 PM, Kester, Tony <kester@aging.sc.gov> wrote:  
Sarah,

There should have been plenty of time to implement the PI you received. I began talking a year ago about serving those with the greatest need. Serving clients with the lowest possible score -0- does not follow the direction given. The COG should have been reviewing AIM data as that has also been discussed. The PI was only a follow-up to the discussions at both the COG and AAA meetings. You also heard the Lt. Governor talk about keeping seniors away from Medicaid and away from institutionalization.

If we need to discuss this further, I will be happy to do so.

Tony

**From:** Sarah Smith [mailto:[ssmith@wrcog.org](mailto:ssmith@wrcog.org)]  
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**To:** Kester, Tony  
**Cc:** Kimberly Harmon  
**Subject:** Waiver

Tony,

Please find attached Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments AAA Waiver Request for PI-001 regarding Nutrition Risk Scores in the Congregate Nutrition Program. I hope that this additional time will allow us all to work together with our providers to implement a seamless transition that mitigates any negative effects on our senior adult population.

The AIM reports for our region contain some discrepancies that we would like to review against case files to ensure that no deserving senior is disallowed meals needlessly. Further, there is no time allowed to properly notice clients who will be impacted if we implement the policy effective tomorrow.

Thank you so much for considering our request. I await your reply so we can notify our providers if approved.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Best,

Sarah

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