

**From:** Kester, Tony  
**To:** 'Patricia Hartung' pchartung@earthlink.net  
**Date:** 6/5/2013 7:49:44 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Upper Savannah's Waiver Request

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Trish,

Please provide more information as to why a waiver is needed to address clients being served through a nutrition program to clients with no nutrition risk. If you recall, we have had many discussions with the PSA Directors as well as the AAA Directors for at least a year. The instructions were to review the assessment data, nutrition risk scores, and clients being served. I also asked the Lt. Governor to speak on this topic. He said we should serve those at risk of Medicaid and institutionalization placement. A client with no risk score does not fit either category. You have actually had over a year to review the data.

Thanks.

Tony

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**From:** Patricia Hartung [mailto:pchartung@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 03, 2013 11:45 AM  
**To:** Kester, Tony  
**Cc:** vwideman@uppersavannah.com; Sam Leaman  
**Subject:** FW: Upper Savannah's Waiver Request

Hi Tony,

Please see attached document from our AAA director requesting Upper Savannah's waiver for PI-001 regarding Nutrition Risk Scores in the Congregate Nutrition Program. I concur with her reason for requesting this waiver.

Thank you for working with us on this issue.

Trish

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**To:** Vanessa Wideman  
**Subject:** RE: Upper Savannah's Waiver Request

Vanessa,

The request needs to come from the COG Director.

Thanks.

Tony

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**From:** Vanessa Wideman [<mailto:vwideman@uppersavannah.com>]  
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**Subject:** Upper Savannah's Waiver Request

Tony,

Please see Upper Savannah's Waiver Request for PI-001 regarding Nutrition Risk Scores in the Congregate Nutrition Program. I hope as a state-wide Aging Network, we can all work together in these coming months to implement policy(ies) as necessary to have positive impacts on our senior adult population.

Additionally, please remember that you shared with the Aging Network at the February 26, 2013, AIM Training held in Columbia, that new AIM assessments for clients would not be required to be completed all at once, but rather as clients' annual assessments come due.

You have reiterated this at our monthly SUA/AAA Director meetings as well, and any change in this stance will cause difficulty for the network.

Thanks for your consideration. I await your reply so that I can let my providers know if this Waiver Request is approved. They need to know something before COB today.

Vanessa