

Vickie James

From: Vickie James
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To: 'Sinclair, Melanee'
Subject: RE: Proposed licensure rule change-waivers

Melanee,

Thank you for taking the time to comment on the proposed rule change to address waivers for low income individuals and military families.

The Board shares your concern about verification of household income, and these were concerns many shared with the Legislature during the past 2 sessions. Nonetheless, now that SB 396 is law, we will be collaborating with other Chapter 30 Boards on how this might be implemented next year after the rule is promulgated. There are a few states who have implemented similar legislation, which may be resources in determining how this income information might be obtained.

The waiver of income and for military families is not part of the regular license application process, as individuals must make separate application if they want the low income waiver. I envision that our licensure application forms will only be revised to reflect the class eligibility for a waiver, and direct them to information on the web page which will more fully explain eligibility and how to request a waiver application. The low income waiver application will also need to include a question on the household size in addition to how income will be verified.

This rule and accompanying comments to the rule will be reviewed by the Legislature Rule Making Committee this fall and following that, the rule and any modifications will be go through the Committee and legislative process during the upcoming session. We will keep interested parties apprised of its progress on our web page at www.wvsocialworkboard.org. Again, we appreciate the time you took to review and provide feedback on the proposed rule, Melanee and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

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I am concerned that the board may have difficulty applying waivers due to income. The rule stipulates household income but how will the board gather this information? What happens if a roommate/child/spouse etc won't provide the information. How will the board even know if there are others in the household? I don't think household income is important to the process of licensure application.

Thank you for your work on this project.

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