



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long Term-Support Administration
Management Services Division
PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

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ALTSA: NH Rates #2020-002
RE: 3.4 HPRD FINE WAIVER: Q1 & Q2 2020

Dear Nursing Facility Administrator,

On March 6, 2020, CMS Announced [Blanket Waivers](#) in response to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. Included in these waivers is the requirement that Nursing Facilities submit staffing data to the Payroll-Based Journal (PBJ) System beginning March 1, 2020 through the end of the emergency declaration.

Due to the unavailability of PBJ data during the first and second quarters of 2020, the Department will not be issuing fines related to the 3.4 HPPD requirement found in RCW 74.42.360(2) for those quarters. This applies to the hours that would have been submitted for these quarters. Actions may still be taken with respect to previous quarters' submissions. State issued fines may be waived in additional future quarters, pending the continued waiver of PBJ submissions by CMS. If and when that determination is able to be made the Department will issue further guidance.

This notice does not pertain to the 24 hour RN requirement.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jamie Franzen, 3.4 Lead, at Jamie.Franzen@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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