

**1135 Waiver Request Communication
Method- Best Practice for Minnesota**

MDH and CMS should provide responses to the following basic questions for any impacted provider seeking a potential 1135 waiver:

- Provider Name/Type
- Full Address (including county/city/town/state) CCN (Medicare provider number)
- Contact person and his or her contact information for follow-up questions should the Region need additional clarification
- Brief summary of why the waiver is needed. **For example:** CAH is sole community provider without reasonable transfer options at this point during the specified emergent event (e.g. flooding, tornado, fires, or flu outbreak). CAH needs a waiver to exceed its bed limit by X number of beds for Y days/weeks (be specific).
- Consideration – Type of relief you are seeking or regulatory requirements or regulatory reference that the requestor is seeking to be waived.
- There is no specific form or format that is required to submit the information but it is helpful to clearly state the scope of the issue and the impact.

If a waiver is requested, the information should come directly from the impacted provider to the appropriate Regional Office mailbox with a copy to the appropriate State Agency for Health Care Administration to make sure the waiver request does not conflict with any State requirements and all concerns are addressed timely.

Email Addresses for CMS Regional Offices:

ROATLHSQ@cms.hhs.gov (Atlanta RO): Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

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