

**Leila Hartstein**

November 4, 2024

**To: The New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice**

**Subject: Petition for Waiver of Mhp 302.01 Regarding Timely Submission of Supervised Hours Documentation**

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to respectfully request a waiver of the requirement to submit my supervision agreement documentation immediately upon beginning accrual of hours. While I fully understand the importance of this requirement, an administrative oversight delayed the mailing of my signed agreement. I respectfully ask for the Board's consideration in waiving this rule to allow for the timely processing of my license.

I want to emphasize that I completed and signed the supervision agreement promptly at the beginning of my supervised hours, as required. However, due to a misunderstanding about the submission process, I did not mail the agreement until later, assuming this would not impact my licensure timeline. I now understand that mailing the agreement promptly is a crucial part of the process, and I am committed to ensuring full compliance with all requirements going forward.

In accordance with Mhp 213.01, I have addressed each waiver criterion below:

1. **Hardship:** Adhering to the rule as currently enforced would create significant professional hardship, as it would delay my licensure despite my completing all supervised hours and requirements in good faith. This delay affects my ability to move forward in my career.
2. **Neglect or Misfeasance:** I acknowledge that this was an oversight on my part. I acted in good faith by completing and signing the supervision agreement early, believing that mailing it later would suffice. I have since clarified all requirements to ensure full compliance in the future.
3. **No Harm to Third Parties:** Granting this waiver would not harm any third party, as my supervised hours have been completed appropriately and verified by my supervisor. This petition only seeks to address the administrative delay in mailing the documentation.

4. **Other Good Cause:** This request is made in good faith, and I am now fully aware of the complete submission process. I remain committed to following all licensure requirements carefully.

Given the above circumstances, I respectfully request that the Board grant a waiver of the submission requirement due to this unintentional delay. I am grateful for the Board's efforts to uphold professional standards in mental health practice, and I am committed to meeting these standards with integrity. I appreciate the Board's consideration of my unique circumstances and your discretion in reviewing my request.

If the Board needs any further information or clarification, I would be happy to provide it at your convenience. Thank you very much for your understanding and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leila Hartstein', written in a cursive style.

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