

State Licensure Variances

A variance means the written approval of the Inspector General authorizing a health care facility to depart from a required facility specification, upon meeting the conditions established in Sections 4 and 5 of 902 KAR 20:008. Variances may be indefinite or time limited and can be rescinded at any time that it is determined that continuing the variance would negatively impact on the health and safety of the residents. 902 KAR 20:008, the licensure procedures and fee schedule regulation, can be downloaded at: <http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/902/020/008.htm>.

If a facility has an approved variance from a facility specifications requirement, the facility is not cited for that licensure deficiency during a survey.

Please note that if a facility received a “waiver” prior to 2000, that waiver is no longer valid. The facility must contact OIG to request a variance.

Written requests for a variance may be submitted to OIG. If you have questions regarding state licensure variances, contact Diona Mullins, Assistant Director at 502-564-7963 ext 3311 or Diona.mullins@ky.gov.