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WAIVER REQUESTS	ACTION					Comments
	Appr	Pend- ing (PY 98)	No Auth	Not Needed	Dis- appr	
Program						
1. Lower definition of "substantial layoff" from 50 to 25 job terminations for eligibility under Title III. (MD97-013)	X					
2. Permit alternate definition of "enrolled in training" for the purpose of receiving title III needs-related payments. (MD97-014)	X					
3. Eligibility: classify certain up front services as re-eligibility services before enrollment. (MD97-015)			X			DOL has no authority under the 1997 Appropriations Act to waive eligibility requirements.
4. Waive the requirement for JTPA documentation of citizenship if it was previously documented in obtaining other public services, including driver's license or state ID, Public Aid medical card, or voter's registration card. (MD97-016)	X					
5. Permit the Governor to authorize 50% rather than 25% of performance incentive rewards. (MD97-017)	X					
6. Permit use of UI wage records to verify participant retention and earnings. (MD97-018)	X					
7. Provide for stand-alone work experience for Title III. (MD97-019)	X					
8. Waive OJT requirements on duration and permit OJT with current employer. (MD97-020)	X					Waived duration limits and approved OJT with current only for title II eligibles.
9. Provide for stand-alone job search assistance for Title IIA and IIC. (MD97-021)	X					

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10. Job development: Change 627.225(b) to "contacts with potential employers for the purpose of placement of workforce development system customers." (MD97-022)					X	May violate the principal of program funds accountability if JTPA funds are used to develop jobs for non-JTPA eligible customers.
11. Standardize post-termination services, including limited training, for up to one year for all adults and youth. (MD97-023)	X					Needs-based and needs-related payments are not an option.
12. Permit private-sector work experience summer youth placements. (MD97-024)	X					
13. Instead of requiring that at least 50% of youth served be out-of-school, require that at least 50% of the EXPENDITURES go to the out-of-school population. (MD97-025)			X			No authority to waive apparent eligibility requirement; also, because costs for out-of-school youth programs generally exceed those for in-school youth, DOL is not prepared to permit further reduction of services by altering the ratio requirement.
14. Provide for youth OJT without the current wage and combined activity requirements. (MD97-026)	X					
Administrative						
1. Consolidate cost categories to administration and program. (MD97-004)	X					

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2. Eliminate cost allocation formulas and instead permit administrative cost pooling by contribution. (MD97-005)					X	Would violate GAAP and Section 164(a)(1), which is not being waived.
3. Waive cost limitations for all titles. (MD97-006)	X					
4. Permit costs of integrated MIS and computer case management services support to be charged to program. (MD97-007)				X		DOL will work with State in developing proper allocation methodology.
5. Eliminate directives on carryover funds & standardize on funds "85% obligated." (MD97-008)			X			Allocation issue which is excepted from Secretary's waiver authority. However, State granted a waiver to expend title III funds over three years provided it meets the 80% expenditure requirement in the year of allotment.
6. Permit the use of local procurement procedures and OMB Circular A-102 procurement requirements; eliminate the state's biennial implementation, certification & monitoring of federal procurement. (MD97-009)	X					
7. Eliminate procurement commercial market exception.					X	This is a requirement under OMB Circular A-102.
8. Exclude competitive procurement requirement for training slots at post-secondary or local secondary educational facilities when there are published "off-the-shelf" prices. (MD97-011)	X					Waiver of small purchase threshold of \$25,000 for individual referral to training contractor; provided that the State abides by the new federal threshold of \$100,000.

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9. Eliminate requirement that inter-SDA programs be put in the Job Training Plan; replace with "notify and seek concurrence of the affected PICs). (MD97-012)				X		However, DOL, under the 1997 Authorization language, has no authority to substitute the wording requested.
Wagner-Peyser: Permit Section 8 operating plan to go through the PIC/One Stop team from the local office that explains how the local office will achieve goals set out in the state's One Stop plan, rather than "local components" through the PIC and LEO. (MD97-001)			X			1997 Appropriations Act does not grant authority for PY 1998 submission waivers.
Eliminate 9002 requirement to count placements & entered employment; substitute automated system which counts the increases in the number of job seekers and the number of employers using the system. (MD97-002)			X			Placement activity is utilized to establish comparative rates of service by VETS and ensure definitive performance standards are met as required by USC Title 38. The 1997 Appropriations Act does not grant waiver authority outside Wagner-Peyser or JTPA. May also conflict with ETA performance measurement initiatives.
Change definition of "employment counseling" to: providing assistance to an individual in making job changes, career choices, or assistance that provides other employment-related information that helps the individual or enables the individual to help him/herself. (MD97-003)	X					Approved with modification in definition of counseling specified by DOL, to enhance program linkages and best reflect the delivery of services in the emerging workforce development system.

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<p>Consultative Process: Each jurisdiction held a public forum on the waiver proposal and each PIC organized a forum for local stakeholders, including CBOs and the business community, and formed the basis for support for the chief LEO's waiver request. The proposal was also reviewed by the Governor's WIB and the state legislature.</p>						
<p>Period of the granted waivers: PY 97 (7/01/97-6/30/98); extended one more PY from (7/01/98-6/30/99).</p>						
<p>Performance goals under the granted waivers: State has declined to implement approved waivers.</p>						